

NMRA Mid-Central Region Division 9
Minutes
November 3, 2007

The business meeting of Division 9 was held at St Albans Railroad Depot.

The meeting was called to order by Asst. Superintendent Bob W. 2:00 PM. Those present were Bob Weinheimer, Jerry Doyle, Jim Heilmann, Shelby Young, Bob Johnston, Charles Legg, Greg Foster, George Holtzapfel, Gary Burdette, Dave Brandeberry, Tony Puccini, Dwight Sherman, Russel Miller, Greg McCartney, Bill Wadsworth, Dan Mulhearn.

Attendees introduced themselves.

Clerk report: The minutes of the October meeting were read and approved. No change in cash balance.

Asst. Super Report: Lin and Bob attended MCR BOD meeting. Several Divisions talked about their finances and their ample resources. Lin expressed that Div 9 was full of enthusiastic members but not much cash. The BOD moved that Div 9 be given 15 Athearn boxcars and a number of shirts that were left over from the 1999 Morgantown MCR Convention. All are for sale for \$5 each. The Div 8 Super/Div Super challenged other division to provide funds for Div 9. Bob discussed the next MCR region convention in Cleveland. He also discussed recent exchanges about the Puget Sound Division and it's extremely large coverage (including all of Alaska) The Pacific Northwest Region and the characteristics of the region that encompasses half of Washington Oregon and most of

Nominating committee report. Jim Heilmann Bill Wadsworth and Ed Keith have volunteered to serve on the committee.

Web Report: 2800 hits, mostly three pages per visit. 118 hits on the latest newsletter which means many non-members are reading the newsletter. 200 hits on Greg Foster's layout photos, many also view older newsletter. Ten percent arrive from links, Belgium, Canada, UK, New Zealand have been visits via Google links.

Membership Chairman: Shelby Young said they are looking at records of former members in an effort to recruit them to rejoin. He put a rare Cass Collection book by John Killoran for a "raffle" to raise funds for the Division.

Achievement Program: Ed Keith was in Parkersburg. Mark Maynard has earned his Golden Spike. There was discussion of the requirements to earn a Golden Spike. Greg M. read the basic requirements. Bob was presented achievement certificates for Association Volunteer and Author and also his Master Model Railroader #402.

Newsletter report: Several members had not received the last emailing. The next issue will be in January 2008 with a deadline of December 15.

Old Business:
None

New Business:

The editorial in the latest Scale Rails concerning membership of Division officers. There is a danger that we will not be covered by the National liability insurance if all officers are not NMRA members in good standing.

Future Meetings

December 8 – Tentative location WV Hobbies & Crafts with a Christmas meeting at Rio Grande afterwards.

January 12 – WV Hobbies & Crafts, Contest Cabooses.

Other events

St Albans C&O Modelers Annual Show November 3 and 4.

November 10 & 11 Bluefield Show.

Contest Non Revenue – no entries

Raffle ticket sales totaled \$33, company store sales \$85.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 PM.

Bob Weinheimer gave a presentation on his journey to obtaining his MMR.

Respectfully submitted, Jerry Doyle, NMRA MCR Division 9 Clerk.