

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Potomac Division, MER, NMRA
7:30 PM, 16 January 2024

- 1. Call to Order at 740 pm**
- 2. Adoption of the Agenda**
- 3. Approval of any outstanding Minutes of Past Meetings**
 - a. Minutes from prior meeting (December 2023) approved as corrected
- 4. Superintendent's Report (Ernie Little)**
 - a. 2023-2024 Event Planning update – Need to get clinics scheduled. Super. Ernie is working on arranging, watch website for dates and events fir most current.
 - b. Will be filing for 2024 insurance after the event planning calendar is updated.
 - c. **Web Master Report** (Ernie Little).
 - i. Main, calendar, and governance pages refreshed.
 - d. Joint meet with Chesapeake Division in April or May 2024. – difficulty with making contact, not responsive.
 - e. Annual and Officer Reports to NMRA National/Region filed.
 - f. Have received one submission for the Marshall Abrams award.
 - g. MARPM/Potomac/James River/Chesapeake @BWI 2024 – early Sept. check their website for current info.
- 5. Senior Asst. Vice Superintendent's Report (Alex Belida)**
 - a. **Flyer Editor/Publisher Report** (Alex Belida) 62 page Edition coming; Meet the member; Thompson's series on moving his layout; articles ono scenery, structures and benchwork. Station challenge update.
- 6. Asst. Vice Superintendent's Report (Ken Wilson)**
 - a. Layouts / Open Houses (Ken Wilson) – Alex Belida reported in lieu of Ken Wilson.
 - i. January 13, 2024 – Leisure World – Maryland: Alex provided an overview of the LW train layouts; turnout was lighter than expected but was good exposure to a nice group.
 - ii. March 23, 2024 – Virginia – Paul Hutchins and Ken Wilson are working on scheduling.
 - b. Layout tours status. Updates coming for next tour date.
- 7. Paymaster's Report** (Jerry Stanley) see doc submitted: flat from last month
- 8. AP Coord.** (Martin Brechbiel): no update.
- 9. Old/Unfinished Business**
 - a. Staffing booth Timonium show with Chesapeake Division. (Ernie Little) Email sent to Chesapeake Division without a response. Last contact indicated the booth was going to be cancelled.
 - b. 2024 Elections (Ernie Little and Alex Belida) election committee is established, John Hoyt heading up with Election Buddy.
- 10. New Business**
 - a. "The Square foot challenge" (Alex Belida) reports info about some other Divisions challenge event and provided information regarding it. Alex will coordinate with JR Div as to theme.

b. Region Superintendents meeting: Ernie gave report: primary was joining those nmra members that had no active division. Discussion about mailings to those without email.

c. MER convention in Durham, NC, Sept2024

11. Good of the Order

a. Concerns/Questions Saturday clinic being rescheduled due to weather.

b. Date, Time, and Place of next BOD meeting. 20 February 2024, 7:30 PM via Zoom.

12. Adjournment at 840 pm