

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Potomac Division, MER, NMRA
7:30 PM, 20 February 2024

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Adoption of the Agenda**
3. **Approval of any outstanding Minutes of Past Meetings**
 - a. Minutes from prior meeting (January 2024)
4. **Superintendent's Report (Ernie Little)**
 - a. 2023-2024 Event Planning update – Need to get clinics scheduled.
 - b. **Web Master Report** (Ernie Little).
 - c. Joint meet with Chesapeake Division in April or May 2024. – Have made contact with no commitment on their part.
 - d. MARPM/Potomac/James River/Chesapeake @BWI 2024 – early Sept. check their website for current info.

5. **Senior Asst. Vice Superintendent's Report (Alex Belida)**

Flyer Editor/Publisher Report (Alex Belida) Another 50 page plus issue shaping up... We announce the candidates for the Division elections for Assistant Superintendant and Paymaster plus additional voting information. Our latest Challenge shows some real locomotives. Brian Sheron reports on Digitrax's new LNWI system and Ernie Little explains the process for adding a staging yard to his layout for future operations.

Martin Brechbiel builds a Western Union MoW car, Greg Cassidy reviews two products you may want to use: Liquid PSA and Gallery Glass. And I take a visit to the Choo-Choo Barn in Lancaster, PA.

Deane Mellander, MMR 68, is our Meet the Member feature profile in this issue.

Plus we have some "bits and pieces" -- tips and news -- and a flashback look at when the *Dixie Flyer* became *the Potomac Flyer* courtesy of member Greg Cassidy's find of some old binders of newsletters. And we announce our *Square Foot* and T-Trak Module popular vote contest for the November joint meet with James River. More on that later.

- a.
6. **Asst. Vice Superintendent's Report (Ken Wilson)**
 - a. Layouts / Open Houses (Ken Wilson)
 - i. March 23, 2024 – Virginia
 - b. Layout tours status. Updates coming for next tour date.
7. **Paymaster's Report** (Jerry Stanley)
8. **AP Coord.** (Martin Brechbiel)
9. **Old/Unfinished Business**
 - a. 2024 Elections (Ernie Little and Alex Belida) moving forward, John Hoyt heading up with Election Buddy.

"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. SQ FT with T-Trak Module added at James River request. All you have to do is build something

railroad-themed, in any scale, on a one-square-foot platform of your choosing or on a standard T-Trak module with dimensions of 12-1/2" x 14-1/2". There's only one requirement—submissions must include a piece of track. There is no limit on the height of your submission. For those doing square foot projects, it doesn't have to be an actual 12"x12" square; it just can't exceed 144 square inches, enabling you to consider a longer but narrower display—8"x18", 10"x14", 6"x24".

b.

10. New Business

a. Possible in person meeting on Sunday, March 17th in place of scheduled BOD meeting for March.

b. Fall Minicon

11. Good of the Order

a. Concerns/Questions.

b. Date, Time, and Place of next BOD meeting. 19 March 2024, 7:30 PM via Zoom.

12. Adjournment