

**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
Potomac Division, MER, NMRA  
7:30 PM, 25 June 2024**

1. **Call to Order** at 745pm. **Attending: Little, Belida, Wilson, Stanley, Stoermer**
2. **Adoption of the Agenda.** adopted
3. **Approval of any outstanding Minutes of Past Meetings**
  - a. Minutes from prior meeting (April 2024) passed
  - b. **Superintendent's Report (Ernie Little)** some background info on his past few weeks, some general meeting correspondence and a review of latest membership report: noted a couple new additions and corrections made to MER regarding proper divisions.
  - c. **2023-2024 Event Planning update** – due to changes in availability there are now some openings that need to be filled.
  - d. **Web Master Report** (Ernie Little). Updates continue to be made, check it out and look for any new things or corrections.
  - e. **MARPM/Potomac/James River/Chesapeake @BWI 2024** – early Sept. check their website for current info. **Ernie working with Kempinski to get MMRs to judge.**
  - f. **Joint meet with James River Division** on proposed date of November 2<sup>nd</sup>. **It all depends on a new pastor approving it, but not sounding promising, so looking for an alternate site.**

4. **Senior Asst. Vice Superintendent's Report (Alex Belida)**
  - a. **Flyer Editor/Publisher Report** (Alex Belida)

The Aug-Sept issue is our Kitbash Special issue featuring John Gray's first part on how he kitbashed N-scale cars and an engine to replicate the Alaska Railroad's early era equipment. It leads into our Kitbash Challenge with an array of Potomac Division members showing their skillful efforts to modify a variety of engines, cars and other railroad equipment.

Our Meet the Member for this issue is Todd Hermann. He models a Lehigh & New England Railroad branch that served the town of Catasauqua, Pennsylvania in HO scale, circa the mid-1950s.

Jerry Stanley explains how he overcame his fear of operations. He says you can, too. John Sethian recalls the history of the Washington and Old Dominion Railroad (and then builds a W&OD boxcar.) Nicholas Kalis reviews Lance Mindheim's book on Scenery for Modern Switching Layouts, which Nick says is applicable to other kinds of model railroads.

We will report on our July 13<sup>th</sup> meet at Leisure World with clinics and layout tours. We will have an update on our Square Foot and T-Trak contest.

The July 1<sup>st</sup> Newsbrief will have brief details on our July 13 clinic and tours.

5. **Asst. Vice Superintendent's Report** (Ken Wilson)
  - a. **Layouts / Open Houses** (Ken Wilson) Update Ken gave an update on the upcoming events, have four layout tours for the July MD meet.
6. **Paymaster's Report** (Jerry Stanley) see submitted report
7. **AP Coord.** (Martin Brechbiel) G Cassidy gained an AP, as well as some others are adding additional parts towards their with one very near MMR.

**8. Old/Unfinished Business**

- a. **Update on G scale and Live steam** G scale selling slow, to be opened to outside of membership.
- b. July 13<sup>th</sup> meet. 4<sup>th</sup> layout now scheduled. See item 6 above.

**9. New Business. none**

**10. Good of the Order**

- a. Concerns/Questions.
- b. Date, Time, and Place of next BOD meeting 16 July 2024, 7:30 PM via Zoom.

**11. Adjournment 835pm**