

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

- 1. Call to Order occurred: at 730 pm : Little, Belida, Wilson, Stoermer, Sheron**
- 2. Adoption of the Agenda: approved**
- 3. Approval of any outstanding Minutes of Past Meetings**
  - a. Minutes from prior meeting (February 2024) approved, one minor correction was noted, added and posted with such.
- 4. Superintendent's Report (Ernie Little)**
  - a. 2023-2024 Event Planning update – openings in clinic schedule, looking for some clinics and new presenters. May meet is in person in Northern VA area.
  - b. **Web Master Report** (Ernie Little). Continued being updated and is current.
  - c. Joint meet with Chesapeake Division in April or May 2024. – no response on Ches. as to arrangements.
  - d. MARPM/Potomac/James River/Chesapeake @BWI 2024 – early Sept. check their website for current info.: awaiting additional information once it becomes available.
  - e. Initial contact with James River Division for November joint meet. Initial discussion has begun and is planned to continue.
- 5. Senior Asst. Vice Superintendent's Report (Alex Belida)**
  - a. **Flyer Editor/Publisher Report** (Alex Belida) Flyer ready, 57 pages next issue.
- 6. Asst. Vice Superintendent's Report (Ken Wilson)**
  - a. Layouts / Open Houses (Ken Wilson)
    - i. March 23, 2024 – Virginia
  - b. Layout tours status. Update given regarding future events. MD locales being scoped out for June or July meet.
- 7. Paymaster's Report** (Jerry Stanley) report provided via email.
- 8. AP Coord.** (Martin Brechbiel) no report although Alex did note that G Cassidy is submitting for AP Structures
- 9. Old/Unfinished Business**
  - a. 2024 Elections (Ernie Little and Alex Belida) John Hoyt handling, is progressing. Should be getting notices posted soon, with elections occurring in April.
  - b. “The Square foot challenge” (Alex Belida). Being included as part of the Autumn meet.
  - c. Update on G scale and Live steam from Ms. Adams. Jerry has picked up, we need to work on inventory, pricing and merchandising.
- 10. New Business**
  - a. In person meeting on Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, at the Arcola Fire meeting hall. Their Board has approved use of the meeting rooms as a nonprofit group. Planning needs to start for Layout tours, clinics in addition to the meeting. Photos shared of the location
  - b. MER VP Gary Brown approached regarding PD hosting the 2025 MER. New Jersey has had no success in finding affordable hotels and site. Lengthy discussion with Brian Sheron as he presented information on prior MER

convention that PD hosted. Provided insight as to needs and issues. Rough cost to put event on was \$10k. Follow up discussions revolving around feasibility.

- c. Discussion regarding email notices and getting information to Bill S. that he needs to send out notices. Reviewed timeframe of posting events, goal to be more timely and offer a longer lead time with more often follow up postings.

**11. Good of the Order**

- a. Concerns/Questions. Follow up brief discussion about MER convention. Discussions to be had and decision hoped for by Friday next.
- b. Date, Time, and Place of next BOD meeting. Tuesday 16 April 2024, 7:30 PM via Zoom.

**12. Adjournment at 9p**