

Minutes
Board of Directors Meeting
Potomac Division, MER, NMRA
Zoom

7:30 PM, Monday, July 20, 2021

In attendance: Martin Brechbiel, Ernie Little, Alex Belida, Bill Roman, and Brad Stanfield. Nick Kalis and Jerry Stanley were absent.

Superintendent Brechbiel called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm.

A call for a motion to accept the meeting agenda was made; a motion and 2nd were made; vote called for and unanimously accepted.

A call for a motion to accept the meeting minutes from the 6/22/21 meeting was made; a motion and 2nd were made; vote called for and unanimously accepted.

Superintendent's Report (**Martin Brechbiel**) was limited to there not being one as there very little worth reporting.

Senior Asst. Vice Superintendent's Report (**Alex Belida**) was also limited in that both Nick Kalis and Jerry Stanley were absent and we were unable to pursue updates to both Clinics & Layouts / Open Houses. However, it seems obvious that all in person activities are going to continue to be quite limited for the foreseeable future. In essence, we're going to be playing everything by ear vs. what is a moving target.

Asst. Vice Superintendent's Report (**Ernie Little**) was also similarly limited.

There was no Paymaster's Report as Jerry Stanley was absent; however, he had supplied the Board and the Flyer Editor with his monthly financial report so that is saved as a matter of record.

There was no Clerk's Report as Nick Kalis was absent.

Flyer Editor/Publisher (**Alex Belida**) provided a brief update on the upcoming issue(s) of The Flyer and the never ending need for more content, as well as how well the call for layouts worked. Moving forward to call for favorite freight car and seeing if we can continue this "fav" exercise through several categories into the future.

Web Site (**Ernie Little**) provided an update on upkeep of the web site and that is was ready for the additional layout photos in the carousel. Also provided some update on membership based on the roster extract from the MER.

Old Business: This was exclusively related to the upcoming joint meet with JRD in Nov. Without Jerry Stanley present little could be accomplished, but the Board did note his excellent recruitment of vendors to donate door prizes, etc. and that that information needed to get into the next issue of The Flyer to aid in advertising. Superintendent Brechbiel informed the Board that the Division had 2 clinicians available now – Mat Thompson and Marty McGuirk. Alos noted was that Mat would have his layout open and that we should try very hard to get Marty to open

his as well. Also thought was that we could find 2-4 layouts along the trip “home” for each Division’s members, if at all possible.

New Business: There was no New Business.

Date and time for the next BOD meeting was set to be August 17, 2021 at 7:30 pm (3rd Tuesday of the month) by Zoom.

A call for a motion to adjournment was made; a motion and 2nd were made; vote called for and unanimously recorded in the affirmative.