

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

**7:32 PM, Tuesday, November 16, 2021**

**Present were Nicholas Kalis, Ernie Little, Alex Belida, Jerry Stanley, Brad Stanford,  
Martin Brechbiel**

1. Call to Order (7:32 PM EDT)
2. Adoption of Agenda – Accepted with no objections
3. Approval of any outstanding Minutes of Past Meetings
  - a. Minutes from 10/19/21 – Accepted, no objections
4. Superintendent's Report (Martin Brechbiel)
  - a. Annual Report due later this year 2021 – Martin will ask for inputs from Jerry and Alex
  - b. Picked up Woodland Scenics box and will give to Jerry on Thursday morning and will bring magazines, magazine rack (loan – open ended) etc.
  - c. Dues rebate from region is currently \$1/head -next year will be receiving 100% (so what we get will double)
5. Senior Asst. Vice Superintendent's Report (Alex Belida)
  - a. Clinics & Layouts / Open Houses (Nick Kalis, Jerry Stanley)
    - i. Martin asked whether Feb/March 2022 possible in Fairfax Knights of Columbus – we want ours on even numbered months?
    - ii. April clinic date must be confirmed
6. Asst. Vice Superintendent's Report (Ernie Little)
  - a. See Item 10
7. Paymaster's Report (Jerry Stanley)
  - a. October financial statement - attached
8. Clerk's Report (Nick Kalis)
  - a. Cultivating Michael Powers as future PD leader
9. Flyer Editor/Publisher (Alex Belida)
  - a. Mike Powers submitted article to the Flyer
  - b. 56 pages
  - c. Election reminder
  - d. Call for nominations for Marshall Abrams award
  - e. Article on Mount Clare
  - f. Best Practices for Clinicians article
  - g. Trackside Structures article – 13 entries
  - h. Announcing next challenge – motive power
  - i. Votes tallied for rolling stock challenge – 3 joint winners
  - j. Paganoni – beauty of clam shell buckets for steam shovels
  - k. Belida will show photos of Bodie California and how they inspired structures on his layout
  - l. N Kalis identified Huzzah Hobbies
  - m. Expect to be released on December 1<sup>st</sup>
  - n. Has prepared for Ernie the Mailchimp verbiage
  - o. Will solicit a future replacement

- p. Is lining up articles for Feb/March issue
    - i. One from Martin
    - ii. One on Brunswick, Maryland town
  - q. Jerry suggested Alex contact volunteers who expressed interest in writing an article
    - i. Alex agreed to do so
- 10. Web Master (Ernie Little)
  - a. Updates and maintenance
  - b. Has fellow interested in helping with website
  - c. Mike Powers has expressed interest in helping with web site
  - d. Is exploring/working on improvements
  - e. 5-6 people/week signing up to add their YouTube videos
- 11. Old/Unfinished Business.
  - a. Greenberg Show in Dec 18-19, 2021 (Jerry Stanley et al)
    - i. Michael Powers stepped up
      - 1. We gave him membership roster
  - b. Timonium Show in 2022?
    - i. They have sent out calling for tables
  - c. 2022 Elections
    - i. On track (Martin Brechbiel)
    - ii. Mark Gionet has names for potential candidates
    - iii. MG will do his best to not have it an uncontested contest
  - d. Abrams award
    - i. Nominations update (Martin Brechbiel)
      - 1. Has seven nominees minus one, Martin has declined
  - e. Fund Raiser - Coffee Mug w/PD emblem (Martin Brechbiel)
    - i. N Kalis drafted to investigate shop apron
  - f. Inventory/Custody
    - i. Martin has most items in his garage – he is not happy with that
    - ii. MB wants each board member to accept something in their custody
- 12. New Business
  - a. Tidewater interested in attending future miniCon – per Jerry Stanley
  - b. Someone to address the local National Capital Model Soldier Society group
  - c. Alex sent Jerry's team notes and sent to Martin – thinks all members can get them via Mailchimp in off months – Alex is willing to shape this into Mailchimp
- 13. Good of the Order
  - a. Date, Time, and Place of next BOD meeting
    - i. December 14, 2021; Zoom
  - b. Concerns/Questions
- 14. Adjournment