

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

**Zoom**

**7:30 PM, Monday, January 11, 2021**

**In attendance: Martin Brechbiel, Superintendent; Andrew Dodge Senior Asst. Superintendent; Ernie Little Asst. Superintendent; Jerry Stanley, Paymaster; Nick Kalis, Clerk (late arrival).**

Meeting was called to order at 7:38 pm by Superintendent Brechbiel.

The agenda was accepted for the meeting.

Minutes from the Dec 2021 meeting were approved.

Superintendent Brechbiel related having the Annual Report done for the MER when called for to deliver.

Senior Asst. Vice Superintendent Dodge continues to recruit and schedule quality virtual clinics for 2021 and engaged Asst. Vice Superintendent Little for tech support for Paul Dolkos' presentation.

Asst. Vice Superintendent Little and Webmaster related his ongoing sorting out the files and archives of files store don the web site host. The lack of consistent organization has made the ability to simply find files that are needed difficult.

In conjunction with this, Paymaster Stanley brought up the question of our interest in attempting to put together another joint meet with the JRD in November 2021. While this was agreed to tentatively, the real limiting action here remains with the willingness of Battlefield Baptist and what weekend(s) might be available and offered to us. Paymaster Stanley will make the inquiry so find out what may be possible.

A report by the Asst. Vice Superintendent Little was deferred until the topic of the web site, etc. was reached on the Agenda.

Paymaster Stanley related the current finances (in The Flyer) and also that John Paganoni had donated another \$25 to the Division. He also related a number of communications back to him thanking the Board for keeping things active.

Clerk Kalis (later arrival) had nothing to report.

Editor of The Flyer, Alex Belida, related the current good status of The Flyer and that he has good handle on the publishing aspect of the production of the newsletter. He also expressed his optimism for another virtual layout tour in the future due its good attendance and that The Fly would be carrying an article on the "how to" aspect of his to encourage others to follow suit. The advertisement for Publisher continues in The Flyer.

## **Old/Unfinished Business**

Elections for 2021 seem to be under control and proceeding forward. New Bylaws are already on the web site and available to the public.

Tentatively schedule an Elections Meeting in April to coincide with regular elections and possibly incorporate a clinic or 2 to make this a full session to insure that quorum is met – proposed by Superintendent Brechbiel and Senior Asst. Vice Superintendent Dodge. We will also to open up the March Meeting for the membership to attend via registration and see how this is all working.

## **New Business**

Paymaster Stanley had inquired as to the possibility of a joint meet with JRD in the Fall and was tasked with finding out the possible available weekends at Battlefield Baptist. He also inquired as to the possibility of advertising in publications; all cost dependent was the consensus.

The possibility of an Abrams' Award was proposed – the general thought was this would be good but that it needed to be defined.

Zoom – need to start using the registration function – the use of real names needs to be mandatory. Will start to put this into place and to nag people to change their screen names.

Some discussion as to the 3 attendances and you are locked out was debated related to electronic meetings. Does it apply, how would we even enforce it, etc. But it seems to need to be better defined. Superintendent Brechbiel will inquire.

YouTube feedback – very positive commentary and event!

## **Good of the Order**

Date, Time, and Place of next BOD meeting was set to be Feb 8, 2021 @ 7:30 pm

Adjournment was called for and unanimously accepted.