

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

Zoom

7:30 PM, Monday, February 8, 2021

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

Meeting was called to order at 7:40 pm by Superintendent Brechbiel.

The agenda was unanimously accepted for the meeting.

Minutes from the Jan 2021 meeting were unanimously approved.

Superintendent Brechbiel related nothing other than he appears to be covering for the Clerk by writing the minutes and preparing the meeting Agenda.

Senior Asst. Vice Superintendent Dodge continues to recruit and schedule quality virtual clinics for 2021 and reported these to be set up on the 3rd Sun of the month through June with Sethian in March 21, Koester on April 18, Thompson on May 16, and Dolkos on June 20. Need a 2nd clinic for the 18th needed to bracket the Election meeting with Koester on deck 1st. A preference for these to be advertised on the front page of the web site spurred discussion regarding the placement of items on the front page. Paymaster Stanley ran through his list of on-site hands-on clinics scheduled out through the summer. Andrew voiced his considerable concerns about holding in person clinics. Superintendent Brechbiel was tasked with getting feedback from Nat'l on the NMRA insurance. The likelihood of the MER convention happening seemed dubious. Concerns related to liability were expressed by Asst. Vice Superintendent Little.

Paymaster Stanley's report is being submitted to the Editor of the Flyer and is incorporated into these minutes as being on record. Some questions regarding an apparent deficit were brought forward by Andrew; billing for the web site, host, domain name, and Zoom, are recurring bills. Our \$1/head rebate should cover most of the bills.

Clerk Kalis was absent.

AP Coord. Matt T. was absent.

Asst. Vice Superintendent Little and Webmaster updated the Board regarding all of his efforts sorting out the files and archives of files on the web site host. He also updates the Board as to the ownership and billing aspects of the web site. He also noted the addition of a counter to the front page of the web site – need to find out what that number means over time. Our YouTube channel is getting a lot of attention and feedback

Editor of The Flyer, Alex Belida, related the status of The Flyer and call for layouts and pictures – 9 responses and new to him names – this is having a good response! Simple leading questions and all and Alex has 9+ articles and maybe a special layout issue. A donations box in The Flyer

was proposed and approved enthusiastically. The vote on the bylaws was confirmed for in the Flyer.

Paymaster Stanley was asked again to look into whether we could get a tentative day for another joint meet with the JRD in November 2021. The real limiting action here remains with the willingness of Battlefield Baptist and what weekend(s) might be available and offered to us.

Old/Unfinished Business

Records Retention Policy – The policy for storage of our electronic records and organization, and the locations of it needs to be codified for the future members of the Board. An amended version to include the updated property for the Division was added to the policy (Item J). Martin and Andrew (and Nick) will update this property document for storage on the host. Policy passed as amended.

New Business

The possibility of an Abrams' Award was proposed – the general thought was this would be good but that it needed to be defined. This was put back to Ernie and Bill Demas to flesh out a definition of the award – who gets it, what is it, why do they get it, etc. Criteria – this year or next year? Plaque cost? \$100 to a hobby shop?

Good of the Order

Date, Time, and Place of next BOD meeting was set to be March, 15, 2021 @ 7:30 pm

Adjournment was called for and unanimously accepted.