

**Board of Directors Meeting minutes**  
**Potomac Division, MER, NMRA**  
**7:30 PM, 19 December 2023**

1. **Called to Order** at 7:36pm by Superintendent Little. Alex Belida, Sr. Asst. Superintendent and Ken Wilson, Asst. Superintendent in attendance.
2. **Adoption of the Agenda.** Adopted unanimous.
3. **Approval of any outstanding Minutes of Past Meetings**
  - a. Minutes from prior meeting (November 2023): approved.
4. **Superintendent's Report (Ernie Little)**
  - a. The virtual clinic scheduled for January 21 might be canceled. Will follow up.
  - b. The Decoder Pro workshop scheduled for February 10 might be canceled.
  - c. The Joint Meet (April or May 2024) with the Chesapeake Division is still in discussion.
  - d. **Web Master Report** (Ernie Little).
    - i. Main and calendar pages have been refreshed.
    - ii. Working on government updates on the PD website. Ken Montero has helped advise.
  - e. MARPM/Potomac/James River/Chesapeake meet at BWI in 2024 will have AP judging.
  - f. Potomac Flyer page completely restructured and posted. Arranged by front page thumbnails which link to the proper edition. The actual Flyer Editions have links within that takes the table of contents straight to the article. Note there are 'bookmarks' that also let you jump around the Edition indices.
5. **Senior Asst. Vice Superintendent's Report (Alex Belida)**
  - a. **Flyer Editor/Publisher Report** (Alex Belida): Another large issue coming soon.
  - b. No nominations have been submitted for Abrams Award nominees,
  - c. The current challenge will be great train stations.
  - d. The next challenge will be photographs of prototype locos.
6. **Asst. Vice Superintendent's Report (Ken Wilson)**
  - a. Layout tours status: tours are being arranged and lined up in the coming months in various areas.
    - i. January 13 tour will be in Maryland at the Leisure World Model Railroad Club in Silver Spring. The tour will be open from 1:00 to 3:00, hosted by Henry Jordan. This will include the working HO layout and display of an N-scale and O27-scale layouts.
    - ii. Bryan Kidd is still interested in hosting but would prefer to push off until May.
    - iii. Bill Demus has expressed interest in hosting. A date has not been set.
    - iv. Ernie Little has offered to host a layout tour. He has recently shown his railroad but has made additional changes and will probably have a good turnout due to his clinics and articles. A date has not been set.
7. **Paymaster's Report** (Jerry Stanley): sent a report to the BOD.  
Beginning balance as of 10/31/2023: \$4,931.15  
Cash on hand: \$0.00  
Deposits: \$688.00 (NMRA division membership rebate)  
Total payouts: \$0/00  
Checking balance as of 11/30/2023: \$5619.15

**8. AP Coord. (Martin Brechbiel):** No report

**9. Old/Unfinished Business.**

**10. New Business**

- a. Staffing booth at the Timonium Show is being coordinated by Kirt Bateman of the Chesapeake Division and will do the booking.
- b. Bylaw update regarding division boundaries (Alex Belida). Alex sent out an email for a review noting one bylaw that requires updating due to changes in NMRA boundaries that have been enacted by Region. Discuss resulted that this is a Region decision and does not require a vote and will be announced at the annual meeting.
- c. 2024 Elections (Ernie Little and Alex Belida) Committee assembled.
  - i. Will be reviewing nomination request submissions.
  - ii. By Law amendments will be on the ballot for approval

**11. Good of the Order**

- a. Concerns/Questions general discussion.
- b. Date, Time, and Place of next meeting is 16 January 2024, 7:30 PM via Zoom.

**12. Adjournment at 8:34pm**