

Board of Directors Meeting
Via Zoom
Potomac Division, MER, NMRA
7:30 PM, 11 July 2023

- 1.** Call to Order at 730p by E Little
- 2.** Adoption of the Agenda
- 3.** Approval of any outstanding Minutes of Past Meetings
 - a.** Minutes from prior meeting May and June approved
- 4.** Superintendent's Report (Ernie Little)
 - a.** Communication with James River regarding Westmoreland County, VA (Orphan area) discussion about how to accommodate.
 - b.** Web Master Report (Ernie Little)
 - i.** Discuss issue with counter function: issue with it that Ernie is fixing and found some other items that are being corrected.
 - c.** Altoona Clinic MER director is asking for presentations to be sent ahead so they can preload them locally.
- 5.** Senior Asst. Superintendent's Report (Alex Belida)
 - a.** June 10 joint meet of 6/10/2023: 26 attended. 15 from Potomac, five clinics given, popular vote contest held, some AP judging was done along with the PD BOD Meeting.
 - b.** Flyer Editor/Publisher Report (Alex Belida) 54 pages, full edition with several meet the members articles.
- 6.** Asst. Superintendent's Report (Ken Wilson) as Layout tours co-ord. Is reviewing list of layout tours to schedule them back into the mix.
- 7.** Paymaster's Report (Jerry Stanley). Report sent via email, and overview given.
- 8.** AP Coord. (Martin Brechbiel). Ad hoc AP judging done at last meet, couple others have been done recently as well. Discussion about process and how to increase participation.
- 9.** Old/Unfinished Business
 - a.** Waldorf VFD Sat. 5 August planning set:(Alex Belida) 2 clinics scheduled with 2 layouts open for tours. Popular model contest included.
 - b.** Layouts / Open Houses (Ken Wilson) Alexandria area and NW DC area.
 - c.** Fall schedule Joint meet with James River Div.- Saturday, November 4th, request submitted to church and approved. (Jerry Stanley) Planning in progress and to be completed by August.
 - d.** Social Media (Bill Schultheiss) – adoption of social media policy. Ken motion, Alex second; vote: all approved policy as final presented.
 - i.** Bill's Report notes that Instagram has nearly 200 followers, followed by facebook which is not easily found by users, twitter lags farther behind either of those two.
 - e.** Discussion of incorporation/501(c)3. (Ernie Little): reviewed and discussed. The issue was tabled for future action after lengthy discussion.
- 10.** New Business
 - a.** Discussion of Burnt Tree Industrial Railway – possible excursion/operations (Ernie). Aiming for Saturday, September 16, thought is to arrange a participation

fee that would cover insurance liability and food. Max 20-25 attendance Ernie to continue arrangements.

- b.** Division proclamation for Mat Thompson (Ernie Little) being readied to present for his division service of several years at party at Pete Laguardia's house on July 15th.
- c.** Application for matching grant from NMRA (Ernie Little). Up to \$200 a year, Ernie to pursue.
- d.** Mug novelty (Ernie Little) discussion about Division promotional items, survey to go out asking about preferences of shirts, mugs, etc.
- e.** Ernie gave a review of latest in person clinic event of July 8th. Well attended and attendees were pleased with clinic.

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- a.** Concerns/Questions
Discussion about future clinics, other projects and other things members are involved in.
- b.** Date, Time, and Place of next BOD meeting. 8 August, 7:30 PM via Zoom.

12. Adjournment at 915p