

POTOMAC DIVISION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM
December 20, 2022

CALL TO ORDER – Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm by Superintendent Brechbiel.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT – Martin Brechbiel reported the month was quiet, nothing of significance to report.

SENIOR ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT – Alex Belida reported there was nothing to report.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT – Nothing to report except a Division Christmas Card was sent out to membership via email.

PAYMASTER’S REPORT – Jerry Stanley emailed to BOD members earlier.

CLERK’S REPORT – Absent from meeting at this point and no report provided.

FLYER EDITOR REPORT – Alex Belida reported that he went to Waldorf and picked up layout signs. The January 1 Newsbrief is ready and preparation of the February – March Flyer is underway. January 10th is the deadline for submission of material for the next Flyer.

AP REPORT – Mat Thompson was not at the meeting but provided a report via email to the BOD. He has submitted himself for the Association Volunteer Certificate. No other action currently. There was discussion regarding points awarded for Volunteer activities.

WEBSITE REPORT – Ernie Little reported the Division’s website has been updated.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – Ernie Little reported we have 264 members. The membership list from the Region has been slow in being provided and the last report was October 2022. A report of issues has been developed and will be sent to John Hoyt with a copy to the new Region Superintendent.

CLINIC REPORT – There was discussion about the need to update the clinic schedule and keep it coordinated. The next virtual clinic in January will be Pat Rivard and Paul Hurly on Construction of Coniferous Trees. The next in person clinic in January will be Martin Brechbiel on Resin Casting- Part I. The February virtual clinic will be by Brian Sheron on 42 Years of Tips and Tricks with the in person clinic being by Martin Brechbiel on Resin Casting – Part II followed by an open house of Tim Tilson’s layout. The March 11th clinic was discussed, and Martin will see if it can be moved to the KofC hall in Fairfax.

LAYOUT TOUR REPORT – Martin Brechbiel reported that layout tours have been scheduled for April and May. April 22 will be Bernie Kempinski with another, to be determined, to replace Brad Stanford who recently passed away. May 20 will be Dean Ripple and Brian Sheron’s layouts.

2023 ELECTIONS - Information on the elections will be put on the website and will be in the next Flyer. Ernie Little is working with John Hoyt on the Election Buddy material. Positions up for election in 2023 are Superintendent, Senior Assistant Superintendent, and Clerk. At this time Ernie Little is running for

Superintendent, Alex Belida is running for re-election to Senior Assistant Superintendent, and Lee Stoermer is running for re-election as Clerk. If Ernie is elected as Superintendent it will cause a vacancy of the Assistant Superintendent position which can be filled by appointment according to the Division bylaws. The candidate list will be published on April 1st and the elections will take place on April 15th.

ABRAM'S AWARD – Martin Brechbiel advised he has had three nominations for the award. Ernie Little will follow up on the awards plaque after the recipient is determined.

OLD BUSINESS:

GREENSBERG SHOW - Jerry Stanley reported that we had a good show of membership participating to staff the booth at the show. Grace Stanley has developed a QR code for the Division to use and discussion took place on where it could be used. Several attendees of the show signed up for more NMRA membership information. A link to NMRA membership has been placed on the website.

NEW BUSINESS:

SPRING MINICON – The Chesapeake Division has not responded to emails concerning this event. Martin Brechbiel will follow up to check status.

WALDORF MARYLAND FIRE HALL – Paul Hutchins has a contact to secure this fire hall for Division Clinics. Martin Brechbiel will follow up to arrange a visit to assess the site and report back to the Board. Information regarding the Sarratt Home not being available for use was also provided. Discussion of other Maryland sites took place.

TIMONIUM FEBRUARY SHOW – Chesapeake Division asked if our Division would want to share manning a booth as the show. After discussion it was decided that we will not pursue the February Show but will look at the April show.

YOU TUBE CHANNEL – Jerry Stanley asked if we could put a link or the QR code on the channel for NMRA membership registration. Ernie Little will follow up.

APPRECIATION CERTIFICATES – Jerry Stanley asked if appreciation certificates could be sent out to the members that assisted with the staffing the Greensberg show booth. Ernie Little will follow up and have certificates sent out via email.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

NEXT MEETING – The next BOD meeting will be January 17, 2023, at 7:30 PM.