

**Minutes**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Potomac Division, MER, NMRA**  
**Kalis, Little, Belida, Stanley, Stanford, Roman (PD Member), Kalis attending**  
**Zoom**  
**7:45 PM, Tuesday, September 21, 2021**

- 1. Call to Order 7:45 PM EDT)**
- 2. Adoption of Agenda - Passed**
- 3. Approval of any outstanding Minutes of Past Meetings**
  - a. Minutes from 8/17/21 accepted**
  - b. Minutes from email meeting for banners – Accepted**
- 4. Superintendent's Report (Martin Brechbiel)**
  - a. MER Convention – MER board had a meeting about the convention (concerned about the financial obligations – meeting room nights – one week ago they were short about 29 room nights) if not met there are penalties by hotel; decision was to go forward**
  - b. Mini Convention 2022 – Do we want to have it? Where? St. Matthews? Spoke with Jim Kinder and told him – I have not idea. NK said it was a great locale.**
- 5. Senior Asst. Vice Superintendent's Report (Alex Belida)**

Banners have been selected

  - a. Clinics & Layouts / Open Houses (Nick Kalis, Jerry Stanley)**
    - a. Seven attendees plus host plus presenter**
- 6. Asst. Vice Superintendent's Report (Ernie Little)**
  - a. Marshall Abrams award – no news**
- 7. Paymaster's Report (Jerry Stanley)**
  - a. Aug financial statement was delivered**
  - b. Brechbiel was satisfied with balance**
  - c. M. Brechbiel wants to build up a nest egg**
- 8. Clerk's Report (Nick Kalis)**
  - a. Nothing to report**
- 9. Flyer Editor/Publisher (Alex Belida)**
  - a. Will come out on schedule on October 1 – it will be 60 pages including a tribute to Tom Brodrick**
  - b. late arrival to car sections to go on web site**

Sheron wrote two articles

Conclusion of Nigel Philips series on hand laying track

There will be votes for favorites

Challenge for December and January issues will be track side structures

Is considering 2022 theme will be motive power entries and scenery
- 10. Web Master (Ernie Little)**
  - a. Updates and maintenance - changes implemented; section on fallen model railroads has been**

Calendar page updated April 2022

Paid website fee

Zoom account paid through 2022
- 11. Old/Unfinished Business –added**
  - a. Joint meet with JRD in Fall? (Jerry Stanley et al)**

- i. White Elephant – it will take place  
 Jim Kinder will run it – he is experienced – he does not have email  
 Jerry will ask whether the church will supply coffee  
 Jerry suggests we bring our own coffee  
 Brechbiel will bring five dozen donuts  
 Audio Visual equipment is taken care of  
 We need directions to the open houses prepared and printed  
 We also need a list of places to go for eating  
 We need box for donating trains to the church youth group
- b. Timonium in Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3rd (Jerry Stanley et al)**
  - i. Coverage – some slots open; Jerry sent schedule to board while meeting ongoing with the idea that board will shake the trees a bit
- c. Other Show in Nov Expo Center in Chantilly (Jerry Stanley et al)**
  - i. Coverage – close to being covered
- d. Teams (Monty Co. still vacant) (Martin Brechbiel)**
  - i. MB will send out message (email) again just to Montgomery County members
- e. 2022 Elections**
  - i. Nominations Committee Chair (Martin Brechbiel) – Gionet agreed to do it; Demas, Brian Sheron
  - ii. Policy update (Martin Brechbiel)
  - iii. Process (Flyer, etc.) (Martin Brechbiel)
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  - iv. eVoting! (Martin Brechbiel) – we are going fully on this using ElectionBuddy but must mail out ballots to people we do not have email addresses for (this is about 35 people)  
 Motion to approve the updated election policy document by Alex Belida, seconded by NK; four ayes, it passes unanimously  
 MB will update the policy document and send it to Little
- Abrams Award – design came from shop, price is \$119.36; we will give out one per year; there will also be a virtual plaque on our website – board approved by acclamation
- 12. New Business**
  - a. Stanley mentioned Hobby Bar n is scheduled out to March 2020
- 13. Good of the Order**
  - a. Date, Time, and Place of next BOD meeting**
    - i. Tuesday, October 19, 2021; 7:30 PM Zoom
  - b. Concerns/Questions**
- 14. Adjournment Motion made, second made, all voted aye.#**