

Board of Directors
Mid-Central Region
National Model Railroad Association

The Board of Directors of the MCR (Mid-Central Region) met on October 12, 2008 at the Schmidt Restaurant at 1:00 p.m. and President Dick Briggs called the meeting to order.

President Briggs asked the secretary to call the roll. All officers were present except for Division 11.

The President asked for a motion to accept the revised minutes as published. A motion was made and seconded and passed by the Board members.

The Treasurer's report was given by Gary Sole. The region has a cash balance of \$24,289.00. President Dick Briggs asked for a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded and passed by the Board Members.

President Briggs made an announcement that 3 (three) positions have been filled. The persons and positions are as follows: Special Projects: **Tom Buetler**

MCR Assistant Web Master: **Donald Wilke** (Note: Donald Wilke was appointed Web Master when Ivan Baugh resigned on November 1, 2008 for health Reasons.)
Historian: Bob Weinheimer

President Briggs gave his report as follows:

We have secured renewal of the MCR "Statement of Continued Existence" for the State of Ohio. I have addressed various issues with the NMRA site for specific answers. I have our new insurance certificate in hand available to those who need a copy for Division functions.

Please note that the subscription rates for Scale Rails has increased, therefore members will see an increase when they renew their membership. I encourage the divisions to send copies of newsletters to the Historian and Web Master. The Web Master will post your events on the region calendar.

Committee Reports:

The **Membership report** was given by Paul J. Novak. The membership of the MCR is distributed as follows:

Division: 0	1	2	3	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
14	96	247	159	218	95	288	137	55	65	26

Paul wants to remind all Division Superintendents that if they are aware of any life members that do not appear on their Division's roster that they need to have that member contact HQ with their current addresses.

Contests:

Bob Weinheimer reported a total of 28 models, 64 photo's and 3 art's and crafts entries in this year's contest this past May. Nine models earned merit awards. Best in Show went to Sam Swanson's stunning fish processing plant model. Bob wishes to thank the local committee chaired by Paul Lemermeier as well as all the judges who participated in this event.

Achievement Program:

Frank Koch, MCR AP Manager reported that 14 certificates were earned this time by the membership as follows:

Official -	2	Scenery -	1	Volunteer -	3
Author -	2	Electrical -	3	Structures -	1
Dispatcher -	2				

Master Model Railroader: Jerry Ashley, Division 8

Conventions:

Conventions Report deferred to later in the meeting.

Editor:

Nat King, MCR Editor is asking for articles from the members for the Kingpin.

Special Projects

The Special Projects report was given by Tom Buetler. Tom reported a total sales of \$910.66 for the freight house and passenger shelter. The region as a total inventory of 13 freight houses and 108 passenger shelter sets on hand.

Webmaster:

The webmaster report was given by Donald Wilke, MCR Assistant Webmaster, supplied by Ivan Baugh MCR Webmaster as follows:

The site had a total of 26,700 requests along with 12,506 page requests for the time period of August 17, 2008 to September 28, 2008. The webmaster asked the members to continue to submit new materials for the web site from your division.

Ivan, MCR Archivist, has started an MCR Archive on the MCR Web site. In time, the MCR Archive would be a PDF Backup of the "paper" material that the MVR Historian, Bob Weinheimer, has collected in his files. The MCR Archivist and the MCR Historian will both have copies of most of the paper materials in case anything happens to the other set of materials. In addition, the MCR Archives will be available to the MCR on the web.

Nominating:

The MCR Nominating Committee, Howard R. Smith MMR Chairman, gave the report for the upcoming Mid-Central Regional NMRA election to be held in the spring of 2009. Nominees are as follows:

President:	Richard Briggs
Vice President:	Merlyn Jarman
Secretary:	Tom Atherton
	Bob Weinheimer

Treasurer: Paul Smith

A motion to accept Nominating Committee's recommendations was asked for by President Briggs, seconded by Gary Sole and Judy Logan and passed by the Board members.

Division Reports:

The division reports were given by the superintendents. The region has a new superintendent, Paul Kurutz, Division 11.

Old Business:

2008 Convention Report: Gary Sole gave the final report on 2008 Convention in Cleveland. Gary reported the Convention was well attended and had lots of favorable comments on the survey by the people attending the convention.

2009 Convention Report: The Logan's gave the convention report for the April Convention. Everything is coming together well. The convention has signed-up 63 members including spouses.

2010 Convention Report: Bob Weinheimer MMR, Convention Manager, the Coatfield Express, will be hosted by Division 9 and take place in Charleston, WV May 13-16, 2010. The convention will be held at the Embassy Suites. They are planning to offer a range of activities including clinics, contests, raffle, auctions and tours.

2011 Convention Report: The group is working on a name for the convention and is securing a hotel for the convention.

New Business:

Division 2 is preparing to present a bid for 2012 Regional Convention to be held in the Pittsburgh area. The bid will be presented to the Board at the BOD meeting in Columbus in April, 2009.

President Briggs gave a report on the Allegheny Highlands Division of the Niagara Frontier Region is contemplating moving their affiliation to Division 11 in the MCR due to being in close proximity to the I-80 area and a lack of activity in AHD.

President Briggs gave a proposal made by VP Merlyn Jarman for a MCR "Supers Breakfast" meeting. The meeting/ breakfast to be held on the Sunday morning of the Convention weekend and open to MCR Board of Directors staff and only Division Superintendents and Assistant Superintendents. The purpose is for information sharing on topics of common interest to all.

A proposal for a Regional Clinician Database was made by Merlyn Jarman, VP MCR. The purpose of the database would be to collect the names of Clinicians, clinic topics, home address, etc. and the regions could contact these Clinician's and would be willing to present a clinic at a Division meeting in the Region.

President Briggs gave a report on the subject of purchasing a laptop and projector for the use by the regions at the conventions and meetings. The main purpose would be in the saving of rental fee's for the divisions. The division

can rent for small fee from the region for the use of these items. The fee's would cover the cost of the items.

President Briggs talked about a past City Classic Structure Building Kit in which patterns would have to be made for the kit. The cost of these patterns are unknown at this time. Until the cost is known, a motion was made to stop the City Classic Structure Kit until a current proposal is presented to the current MCR BOD. The motion was seconded and passed by the board members.

Gary Sole, Treasurer of MCR, talked about reducing the number of printings of the Kingpin from four to one per year. The reasoning behind this was to reduce the cost of printing for the region. After some debate, it was decided to keep the printing the Kingpin at four times a year for now.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas Atherton, Secretary