

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 2024

To: Board of Directors

From: Michael L. Hirvela, Superintendent, Fox Valley Division

Date: April 8, 2024

Subject: Fox Valley Division Activity Report for MWR Board of Directors' meeting May, 2024

Activities since Last Board Meeting

The division has continued holding monthly member meetings both in-person and over the Zoom computer system. In-person meetings have been held at the Gary Morava Recreation Center of the Prospect Heights Park District in Prospect Heights, IL, and at the Glenview Public Library in Glenview, IL. The Division Board decided to try to use the library in Glenview as can be scheduled due to there being no charge to use the space as long as we have members who reside in the library district. The only drawback is that the requested meeting dates are subject to the library's schedule with not much advance notice. For comparison, the PH Park District charges us \$30 per hour for the meeting room.

Member participation in the monthly meetings averages 20 in-person and another 15-18 over the net for an overall average of 35. This is an average attendance before the COVID situation arose and we are encouraged by the monthly attendees whether in-person or over the net.

Planned Activities

The division plans on holding a member meeting on May 19th, which will conclude our 2023-2024 season. We will re-commence monthly meetings in September. We do plan on holding a summer outing to the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago for a 'behind the scenes' tour in June. We also encourage our members to take advantage of historical society gatherings, announced train tours and activities over the summer, such as the C&NW Rwy convention at Crystal Lake, IL; the UP Big Boy tour TBA; CPKC 2816 visit to Franklin Park, IL, among others.

To: MWR Secretary
From: Michael L. Hirvela, Superintendent, Fox Valley Division
Date: April 8, 2024
Subject: Current Roster of Division Officers Report for May 2024

Division: Fox Valley Division

President/Superintendent

Name: Michael L. Hirvela
NMRA Membership Number: 126332

Vice President/Asst Superintendent.

Name: Denis Zamirowski
NMRA Membership Number: 096624

Secretary/Clerk

Name: Richard Hoker
NMRA Membership Number: 168982

Treasurer/Paymaster

Name: Richard Sieben
NMRA Membership Number: 155818

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From: Michael L. Hirvela, MWR Vice-President and Special Projects

Date: April 8, 2024

Subject: Vice-President Report for MWR BoD – May 2024

Activities since Last Board Meeting

As Vice-President I have continued to represent and support the President and the Region. I was part of a modular group who displayed at the Mad City Train Show and had an opportunity to meet with President McGeever during the show, and to get feedback from other attendees. I was also able to attend a WISE Division meeting and continue to encourage the division to return to active status.

Special Projects: None assigned, therefore no report.

Planned Activities

Continue to be supportive of the Region's efforts to return the WISE Division to active status. Also, to participate in the future of Train Fest as an NMRA event in the future.