

Sunday, April 30, 2017 at the Holiday Inn, 7550 East State Street, Rockford, IL. The Board meeting commenced at 10:31

A motion was accepted and passed to approve the minutes of the last meeting as amended.

Our National President Charlie thanked the Mid-West Region for welcoming him

Status of the 501 C 3 : National has been a 501 3 C for years Regions and Divisions are under the National 501 3 C and may handle their funds indigently. There are issues with the IRS due to Regions and Divisions that are incorporated and have their own 501 c 3. National is resubmitting a request to be one origination and one 501 C 3 but it will require the Regions and Divisions that are independent to file information with their state.

Charlie reported no the President's Award for a division member for each region will receive an award.

Charlie thanked the division and region and took his leave to ORD.

Election report was published in the groups of reports.

It was moved and seconded to destroy the ballots Motion carried.

Keith Thompson reported the previously published document as a treasurer report. Motion to accept passed.

Budget issues were discussed with the issues around the Fox Valley Division not having a location for a train show.

Protecting Divisions from bankruptcy:

The Mid West Region pays out \$0.25 per member from the funds received from National and it is proposed to go to \$2.00 which would be the full amount received.

A motion was made to form a committee to study additional amounts to the divisions from Region and passed.

There was also a motion made to distribute to divisions what the region receives from National in the year 2017 at 100% and it was approved

Motion to accept the hosting and accept the budget for the 2018 convention "Capitol 400 " for April 13-15.

It was decided to have a youth committee to review the youth program to report at the Fall board meeting.

Contest committee requested we limit the number of models entered in the contest by one person.

It was moved and seconded to limit to 10 entries total with 3 in any one category could be entered in the Region contest a single member.

Appointments, moved and approved all appointments

Paul Wussow will take over the Secretarial position.

Paul Wussow will be the Illinois Registered Agent

Fred Henize replace Paul Wussow as A DAL

Jim Osborn will become the election committee chair

Moved and seconded that the meeting was dedicated to Don Cook

Next meeting Sunday Nov.12 at 10:30 at Trainfest

Moved and Seconded to adjourn with full agreement

List of Documents

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, April 30, 2017

Item	Submitted/ Attached	Description
1.	Pre-sent	Minutes
2.	X	Agenda
3.		Attendance
		Reports:
11.		Achievement Program Coordinator
12.		Education Department Coordinator
21.		Financial Review Committee
22.	X	Clinic Clearinghouse Committee
23.	X	Convention Committee
24.		
25.		
28.	X	Election Committee
29.	X	Internet Committee
30.		Long Range Planning and Implementation Committee
31.	X	Membership Committee
32.		Nominating Committee
33.		Promotions and Special Projects Committee
34.		Publications Committee
35.	X	Youth Committee Plus Attached Youth Fund /Program Report
41.	X	Director-at-Large/Daniel Brewer
42.		Director-at-Large/Gary Children
43.	X	Director-at-Large/Minton Dings
44.		Director-at-Large/Jim Landwehr
45.		Director-at-Large/Bob Landwehr
46.		Director-at-Large/Fred Robinson
47.	X	Director-at-Large/Paul A. Wussow
51.	X	Division Director/Central Indiana
52.	X	Division Director/DuPage
53.	X	Division Director/Fox Valley
54.	X	Division Director/Illinois Terminal
55.	X	Division Director/Illinois Valley
56.		Division Director/Michiana
57.		Division Director/Rock River Valley
58.	X	Division Director/South Central Wisconsin
59.	X	Division Director/Winnebagoland
60.	X	Division Director/Wisconsin Southeastern
70.	X	Regional Advisory Council Representative
71.		Secretary
72.	X	Treasurer
73.	X	Vice President
74.		Immediate Past President
75.	X	President
84.	X	501(c)(3) Report

Item 2
Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA,
April 30, 2017 – Final Agenda

<u>Item</u>	<u>Responsibility</u>
Call to order	Paul Mangan
Minutes of Last Meeting	Paul Mangan
<u>Reports/Comments</u>	
Committees:	
Financial Review	Phil Berry
Election	Bert Lattan
Other	Paul Mangan
Directors-at-Large	Paul Mangan
Division Directors	Paul Mangan
Regional Advisory Council Representative	Paul Mangan
Secretary	Paul Mangan
Treasurer	Keith Thomsen
Vice President	Steve Studley
Immediate Past President	Bill Litkenhous
President	Paul Mangan
<u>Old Business</u>	
501(c)(3) Project	Steve Studley
Midwest Region Later Conventions	Reid Kahrs
Reduction of Bank Account Cash	Paul Mangan
Other	Paul Mangan
<u>New Business</u>	
Destruction of 2017 Ballots	Paul Mangan
Nominations for Directors-At-Large for the 2018-2020 Term	Fred Robinson
Midwest Region 2018 Convention	Bob McGeever
Discussion Re: Updating the Youth Program	Minton Dings
Other	Paul Mangan
<u>Installation of New Officers and Directors-At-Large</u>	Paul Mangan
<u>BOD Approval of New Presidential Appointments</u>	Steve Studley
<u>Announcements</u>	
Next Meeting Date, Time & Place:	Steve Studley
<u>Adjourn</u>	Steve Studley

Item 22

Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, April 30, 2017

To: Board of Directors

From: Paul Wussow

Date: For the **April 30, 2017**

Subject: Clinic Clearinghouse Committee

Activities since Last Board Meeting

There have been no activities with the Clinic Clearing House.

The available clinics on line at the NMRA and other sites via the Internet has rendered the Video of the clinics a costly extra.

While some members of the region have volunteer to give clinics most divisions or conventions contact these people directly. I have had no requests this year.

Planned Activities

None at this time.

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Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, April 30, 2017

To: Board of Directors

From: Reid Kahrs, Convention Committee Chairman

Date:

Subject:Future regional conventions

Activities since Last Board Meeting

Working with the SCWD to host the 2018 spring regional convention

Two letters and proposed budget included with this report

Planned Activities

Attending the 2017 regional convention hosted by the RRVD

Report by RRVD host for Golden Rails the 2017 regional convention

NO sites, so far, for future regional conventions beyond 2018

South Central Wisconsin Division-MWR-NMRA Convention Committee

Ken Hojnacki
2018 SCWD Convention Chair
4213 Brown Lane
Madison, WI 53704-1181
December 23, 2016

Mr. Paul Mangan
Mid-West Region President
6187 Sun Valley Parkway
Oregon, Wisconsin 53575

Mr. Reid Kahrs
Mid-West Region Convention Chair
286 Woodland View Court
Colgate, Wisconsin 53017

RE: 2018 Mid-West Region Convention Bid

Dear Messrs. Mangan and Kahrs:

The South Central Wisconsin Division would like to present this bid for the 2018 Mid-West Region Convention. The SCWD has a long history of hosting successful Regional and one National Convention and is proposing to host the 2018 Mid-West Region Convention on April 13-15, 2018 in Madison, Wisconsin. The convention will be known as the Capitol 400, which was a Chicago & Northwestern train which ran between Chicago and Madison.

Facilities

The convention would be held at the Radisson Hotel with convenient access a short distance from Interstates 39, 90 and 94. The Radisson was the site of the 2011 regional convention and has adequate space for all activities. It is close to West Towne Mall and many other shopping venues and restaurants as well as the local hobby shop.

The Radisson will provide

Registration/Hospitality Room
3 Rail Clinic Rooms
1 Non-rail Clinic Room

1 Contest Room
Banquet/Annual Meeting Room
Board Meeting Room

Sleeping rooms will be available at a rate of \$119/night, single or double occupancy. Full breakfast is included in the room rate.

Activities

Friday

Registration/Hospitality Room open.
Contest room open as requested by the Region Contest Chair.
Operating sessions on several layouts will be available Friday afternoon and evening.
Rail clinics will be presented Friday evening.
Project Linus work area open.

Saturday

Registration/Hospitality Room open.

Contest room open as requested by the Region Contest Chair.

Rail and Non-Rail clinics presented throughout the morning with a limited schedule in the afternoon.

Self-guided layout tours from 1 to 5 in the northerly and westerly directions in recognition of most attendees travelling east or south on Sunday.

Project Linus work area open.

Banquet followed by Region members meeting, guest speaker, awards and door prizes.

Sunday

MWR Board Meeting

Self-guided layout tours in all directions from 10 to 4.

Banquet

The banquet will be included in the Rail and Non-Rail full registration fees. A buffet meal will be provided with vegetarian/gluten-free options available upon request. A cash bar will be available immediately prior to the banquet. Time will be provided for the Region Members Meeting and presentation of contest awards if desired. Our guest speaker will be Model Railroader editor and author Tony Koester (who will also present a clinic earlier in the day). Door prizes will be pre-drawn and available for pickup at the banquet. Banquet-only tickets will be available for persons not otherwise registered for the convention.

Budget

The budget was prepared using the 2005 and 2011 budgets/final accountings as a guide for expenses that are variable. The banquet cost is included in all full fares to allow attendees to fully enjoy the camaraderie as well as experience the guest speaker, contest winners and the Region members meeting. The budget attempts to cover expenses with a minimum of margin in order to keep the fare as low as possible and is not profit driven. Full fare Rail registration will be \$60 and Non-Rail full fare registration will be \$40. See separate Region convention budget spreadsheet.

Committee

The SCWD has already formed a committee to prepare this bid and the initial convention program. Many of the committee members have served on Regional and National convention committees or served as officers or directors at the region or division level. All are actively involved in SCWD activities.

Ken Hojnacki, Chair

Paul Mangan, Vice Chair

Phil Berry, Registration Chair/Treasurer

Bob Wundrock, Clinic Chair

Phil Hottmann, Layout Chair

Bill Clancy, Op Session Chair

Bill Weber, Door Prize Chair

Kathy Clancy—Program Chair

Bob McGeever-AV Chair

John Haverberg—Media Chair

Diane Haverberg—Non-Rail Co-Chair

Judy Vivion—Non-Rail Co-Chair

Don Mayo

Keith Thomsen

Mike Vivion

SCWD looks forward to working with and for the Region to provide a well-rounded and fun convention for our members. You can contact me directly at capitol400@charter.net or 608.332.9411 with questions or comments.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Hojnacki
Capital 400 Convention Chair

2018 Convention Budget and Actual Income & Expenses				As Of 4/21/17	
				Budget	
Category (Note 1)	Subcategory (Note 2)	Unit Amt	Quantity	Total	Notes
Expenses					
Speaker(s)	Rooms			0.00	
	Transportation			250.00	
	Miscellaneous (Note 3)			50.00	Per diem
	Subtotal			300.00	
Advertising	NMRA Magazine			0.00	
	Flyers			50.00	
	Miscellaneous (Note 3)			100.00	Paid ads
	Subtotal			150.00	
Banquet/Brunch	Facilities			200.00	
	Food	30.00	150	4,500.00	
	Bar			60.00	Cash bar service fee
	Subtotal			4,760.00	
Door Prizes				100.00	
Tour Costs	Layout Tour Signs			50.00	
	Subtotal			50.00	
Clinic Costs	Miscellaneous (Note 3)			300.00	AV, printing, honoraria
	Subtotal			300.00	
Facilities	Clinic Rooms			838.00	12/16 hotel deposit
	Contest Room			134.00	
	Hospitality Room			150.00	
	Board Mtg Room			300.00	
	Miscellaneous (Note 3)			300.00	Hospitality beverage service
	Subtotal			1,722.00	
Non-Rail	Clinic Room			148.00	
	Materials			150.00	
	Transportation			250.00	
	Subtotal			548.00	
Registration	Convention Program			700.00	
	Name Tags			200.00	
	Signs in Hotel			100.00	
	Miscellaneous (Note 3)			500.00	Materials, radios, unspecified exp.
	Subtotal			1,500.00	
Rail Pass Fee		9.95		0.00	
	Total Expenses			9,430.00	
Income					
Registrations	Pre-Convention Early Fare				
	Rail: Member	55.00	130	7,150.00	
	Rail: Non-Member	65.00		0.00	
	Non-Rail	40.00	20	800.00	
	Pre-Convention Full Fare				
	Rail: Member	65.00	0	0.00	
	Rail: Non-Member	75.00		0.00	
	Non-Rail	45.00	0	0.00	
	Banquet only	30.00	0	0.00	
	On-Site Extra Fare				
	Rail: Member			0.00	
	Rail: Non-Member			0.00	
	Non-Rail			0.00	
	Subtotal			7,950.00	
Tours Extra Fare	None				
	Subtotal			0.00	
Clinic Extra Fare	None				
	Subtotal			0.00	
Banquet or Brunch				0.00	
Miscellaneous (Note 3)				2,000.00	MWR Advance pending
	Total Income			9,950.00	
	Profit/Loss			520.00	
Notes:					
1. Do not add or delete Categories			Convention	Hotel Room	Night Summary
2. Add or delete Subcategories as necessary				Wednesday	
3. Explain under Notes				Thursday	
				Friday	
				Saturday	
				Sunday	
				Total	

Item 28

Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, April 30, 2017

To: Board of Directors

From: Bert Lattan & Jim Osborn

Date: February 2, 2017

Subject: Election Committee Report

The results of the election were:

For President	Steve Studley	78 Votes	
		Write-In	1
For Vice President	Reid Kahrs	76 Votes	
		Write-Ins	2
		No Vote	1
For Director-at-Large:	Dan Brewer	78 Votes	
		Gary Children	76
		Minton Dings	78
		Write-Ins	3
		No Vote	2

The winners of the election were:

For President	Steve Studley, Central Indiana Division
For Vice President	Reid Kahrs, Wisconsin Southeastern Division
For Director-at-Large:	Dan Brewer, Michiana Division
	Gary Children, Wisconsin Southeastern Division
	Minton Dings, Illinois Valley Division

The ballots were counted on February 2nd by Election Committee members Bert Lattan and Jim Osborn. A total of 83 ballots were submitted. There were 79 valid ballots and four invalid ballots. Two of the invalid ballots were submitted by members who were not resident in the Region; one did not include a name and one did not include a Division name or code.

Item 29**Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, April 30, 2017**

To: Board of Directors

From: Jim Osborn, Internet Committee Chm.

Date: April 9, 2017

Subject: Internet Committee Report

Assistance Requested

- 1) I need photo content to populate the model and prototype picture web pages. Division Supers, please send them to: webmaster@mwr-nmra.org
- 2) I have not yet received any clinic content for the "Clinic Resources" web page.

Activities Since Last Board Meeting

- 1) Made timely updates to the MWR web site per requests from National & the membership.
- 2) Assisted with the *Waybill* electronic publishing.
- 3) Posted current PDF versions of the *Waybill* on the web site.
- 4) Assisted with several miscellaneous Division web site issue and updates.
- 5) Managed the Constant Contact Account sharing email arrangement.
- 6) Website usage statistics posted on the next page.
- 7) Assisted the DuPage division with the redesign of their mobile friendly web site.

Planned Activities

- 1) Continue with the general management and maintenance of the MWR web site and internet activities as appropriate.
- 2) Continue to assist with publishing electronic *Waybill* notices.
- 3) Support any division web requirements as requested.

Item 31**Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, April 30, 2017**

To: Board of Directors

From: Ron Scharping

Date: April 8, 2017

Subject: Membership Coordinator's Report

Activities Since Last Board Meeting

Continued to provide membership information to Division membership coordinators on a monthly basis. Completed the elimination of the printed reports. RRVD has requested the continuation of printed reports for their Division. A Division roster, which now contains all of the information on the printed reports, is emailed to those coordinators with email accounts.

Provided an interface to National in the updating of membership records; address, phone, zip code, and email address changes.

Maintained a table of Region members who have "opted-out" of a printed *Waybill*.

Worked with the Region Secretary in trying to provide corrected email addresses for those email addresses which are determined to be bad. This is done via a postcard to the member. Continued working with the Region Secretary to synchronize the Region Constant Contact list and the National database email addresses.

Provided the *Waybill* editor with mailing addresses for those members receiving a printed copy of the *Waybill*. Managed a "postage due" account with the Post Office to facilitate handling of undeliverable *Waybills*.

Planned Activities

Continue the above.

Region Membership Data

Division	NMRA	Region	NMRA	Region	NMRA	Region	NMRA	Region
	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total
	(3/31/11)	(3/31/11)	(8/31/11)	(8/31/11)	(1/31/12)	(1/31/12)	(8/31/12)	(8/31/12)
1	298	114	279	102	267	101	253	84
2	154	44	149	42	151	45	146	44
3	179	57	169	56	163	53	157	45
5	100	31	100	31	89	35	97	35
6	236	82	233	75	236	76	231	81
7	32	10	32	10	31	13	27	8
9	262	87	251	85	248	82	244	77
10	111	37	103	39	99	40	93	33
11	240	88	239	92	233	93	244	97
15	90	29	86	29	85	34	89	35
Out of Reg.	47	47	53	53	57	57	62	62
Grand Total	1749	626	1694	614	1659	629	1643	601

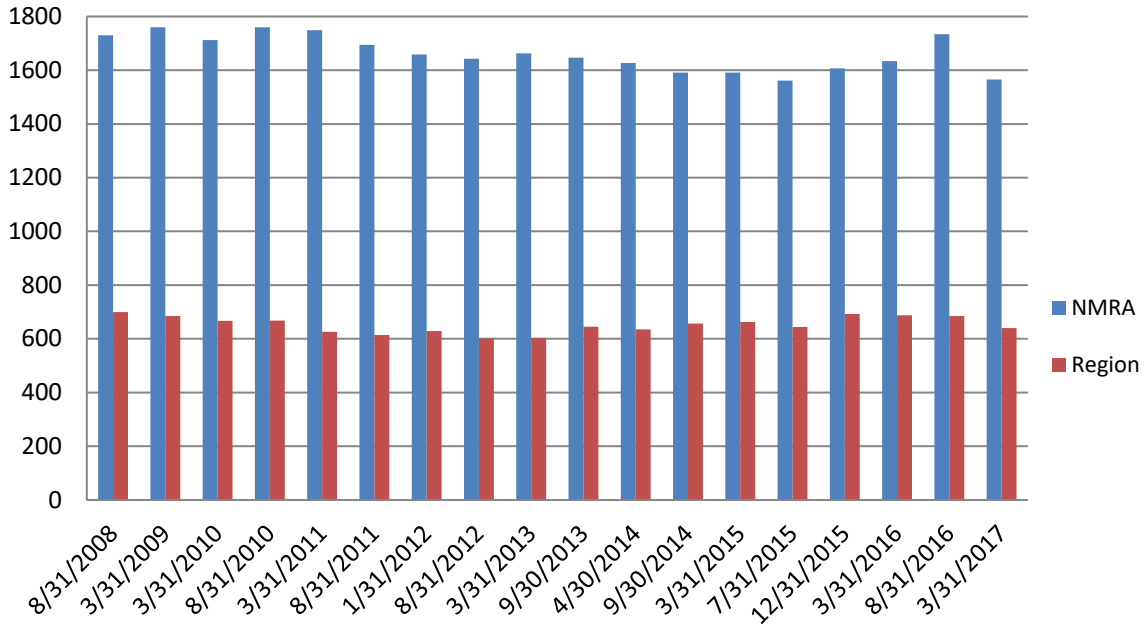
Region Membership Data (Con't)

Division	NMRA	Region	NMRA	Region	NMRA	Region	NMRA	Region
	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total
	(3/31/13)	(3/31/13)	(9/30/13)	(9/30/13)	(3/31/14)	(3/31/14)	(9/30/14)	(9/30/14)
1	244	78	252	94	239	87	228	89
2	149	47	154	45	153	40	158	40
3	149	39	146	44	144	47	138	52
5	106	35	101	35	99	35	99	37
6	249	82	237	89	233	92	225	92
7	25	9	25	12	20	9	19	8
9	240	72	224	71	226	66	219	67
10	86	33	91	30	89	26	86	26
11	247	94	237	97	243	99	232	101
15	91	37	83	31	75	28	73	31
Out of Reg.	77	77	97	97	106	106	114	114
Grand Total	1663	603	1647	645	1627	635	1591	657

Division	NMRA	Region	NMRA	Region	NMRA	Region	NMRA	Region
	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total
	(3/31/15)	(3/31/15)	(7/31/15)	(7/31/15)	(12/31/15)	(12/31/15)	(3/31/16)	(3/13/16)
1	219	90	215	86	223	89	222	85
2	164	47	159	48	160	54	165	51
3	138	53	141	52	145	58	140	56
5	100	38	102	36	93	35	92	35
6	220	85	211	86	225	87	252	99
7	20	7	20	7	20	8	24	9
9	217	68	209	67	220	70	220	69
10	91	26	90	27	93	30	92	31
11	227	97	226	95	220	94	221	91
15	79	36	80	36	78	38	80	36
Out of Reg.	116	116	108	104	130	130	126	126
Grand Total	1591	663	1561	644	1607	693	1634	688

Division	NMRA	Region	NMRA	Region
	Total	Total	Total	Total
	(8/31/16)	(8/31/16)	(3/31/17)	(3/31/17)
1	206	82	194	75
2	161	44	156	44
3	134	54	127	47
5	97	39	99	42
6	357	106	258	101
7	32	10	27	9
9	227	79	218	69
10	88	29	88	28
11	232	96	217	91
15	89	35	82	35
Out of Reg.	111	111	99	99
Grand Total	1734	685	1565	640

Membership



Item 35

Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, April 30, 2017

To: Board of Directors

From: Minton Dings, Youth Committee

Date: April 10, 2017

Subject: Report of Activity

Activities since Last Board Meeting

- Gathered information regarding the Midwest Region's Youth Program.
- Reviewing the plan for support of youth programs offered by divisions and division supported activities.
- Wrote an article for the region's newsletter, the Waybill, to inform the divisions and membership of the existence of the youth program.
- Writing a report to the Board of Directors concerning updating the specifics of the program. This will be presented at the April 30 Board meeting. This report is more questions regarding the program than new proposals.

Planned Activities

- Revise the program for approval at the fall meeting of the Board of Directors
- Consider and process any requests which come from division supported activities within the framework of the presently written policy.

Attached file: Youth Fund Assessment to BOD 04302017.pdf

REPORT TO THE MIDWEST REGION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**REVIEW OF MIDWEST REGION YOUTH FUND PROGRAM
QUESTIONS, CONCERNS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

April 30, 2017

This report includes the following:

History:

Item 82, MWR BOD Minutes, October 5, 2008 (Underlined wording pertains to the Youth Program.)

Item 83, MWR BOD Minutes, October 5, 2008, Youth Development Fund Committee Report

Item 84, MWR BOD Minutes, October 5, 2008, 3.12 Youth Fund Policy

Item, 85, MWR BOD Minutes, October 5, 2008, Youth Fund Budget Requests for 2005

Item 88, MWR BOD Minutes, April 19, 2009, Midwest Region Youth Fund, Mission and Enactment Statements

Review of Program Report, April 30, 2017, Questions, Concerns and Recommendations

Gary Children said he had received a Certificate of Liability Insurance for 2008-2009. The Certificate is attached as Item 82.

Old Business

Tim Schubert said attorney review of our draft 501(c)(3) application is in progress. He is optimistic about getting the application filed later this year or early next year.

The Board discussed the Nominating Committee report. Since there were no nominations from the floor, on motion by Jim Osborn, seconded by Dave Poquette, the Board unanimously slated the following candidates for the 2009 election:

For President	Bill Litkenhous, Central Indiana Division
For Vice President	Paul Mangan, South Central Wisconsin Division
For Director-at-Large	Chris Roeben, South Central Wisconsin Division Jim Wise, Illinois Valley Division Duke Yerman, North Shore & Western Division

On behalf of Don Brindle, Bert Lattan reviewed the flyer attached as Item 81 regarding Rockford Route – Ride the Line 2009, the Region’s 2009 Spring Convention at the Clock Tower Resort & Conference Center in Rockford, Illinois. Dates are April 17, 18 & 19. A registration form will be included in the Winter 2008 *Waybill*.

Due to the NMRA 75th Anniversary National Convention in Milwaukee, there will be no 2010 Spring Convention. However, the Region will need to hold an Annual Meeting of Members and a Spring Board of Directors meeting. Paul Mangan said that SCWD planned to hold the 2011 Spring Convention at the Radisson Hotel Madison. The Region needs convention bids for 2012 and later years.

The Board discussed the Rock River Valley Division’s request for \$847.11 from the Youth Fund and Capt. Nelson’s recommendation for a \$425.00 grant. During the discussion the Board asked the Secretary to research and report on past Board actions with respect to the Youth Fund. Following the discussion, on motion by Bill Litkenhous, seconded by Jim Wise, the Board approved a \$425 Youth Fund grant for the Rock River Valley Division.

(Secretary’s Note: As requested, I have researched Board action regarding the Youth Fund. The October 11, 1997 Board meeting minutes include the following paragraph: “A discussion was held relating to the unexpected profits from the National Auction. The \$5,171.00 will be placed into a special account and held unused until a committee can draft a special motion for assigned use to support ‘youth in scouting’ as an escrow account.”

At the January 17, 1998 meeting, Bob Guinter volunteered to be a member of the committee. At the April 19, 1998 meeting, Bob submitted a draft resolution for a Youth Development Fund (copy attached as Item 83). A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the proposal for further review. In subsequent minutes, the Youth Fund was included in the Treasurer’s report, but I could not find a motion adopting this resolution.

At the May 7, 2000 meeting, a \$338.00 donation to the Youth Fund from the Lake Junction 2000 auction proceeds was reported. At the August 24, 2002 meeting a \$931.77 donation to the Youth Fund by the Park Ridge & Western Modelers Society was reported.

Also at the August 24, 2002 meeting, the Board approved the current Youth Fund Policies & Procedures. They are attached as Item 84. At the September 27, 2003 meeting, Dick Cecil appointed a committee to make recommendations regarding the Youth Fund. The committee reported its ideas at the December 24, 2004 meeting. Because the Board was unable to reach a consensus on the committee's recommendations, it decided to ask the Divisions for input. Accordingly, I sent the e-mail attached as Item 85 to the Division Superintendents.

At the April 24, 2005 meeting, the Board funded four requests, two in cash and two in kind. The minutes included the following commentary: "Although the Youth Fund was created almost eight years ago, this is the first time that the Youth Fund has granted money to a Division or allocated car kits to a Division without reimbursement. From the discussion, the Board expects to continue funding Division youth programs on a case-by-case basis, but it prefers programs where there is a direct correlation between the requested funding and the youth being served."

The Board approved another cash grant on April 22, 2007. At the May 11, 2008 meeting, the process for requesting funds stated in Item 85 was reviewed. That resulted in the request considered at this meeting.)

New Business

On motion by Dave Poquette, seconded by Paul Mangan, the Board approved the appointment of David Leider as *Waybill* Editor (Publications Committee Chairman).

Announcements

Gary Children thanked the DuPage Division for hosting the Board meeting and providing lunch.

Gary Children said that the Spring 2009 meeting of the Board will be held on Sunday, April 19, 2009 at the Clock Tower Resort & Conference Center in Rockford, Illinois. The meeting will begin at 9:00 am.

On motion by Dave Poquette, seconded by Chris Roeben, the meeting was adjourned at 12:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bert Lattan
Secretary

Item 83

Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, October 5, 2008

Note: The following is a draft motion that was submitted to the April 19, 1998 meeting of the Board. It was accepted for review, but never adopted.

MIDWEST REGION, N.M.R.A.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUND COMMITTEE REPORT

RESOLVED:

That the monies received by the Midwest Region from the auction at the 1997 National Convention in Madison, Wisconsin, shall be designated as the Youth Development Fund.

That these funds be used only to encourage young people to join the N.M.R.A. through programs such as: "Make and Take" where young people are coached to build a model railroad car at train shows and take it with them when they complete it; the Boy Scout Railroading Merit Badge program where Scouts are aided in their efforts by N.M.R.A. member counselors; and similar programs which may come to the Midwest Region Board's attention.

That the disposition of the funds be managed by the Midwest Region Board of Directors who shall respond to written requests for funding assistance at regular board meetings. This fund may not be used for any operating finances of the Region.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That if the Region begins collecting dues of its members this Fund shall become a part of the Region's budget and be funded from the dues collected. The amount set aside for this item of the budget shall be determined by the Region Board of Directors when the operating budget is developed.

Item 84

Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, October 5, 2008

3.12 Youth Fund

Policy

The Midwest Region of the National Model Railroad Association has established a monetary account officially known as the Midwest Region Youth Fund. The purpose of this fund is to make available printed educational materials, tools and other necessary items to introduce youth to the hobby of model railroading.

1. Printed materials available are in abbreviated booklet form for individual students, accompanied by a full set of instructions for the sponsoring organization.
2. Basic tools available at present are 2-piece small screwdriver set, 12-piece file set & 6-blade hobby knife set.
3. Model railroad freight car kits are available at a very minimal price.
4. Region Youth Fund Chairman is available for travel to organizations wishing to conduct a "Rail School" for 15 or more students simultaneously. This is to be a one-time trip per organization to assist in the set up and operation of a rail school. A two-month lead time request is necessary to acquire services of Chairman.
5. Organizational activities must be approved by recommendation of Youth Fund Chairman to Board of Directors prior to reimbursement for any expenses incurred in youth activities.
6. Upon establishment of an activity, it shall become listed as a procedure and no further Board of Directors approval is necessary, provided materials and supplies are purchased through Midwest Region Youth Fund.
7. THE OBJECTIVE OF MIDWEST REGION IS TO MAINTAIN THE PRINCIPAL OF THIS FUND USING INVESTMENT EARNINGS TO FINANCE GENERAL OPERATIONS AND INCIDENTAL COSTS.

Procedures

Boy Scouts of America Merit Badge.

1. Scout registration fee of \$8.00 covers purchase of two model rail cars, printed study booklet, and use of available tools.
2. Sponsor organization will purchase from Midwest Region Youth Fund two model rail cars and printed study booklet for each scout at a cost of \$6.50 per scout.

3. Additional \$1.50 collected by sponsor organization will be used to purchase basic tools, as indicated in policy sheet, and any rental or associated charges connected with event.
4. Charges to individual scout (\$8.00) may be waived or reduced by sponsoring organization at their discretion; however the \$6.50 per scout cost payable to Midwest region is not negotiable.
5. MB101 form shall be returned to Midwest Region for reference.
6. Name, address and NMRA Membership number of instructors to be furnished to Youth Chairman for submission to National Model Railroad Association for Association Volunteer Credit.

Item 85

Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, October 5, 2008

From: (Secretary)
To: (Division Superintendents)
Cc: (President)
(Treasurer)
(Youth Committee Chairman)
Subject: Youth Fund Budget Requests for 2005;
Reply Requested by February 15, 2005
Date: Thu, 16 Dec 2004

Since the Youth Fund was established several years ago, the Midwest Region Board of Directors has struggled to develop a policy for utilization of the fund. Some Directors believe the fund should be used to purchase rolling stock or other kits for use in youth "make & take" programs. Others think the fund should be used to underwrite NMRA youth memberships or subscriptions to model railroading magazines. Or to provide "per capita" reimbursements to Divisions to help finance their youth programs. Or to...

Unfortunately, no consensus for utilization of the fund has developed. As a result, at its meeting on Sunday, December 12, 2004, the Board decided to ask the Divisions to submit budget requests for utilization of the fund in 2005. If your Division wants to participate, please prepare a budget request describing your youth program. Include the number of youth participating in your 2005 program, the expected cost per capita and the expected total cost of the program. E-mail your budget request and any supporting material to (the) Region Treasurer, and to (the) Youth Fund Chair.

(They) must receive your request no later than Tuesday, February 15, 2005. They will review your request and submit it to the Board for consideration at its meeting on Sunday, April 24, 2005, during the Region's Spring Convention in Madison, Wisconsin. You will be advised of the results of the Board's consideration of your request shortly after the meeting. Because the Board may fund all of your request, some of your request or none of your request, do not make any commitments prior to being advised of the Board's action that you are not prepared to fund exclusively from your Division's resources.

If you have any questions about this e-mail, please contact (the Treasurer).

Secretary, Midwest Region

Item 88

Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, April 19, 2009

Midwest Region Youth Fund

Mission: To promote the interest and participation of youth in the model railroad hobby.

Enactment: Implementation shall be, but not limited to, the following activities.

1. Advisor instruction and guidance to:
 - a. Youth model railroad clubs.
 - b. Boy Scout merit badge.
 - c. Rail school activities.
 - d. Rail show "Make & Take" projects
(With the exception of a. & b. an adult must accompany each child.)
2. Financial support coverage of:
 - a. Kits required for projects @100%
 - b. Modeling materials required @ 100%
 - c. Miscellaneous supplies: glue etc. @ 100%
 - d. Tools required; knife, screwdriver, file etc. @ 50%
3. Method of payment:
 - a. Report of activity submitted with request for payment to Youth Fund Chairman for review and evaluation to include:
 - 1) Essay explanation of event date and location, project undertaken, public adult participation, youth participants, and sponsoring organization volunteers participating and hours expended.
 - 2) Detailed accounting of expenses for materials, kits, tools, awards, etc.
 - 3) General review statements from public participants.
 - 4) Supporting photographs, if available.
 - 5) Request for payment must be submitted at least 30 days prior to next Board of Directors meeting.
 - b. Payment will be limited to \$500.00 maximum per division per year.

REPORT TO THE MIDWEST REGION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

REVIEW OF MIDWEST REGION YOUTH FUND PROGRAM QUESTIONS, CONCERNS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

April 30, 2017

Following my appointment as the Youth Committee Chair at the October 2, 2016 meeting of the Midwest Region Board of Directors, I contacted Capt. Al Nelson to inquire about the Youth Program and request whatever papers, forms and history he had on the program. He reported that none of that information was now in his possession. He had sent all of it to "the people in Madison." My search for the information on the Youth Program produced no one who knew of the existence of paperwork or information except Bert Lattan who sent me the information contained in the preceding pages that I have provided of this report as history of the Youth Program and Committee.

I have reviewed the items and submit the following questions, concerns and possible recommendations which should be considered at the next meeting of the Board of Directors in the fall.

Item 82, October 5, 2008:

The underlined portion indicates the action on the Rock River Valley Division request for funding, history of the Youth Fund and Board approval of funds.

Item 83, October 5, 2008:

No comment.

Item 84, October 5, 2008:

Policy:

1. Policy mentions materials available are in an abbreviated booklet form for the individual students, accompanied by a full set of instructions for the sponsoring organization. Are there copies of the student and sponsoring organization book available? Did they ever exist? Where might we find one or more? Probably, if found, they would need to be revised?
2. Were there basic tools, who was the custodian of these tools and should they be replenished as a part of the program? Maybe, rather than keeping an inventory of tools, an amount should be designated to be spent on tools for each student. If tools were to be supplied by the Youth Program, it would be quite possible that an event would involve more students than the Youth Program would have tools on hand.
3. Are railroad freight car kits on hand?
4. If the Youth Fund Chairman is to be available to be a resource to organizations wishing to conduct a "Rail School," then this Youth Fund Chairman needs to experience a rail school or two to gain a measure of competence.
5. 5. ...
6. 6.
7. If it is the objective of the Youth Fund Policy to use its investment earnings to finance general operations and incidental costs, at the current interest and investment rates, funding would not be

sufficient to carry on the program as described in Item 88 of \$500.00 per division. How would funding be provided, replenished or would the fund be allowed to expire?

Procedures: Boy Scouts of America Merit Badge

1. (Including paragraphs 2 and 3) Funds to be collected suggested here are not sufficient to cover the costs of 2 freight cars, tools and the scout book needed for the program. The intent of these paragraphs is not clear as to who is to pay for the listed items. (Inexpensive Accurail kits cost between \$15.00 and \$17.50 each and basic tools between \$15.00 and \$25.00.
2.
3.
4. Costs are not realistic.
5. Form MB101? What is this form? Is it an application form or it is a follow-up report on the results of the "rail school" or boy scout event?
6.

Item 85, October 5, 2008

No comment.

Item 88, April 19, 2009

1.
2. Percentages might have to be adjusted to partial funding from full funding depending on decisions made on issues presented in comments in Item 84.

Recommendations:

1. A short-term committee be appointed of members experienced with youth rail schools, Boy Scout Merit Badge programs and similar events, along with members familiar with the Youth Program, to review the Youth Program and consider specific recommendations.
2. Bring recommendations for updating the Youth Fund Program to the fall 2017 meeting of the Board of Directors.

Item 41

Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, April 30, 2017

To: Board of Directors

From: Dan Brewer, Director-at-Large

Date: April 30, 2017

Subject: Michiana Division Report

Activities Since Last Board Meeting

Since January we've had regular meetings that will continue through May. After that we'll be working on our annual Education & Training Conference. President Bob Blake is working hard to line up top notch clinicians for our fall conference, while Secretary Neal Thomas continues his tireless effort to contact roster members and others to encourage participation and new membership.

January Meeting: If you've attended the Michiana Division Conference in the last two or three years, you're familiar with the incredible structures built by Rod Thomson. Rod is a retired architect and we certainly enjoyed hearing about his modeling and construction methods. Last year featured his Acid Plant which is a companion to the Zinc Smelter that he brought the previous year. His layout is based on the railroads, mining and smelters around Mineral Point, Wisconsin, southwest of Madison in 1917, the year of peak zinc production to mix with copper to make brass shell casings for WWI.

February Meeting: One of our members, Chuck Hart, hosted us at the Elkhart Model Railroad Club. Chuck is a long time member of the club and provided a great presentation on the club's history and model railroading focus. We hope to add them as an all NMRA club.

March Meeting: We covered BOD elections and our current BOD was retained. Bob Blake gave a talk on operations, and challenged the attendees with a switching puzzle handout. We also had a spirited roundtable discussion of each attendee's modeling efforts. It was great to hear about everyone's layout. Ron Christensen then showed a PowerPoint about his C&NW and Milwaukee Road layout. Ron also offered to host an informal OP session later that month. Ron is a prolific modeler and author and routinely posts to social media. His HO model railroad is based on the real CN&W and the Milwaukee Road from Chicago to Council Bluffs. The location is the central part of Iowa where the two railroads crossed at Tama, Iowa. His time frame is 1959.

On a somber note, we lost one of our newest members and my ND colleague, Mike Alexander, to cancer this month. One of Mike's last wishes was to have me find a new home for the layout tables that covered his 3000 Sq. Ft basement. I was honored to accept some of his flawless work, while the remainder went to member Jason Cook's home near Fort Wayne, IN; R.I.P. Mike!

April Meeting: Ron Christensen is our presenter in April when the topic will be "Corn Belt Elevators in the Boxcar Era".

Planned Activities

May Meeting: All things electronic!

June-August, it will be all hands on deck as we prepare for this year's Education & Training Conference "Modeling like a PROTOTYPE" on September 22-23 2017 at the University of Notre Dame's McKenna Hall & Conference Center. We hope to see many of you there again this year!

Item 43

Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, April 30, 2017

To: Board of Directors

From: Minton Dings, Director-at-Large

Date: April 10, 2017

Subject: Report of Activity

Activities since Last Board Meeting

- Continue to be Assistant Superintendent for the Illinois Valley Division
- Continue to be the editor of the IVD Newsletter, the TIMETABLE
- Continue to offer clinics on model railroading subjects
- Continue to author subjects on model railroading to whoever wants to print them, currently published by a non-profit educational model railroading organization located in Bradenton, Florida
- Am a Boy Scout merit badge counselor in railroading
- Reviewing the Youth Program as the newly assigned Youth Committee Chair. See Separate Report

Planned Activities

- Continue the above activities

Item 47

Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, April 30, 2017

To: Board of Directors

From: Paul Wussow

Date: For April 30, 2017

Subject: DAL Report

Activities since Last Board Meeting

Opportunities, as many of you know I am President of the Three Lakes Club which is working very closely with the Three Lakes School system and the town Library on youth education in Science, Engineering, Technology, Math and Art. We have added History and Reading over the past school year. We provide an outreach aiming at a wider population than EduTRAIN which is aimed internally at NMRA Members. We are aiming at the youth of our community and beyond, as far as upper MI.

Our close relationship with the MIT grant based Fab Lab in the Three Lakes School has given our members a chance to add to the outreach of the lab to all levels of the K-12 Education in Three Lakes Schools.

The Club operating HO scale modules provide for the development of Basic Electrical, Computer Education, Art, and Local History. Not every activity in the schools uses our Modules but rather some use our Arduino programming and signal systems on breadboards which can easily be used in classrooms throughout the grade levels of the school system from Elementary, to Middle School and High School classes.

Many of the classes that use club developed resources are presented by the Director of the Fab Lab or teachers who have worked with us in the lab using programs and equipment provided by members of the NMRA Club.

An effort is being made to have a state-wide program to bring groups of teachers from all levels of the K-12 program to the Fab Lab Three Lakes to spend a week learning how to bring the process used in Three Lakes to their own schools. If this program would bring 3 groups of 8 teachers from around the state to have the chance to spend a week in the Fab Lab learning how to integrate these programs into their schools.

This brings up opportunities for the NMRA Region and Divisions to provide support to schools that participate in this program. I noticed we have an Education coordinator and a Youth Committee Chairmen. Most Divisions do not list anyone in these roles or they have their scouting position vacant. If this program goes as well as the Fab Lab training program in WI we will see many opportunities to reach out to the schools to help with their STEAM programs, if we have personnel.

This is not something the Three Lakes Club can do on its own and while many NMRA activities are aimed internally the outreach brings Model Railroading to a large community of young people in their schools.

Working with School systems may not be easy as each state and district may have different requirements for outside participation with students. In IL, I had to go through the full background check and take courses that all teachers must take each year. In WI, we work with a staff member and are not placed in charge of students on our own. Also, School calendars can cause problems

with other participant's activities. I am having to be at a school during the Midwest Region Convention and will miss a board meeting while fulfilling my commitment to the school system.

This month in the Amateur Radio Relay League (ARRL) there is a major article titled ARRL Seeking Synergy with Maker Movement. They point out that while the Ham Radio operators were some of the original Makers, building radio transmitting and receiving equipment, they have lost touch with the current day Makers. (Many model railroaders did and have done the same) The ARRL points out that Thousands more people attend Maker Faires than their largest Hamfest. They point out that groups of Ham operators have started to have small tables at Maker Faires where they have small quick Make It projects that call attention to Amateur Radio. (I was building a boxcar while talking to stations around the country a few weeks ago)

In our activities at the schools we touch on:

AC, DC, DCC, LEDs, Resistors, Integrated Circuits, Single Board Computers and Motors as part of the Electrical activities of these programs. (we learned surface mount soldering last week) The club presented a demonstration of DCC and JMRI interfaced with sound locomotives which brings new life and many questions leading to additional systems learning and interest in model railroading.

Measuring, Drafting, and laser cutting or 3D printing are part of the Structures and Prototype activities while setting the scene of local historical structures. Rendering prototypical scenic modules demonstrates understanding of the terrain in which historic Structures were located while showing locations that are in the local towns history books.

Computers programed with student developed truth tables to control signals and crossing safety lights lead to an understanding of Positive Train Control and how complex such a system is to build and maintain.

Our members have been able to spread the word about STEM education around the country via grandchildren in the scouting Nova Awards programs.

Planned Activities

I continue to be a Boy Scout merit badge and NOVA counselor.

I am requesting that our summer Make It! Camp be considered a Region Educational (STEM) event This is done in co-operation with the local Library and Fab Lab. This year we are including an extra day featuring modules from the Three Lakes Club 3 of which have local history included. These will also have the Arduino computer interface for students to plug into the modules and control signals and crossing safety flashers with their programs.

I request that at the start of the fall semester the Region supports the club bringing their modules to the Sugar Camp Elementary School for a week of STEM (STEAM with History) lessons.

I have had discussions with Charlie and Frank to try and find ways to give recognition to the Three Lakes Club members who give of their time and money to make these outreaches possible. I feel that as NNMRA Midwest Regional events we can publish and give recognition to our members.

As I have been asked to serve as Region Secretary I will have new region responsibilities to learn.

Item _51_

Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, April 30, 2017

To: Board of Directors

From: Keith Clark

Date: April 16, 2017

Subject: CID Board Report

Activities Since Last Board Meeting

October 9, 2016 – CID Board Meeting

Location was in Indianapolis at the Wayne Branch of the Marion County Public Library with a start time of 1:30pm.

October 16, 2016 – Carmel Library Show

Arrangements are made with the portable layout owners to have their portable layouts on display. We had about 8 layout on display. This is always a popular day for the library patrons and draws upwards to 800 kids and parents.

November 19, 2016 – CID Danville Meet

The meet was held at the Hendricks County Fair Grounds in Danville, Indiana.

December 4, 2016 – CID Board Meeting

Location was in Indianapolis at the Wayne Branch of the Marion County Public Library with a start time of 1:30pm.

January 29, 2017 – CID Noblesville Meet

The meet was held at the Hamilton County Fair Grounds in Noblesville, Indiana.

February 4&5, 2017 – Great Train Show

This was held at the Indiana State Fair Grounds. We had our CID booth at this event to promote the hobby of model railroading and the NMRA.

February 12 – CID Board Meeting

Location was in Indianapolis at the Wayne Branch of the Marion County Public Library with a start time of 1:30pm.

March 11, 2017 – Spring Modeler's Meet

The meet was held in Indianapolis at the Irvington Presbyterian Church. The theme was Electronic Lighting Projects and there were about 24 members in attendance.

April 2, 2017 – CID Martinsville Meet

The meet was held at the Martinsville Plaza in Martinsville, Indiana. The CID Annual Meeting took place at this meet.

April 9, 2017 – CID Board Meeting

Location was in Indianapolis at the Wayne Branch of the Marion County Public Library with a start time of 1:30pm.

April 22, 2017 – CID Spring Layout Tour

This tour was held in the Bloomington, Indiana area and had six layouts open for CID and NMRA members to visit. The layouts were open from 10am to 4pm.

Planned Activities**May 6, 2017 – Late Spring Modeler's Meet**

The meet will be held at the Columbus Area Model Railroad Club at the Johnson County Park in Edinburg, Indiana. The theme will be on types of operations for model railroads with 2 clinics being presented on the topic.

June 11, 2017 – CID Board Meeting

Location will be in Indianapolis at the Wayne Branch of the Marion County Public Library with a start time of 1:30pm.

August – CID Executive Team Picnic & Meeting

The date will be either August 13th or the 20th and location is to be announced. This is a closed meeting of the board and is not open to the regular CID members.

September 16, 2017 – Fall Modeler's Meet

The meet will be held at the Wilson Church in Zionsville, Indiana. The theme for this event has not yet been selected.

October 1, 2017 – CID Board Meeting

Location will be in Indianapolis at the Wayne Branch of the Marion County Public Library with a start time of 1:30pm

November 4, 2017 – Carmel Library Show

Arrangements are made with the portable layout owners to have their portable layouts on display. This is always a popular day for the library patrons and draws upwards to 800 kids and parents.

Item _52_

Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, April 30, 2017

To: Board of Directors

From: Alan Basic, DuPage Div Superintendent

Date: April 10, 2017

Subject: Activities since last meeting

Activities since Last Board Meeting

Division Christmas Party at December meeting

Dave Leider presentation at March meeting on Soo Line RR

Cancelled Model Railroading 101 Seminar in February for lack of registrants

All American Railroad Show in March a huge success, biggest attendance in 5 years

Elected new Superintendent and Chief Clerk in March

Planned Activities

Last meeting of season will be May 7, Show and Tell from members

Item 53

To: Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA

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

Date: April 30, 2017

Subject: Fox Valley Division Report

Activities since Last Board Meeting

- The FVD has continued conducting monthly division meets, typically on the third Sunday of the month, at the Gary Morava Recreation Center, a facility of the Mount Prospect, IL, Park District. Meetings include news and events, a feature presentation and model contest. Our monthly average attendance at our meets remains between 35 and 40 members (37 average).
- On December 11, 2016; February 12 and April 9, 2017; FVD participated with a membership promotion table at the Great Midwest Train Show, also known as the DuPage swap, at the DuPage County Fairgrounds in Wheaton, IL. We trade-off every – other month with the DuPage Division on the same table space which is made available to us from the Great Midwest Train Show management at no cost. Thanks to Randy Bachmann, Show Mgr.
- In March, we did not conduct our annual train show, High Wheeler, due to suspending it because of impending renovations of the spaces in Building M at Harper College in Palatine, IL, which started on April 3, 2017. We hosted a regular member meeting at the Morava Recreation Center instead, which really felt strange. A search for a suitable alternate location continues.
- Division elections were held at the April meeting for Assistant Superintendent and Paymaster positions. Ingrid Drozdak was candidate for Assistant Superintendent and Tim Kleimeyer, Incumbant Paymaster, was candidate for another term. At the MWR Meeting, I will be able to confirm the election results.

Planned Activities

- FVD volunteer members will be participating again this year in Westwood Elementary School's World of Wonder Day event on May 12 at the school in Woodstock, IL. One of our members is a 5th Grade teacher at the school. This is a ½ day-long event with interior and exterior activities for the students to have hands-on experiences with Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)-related items. We plan on taking the MWR's Timesaver layout. It was a big hit with the students AND staff last year. The new Timesaver garnered much interest as several of the teachers used the activity as a team-building effort as the students, as a group, made decisions and planned the switching moves while the teacher ran the locomotive. It was interesting to watch the students "coach" their teacher on what move to make next. We are looking forward to returning.
- FVD members also plan on participating in the Railroad Day event in the Village of Franklin Park, IL, on June 10th, featuring 12" -to-the-foot-scale locomotives and rolling stock from several area railroads. Tours of the loco cabs are made available during the day. We will have our promotion table items on display.
- At this writing our Summer outing has yet to be decided, but we have several options on the table to decide.
- Continue evaluation of potential future FVD High Wheeler Train Show location for 2018. Our current venue (Harper College, Building M, Palatine, IL) is not available in 2017 and the construction schedule goes

into July of 2018, making it unavailable until 2019. Without commitment from the college, the future of our show at this site is in jeopardy. We have been evaluating other potential venues thus far without success finding a location that meets our logistic needs. We also will need to determine if the FVD membership is still interested in running the show. Member participation and manpower to run the show has been dwindling over the years. As of this writing, no one has stepped forward as show coordinator.

- Continue the bi-monthly promotion of the NMRA and the division at the Great Midwest Train Show (aka: the Wheaton swap meet) in conjunction with the DuPage Div.
- Continue the monthly meet format and activities for the foreseeable future.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael L. Hirvela
Superintendent, FVD

Item 54

To: Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA

Illinois Terminal Division 2016-2017 Annual Report, April 2017

The Illinois Terminal Division (ITD), Midwest Region, National Model Railroad Association continues to hold regular monthly meetings, including during the summer. Typically, these take place at a rotating member home layout. From time to time, in addition to the brief business meeting, this also includes a short how-to clinic or a show-and-tell, although I hope this will take place more regularly at each meeting.

We hosted Minton Dings, MMR, some time ago, who gave us a run-down on the AP program. Since then, Mike Lehman has received the Golden Spike for his layout and at least one member will be bringing an entry for the regional convention contest for judging there. It's a small start, but we hope to see more active ITD participation in AP in the future.

Two members hosted operating sessions before and after the 2016 Indianapolis NMRA National Convention on their layouts, although we're about two hours west of Indy. All involved enjoyed the time together and the OPSIG folks involved issued certificates of participation to Mike Lehman and Rick Schroeder. A number of members made their way to Indy for the convention, the National Train Show, or both and all reported having a great time.

The ITD staffed its table at the Lincoln Square (Urbana) Train Show on April 1-2, 2017. We talked with many old friends, with as many as half a dozen members hanging around the table Saturday afternoon (pretty darn good when your division is about 2 dozen total.) Divisional membership is holding roughly steady, although efforts continue to recruit new members at every opportunity.

Submitted by Mike Lehman, ITD Superintendent

Item __55__

To: Board of Directors

From: Michael Shockley, IVD Superintendent

Date: April 12, 2017

Subject: Illinois Valley Division Report

Activities Since Last Board Meeting

November, 11, 2016 meet McLean IL

January 8, 2017 meet Havana IL

March 12, 2017 meet Peoria IL

Appointed two new officers, Trainmasters-At-Large

Dave Hawkey, District 1

Rod Price, District 5

Addresses/contact info provided separately

Numerous presences with layout and table for membership drive

Layout at Spoon River Drive Lewistown IL Oct 1,2,8,9,15,16, 2016

ICC trainfair November 2016 and February 2017

Springfield Trainfair March 2017

Trains in the Heartland April 8,9 2017

Planned Activities

Table only at Galesburg RR Days

Meet at Spring Valley May 21, 2017

Meet at Lewistown, IL Sep 10, 2017

Item _58__

Midwest Region, NMRA, April 30 2017

To: Board of Directors

From: Bob McGeever SCWD Superintendent

Date: April 16 2017

Subject: South Central Wisconsin Division Report

Activities since Last Board Meeting

- The Division held its Regular meetings in November, December, February, March, and April with clinics, model contest, photo contest, door prizes, and layout tours afterwards.
- The Division held its annual meeting of the membership and Board of Directors election in April 2017.
- The Annual Modeling Project judging took place at Regular Division Meeting in April.
- The annual Rail School was held in January 2017. Attendance was about 130.
- The 50th Annual Mad City Rail Show was held on February 18 and 19. Paid attendance was about 7,600.
- The Division has been promoting attendance at the April 2017 Golden Rails Regional Convention in Rockford Illinois.
- The Division started the planning process for the April 2018 Capitol400 Regional Convention to be held in Madison Wisconsin.
- An Op Session was held for the Youth Group.

Planned Activities

- Joint Division meeting with RRVD in May in Rockford.
- The Division is planning a spring rail fan trip to the Illinois Railroad Museum on June 10.
- Annual Awards Banquet on May 19.
- Annual Summer Picnic on July 15.
- Regular Division meetings on summer hiatus. Will resume in September 2017.
- January 2018 Rail School.
- The 51th Annual Mad City Rail Show February 17 and 18.
- Promote SCWD attendance at the July 2017 National Convention in Orlando.

Item 59.

Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, April 30, 2017

To: Board of Directors

From: John Leow

Date: 04/12/2017

Subject: Director's Report - Winnebagoland Division (WLD)

Activities Since Last Board Meeting

The WLD had its Fall Meet in Marquette, Michigan on October 14-15, 2016. We tried to make this meet a little bigger than usual as an incentive for folks to make the trip to the U.P. Friday was a full day, with a photo chase of the Mineral Range Railroad in the morning, a tour of the Lundin Mining Company's Humbolt Mill in the afternoon, and operating sessions in the evening. Approximately 40 people attended the meet on Saturday, and had the opportunity to attend clinics on Upper Peninsula history (early mining, logging, and Copper Country railroading) and/or modeling (operations, signaling, and improving your modeling). There were the ubiquitous model and photo contests, as well as a luncheon and speaker who gave a presentation of 3-D historic photos. The Division also presented the Quincy Hoist Association with a donation to aid the restoration of Quincy and Torch Lake RR locomotive #6 in Hancock. I think everyone had a great time.

The Fall Operating session was also held in October, and was hosted by the FROG operating group in the Appleton area. There were a few last-minute rearrangements, but the sessions were a success.

We had our quarterly board meeting on January 14, 2017 at the SLHTS Archive in Appleton. Topics on the agenda included: Division brochures, Board member duties, reports on recent meet/operating session, upcoming meets and shows, subdivisions, officer nominations (committee), the Titledown Train Show, and new Division banners. We also presented the SLHTS Archives with a donation.

The Division did not attend the Arctic Run show as planned, due to member scheduling conflicts.

We had our quarterly board meeting on April 8, 2017 at the SLHTS Archive in Appleton. Topics on the agenda included: Upcoming meets and shows, the Titledown Train Show and the Division booth/ project layout, elections/ballot distribution, the Jerry Nichols Award recipient, and new Division banners. We also presented the SLHTS Archives with a donation.

I also attended monthly meeting of our local club.

Planned Activities

The WLD is planning a booth for the Titledown Train Show in Green Bay April 29-30, 2017. We're planning several demonstrations and displays, including ongoing construction of a small portable layout.

Director's Report - Winnebago Land Division (WLD) (Continued)

Our Spring Meet is planned for May 6, 2017 at the Plymouth Arts Center in Plymouth, Wisconsin, featuring clinics, contests, the Division annual meeting, layout tours, and "The Big Brat Fry Luncheon". You're all invited, of course. (This was previously incorrectly reported by me as located in Neenah.)

Our Fall Meet is scheduled for October 7, 2016, at the Senior Activity Center in Sheboygan, Wisconsin. Several railroad historical societies will also be involved with this show, so it should be a good one.

Future shows still in the planning stages are tentatively scheduled for Merrill, Wisconsin in the spring of 2018, and Fon du Lac, Wisconsin in the fall of 2018.

Item __60__

Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, April 30, 2017

To: Board of Directors

From: Reid Kahrs Superintendent

Date: April 12, 2017

Subject: WISE Division

Activities since Last Board Meeting

Division events:

October 16, 2016 meet at the Midway Hotel, Brookfield, WI

November 12 & 13, 2016, Trainfest held at Wisconsin Expo Center Wisconsin State Fair Park West Allis, WI

January 15, 2017 meet at the Midway Hotel, Brookfield, WI

February 18, 2017 bus trip to the Mad-City Model Railroad Show and Sale, Alliant Energy Center, Madison, WI

March 19, 2017 meet held at the Oconomowoc Area Historical Society and Museum, Oconomowoc, WI

April 23, 2017 meet held at New Berlin Ale House, New Berlin, WI

Planned Activities

April 29-30, 2017 attend the Golden Rails the MWR regional held in Rockford, IL

May 18-21, 2017 attend The Great Plains Joint Line MCoR/TLR regional held in Ames, IA

September 17, 2017 Wise meet to be held at the Clarion Hotel, Milwaukee, WI

November 11 & 12, 2017, Trainfest held at Wisconsin Expo Center Wisconsin State Fair Park West Allis, WI

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Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, April 30, 2017

To: Board of Directors

From: Paul Mangan

Date: April 11,2017

Subject:RAC Report

Activities since Last Board Meeting

No direct activity

I did let my name stand for the RAC chair position however Steve August won. Steve has been doing a fine job for us.

Planned Activities

Will possibly turn the assignment over to the new president.

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Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, April 30, 2017

To: Board of Directors

From: Steve Studley

Date: 12 April, 2017

Subject: Vice President's Report

Activities since Last Board Meeting

Oct. 2, 2016	Attended Midwest Region Board Meeting, South Bend, IN.
Oct. 15, 2016	Attended CID/Carmel Library Train Show, Carmel, IN
Nov. 19, 2016	Attended CID Danville Train Show, Danville, IN
Dec. 10, 2016	Attended Naptown & White River Train Show, Indianapolis, IN
Jan. 29, 2017	Attended CID Noblesville Meet and Train Show, Noblesville, IN
Feb. 4-5, 2017	Attended Great Train Show, Indianapolis, IN
Mar. 4, 2017	Attended Naptown & White River Train Show, Indianapolis, IN
Mar. 11, 2017	Attended CID Modelers Meet, Indianapolis, IN
Apr. 1, 2017	Attended CID Martinsville Train Show, Martinsville, IN
Apr. 22, 2017	Attended CID Spring Layout Tour, Bloomington, IN
Apr. 28-30, 2017	Attending MWR Convention, Rockford, IL
Apr. 30, 2017	Attending MWR Board Meeting, Rockford, IL

Planned Activities

May 6, 2017	Attend CID Modelers Meet, Columbus, IN
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Sept. 16, 2017	Attend CID Modelers Meet, Zionsville, IN
Sept, 22-23, 2017	Attend Michiana E&T Conference, South Bend, IN
Nov. 4, 2017	Attend Carmel-Clay Library Show, Carmel, IN
Nov. 11-12, 2017	Attend Trainfest, Milwaukee, WI
Nov. 12, 2017	Attend MWR Board Meeting, Trainfest, Milwaukee, WI

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To: Board of Directors

From: Paul Mangan

Date: April 11, 2017

Subject: President's Report

Activities since Last Board Meeting

2016

Nov. 12 & 13 Spent a great weekend at Trainfest in Milwaukee not only trains with my Modular group but meeting up with WISE division members and other modelers from all over.

Dec. 18 & 19 Ran garden trains at Olbrich Gardens for their Holiday Train Show and also Hosted the SCWD Youth group and gave back stage tours and let them run the trains.

2017

Jan. 8th Participated in the annual SCWD Rail School event in Madison WI. Rail School is not just for kids but for people of all ages. The kids do get to build a car, test it out on a test track with the help of our youth group and get to keep the car.

Feb. 18 & 19 Worked with the staff for the 50th anniversary of the 'Mad City Model Railroad Show and Sale' as Volunteer coordinator. This year we had well over 100 volunteers that came mostly from the SCWD but some also from the Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and other non-profit groups. The show was successful.

Our Grand Prize drawing was for an Amtrak ticket for two round trip on the Empire Builder.

Mar. 25&26 Attended the Rock River Valley Division's train Show. Had the opportunity this year as I do every year to visit with friends in the RRVD and some from the FVD who make the trip up Rockford each year.

It has been a pleasure traveling around the region and keeping in touch with the members and listening to their concerns.

Planned Activities

Working on what long range planning is all about.

Thanks to all of you who have served our hobby over the past four years. You folks are awesome.

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Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, April 30, 2017

To: Board of Directors

From: Steve Studley

Date: 12 April 2017

Subject: 501(c)(3) Committee Report

Activities Since Last Board Meeting

News received from the NMRA Board of Directors Summer meeting in Indianapolis, IN, July, 2016.

The IRS has rejected the initial application for a unified 501(c)(3) classification for the test Region and Division. The NMRA has asked a law firm for advice on how to adjust the application to get it through the IRS.

Unfortunately, there has been no information reported from the NMRA Board of Directors Mid-Year meeting regarding the unified 501(c)(3) classification.

Planned Activities

Continue to monitor the process and initiate MWR's application for tax exempt status when allowed.