

**NMRA NCR Division 9  
Membership Meeting Minutes  
September 18, 2021**

**Location:** Sturgis Historical Museum, 101 South Jefferson St., Sturgis, Mi.

**In Person Attendees:**

Rich Mahaney  
Bruce Nichols  
Alan Bau  
Jim Glenn  
Doug VanMeter  
Bob Montgomery  
Jim Fankhausen  
Chuck Peterson  
Bill Haack  
Rand Yeomans  
Greg Stonerock  
Robert Klein - Guest

**Virtual Attendees:**

Dave Vinci  
Garry Johnson  
Dave McMullian - Guest

Meeting was called to order at 10:05 by Garry Johnson was unable to attend.

**Business Meeting:**

**Garry Johnson** made his opening remarks and then turned the meeting over to Alan Bau as Garry was unable to attend in person.

**Officer Reports:**

Paymaster Report – Bruce Nichols reported that the treasury balance was unchanged from previous reports.

**Scribe Reports** – Alan Bau reported that Casey Bartman has the new website up and running. The web address is ncr-div9.com. Members were asked to check it out and tell the board what they think about the new site.

Alan also reported that any member not living within the physical boundaries of Division Nine and wanting to be a member of Division Nine, needs to complete the Division of Choice Form and submit it to the NMRA.

**Yardmaster Editor** – Dave Vinci reminded members to submit articles, pictures, etc. to the newsletter before the end of the month to include it in the next issue. This change facilitates getting the information to the members prior to the upcoming membership meeting.

**Board Elections:**

Bruce Nichols read off the names of the nominees for the 2021 board member election. Garry Johnson – Superintendent (2-year term), Alan Bau – Scribe (2-year term), Doug VanMeter – Trustee (2-year term) & Casey Bartman – Trustee (1-year term).

A motion was then made by Bruce Nichols and seconded by Greg Stonerock to close the nominations, which was approved by the members.

Ballots were then passed out to members in attendance. Ballots were collected by Bruce Nichols and all of the above were elected.

**Upcoming Schedule:** Rich Mahaney reviewed the schedule of upcoming clinics and layout tours through the end of the calendar year.

October 16th – there are two layout tours in the Lansing area on the schedule (Note: Masks are Required)

November 20<sup>th</sup> & December 18<sup>th</sup> – We will be meeting at the Colonial Kitchen located at 330 N. Drake Road in Kalamazoo. The Clinic will be presented by Doug Harding in a two-part series on the Meat Packing Industry and Railroads.

**One-Day Convention scheduled in October 2022**

Possible dates for this event will be October 15<sup>th</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Details of this event will be available in the near future.

**Bylaw Changes** – Alan Bau read the proposed bylaw changes to the group. The plan is to vote on accepting or rejecting the changes at membership meeting in November. The proposed changes appeared in the September Yardmaster and will again in the November issue.

**North Central Region 2021 Convention – Dave McMullian**

The Black Swamp Junction will be held at the Radisson Hotel located at 3100 Glendale Avenue, Toledo, Oh. 43614 on October 21<sup>st</sup> thru the 24<sup>th</sup>. The theme of the convention rail/marine. There are lots of activities on the schedule, including 32 clinic sessions, a Rail Yard Sale, 21 layout tours, Operating Sessions, Proto-type tours and lots of fun. The convention website is [Black Swamp Junction NCR 2021 Convention \(divisiononencr.com\)](http://divisiononencr.com). You can register on-line or by mail. There is a special room rate of \$115 per night. To reserve a room at the Radisson call 419-381-6800 and give them the NMRA code to get the special rate.

**Special Thanks** – A special thank you goes out to Bruce Nichols' grandsons (Carter & Cohen McGee) for their help setting up the equipment for the zoom portion of the meeting.

The meeting was then adjourned.

**Clinic Presentation** – Dave Vinci gave a fine presentation on Switch Towers.

**Sturgis Historical Museum** – We would like to thank the Museum Staff and the Model Railroad Club for the tours of both facilities and their fine hospitality. This is a really nice facility, and we encourage members and their families to check them out.

Respectfully Submitted

Alan Bau

Division 9 Scribe