**National Model Railroad Association**

**North Central Region**

**Division 9**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

**January 23, 2022**

The following board members were in attendance:

Garry Johnson, Joel Pyard, Alan Bau, Doug VanMeter, Casey Bartman, Doug Vinci, Rich Mahaney

Guest: Jim Glenn

Meeting was called to order by Garry Johnson at 2:07 PM

Agenda:

* Status update on One-Day Conference
* Michiana & Division 9 Combined Clinic Meetings
* Upcoming Schedule of Events
* May Membership Meeting Agenda
* Paymaster Replacement
* Annual Meeting

**One-Day Conference** – Rich Mahaney provided the group with an overview of the conference. We have tentative approval to include Friday afternoon/evening as part of the conference program. Rich and Jim Glenn are working on setting up train layout visitations. Casey Bartman is working on a Friday evening dinner at Clara’s in Battle Creek. Garry Johnson reported that we still don’t have confirmation from the church and that it may be a good idea to start the search for a new conference site. The current plan is to start this search, while still trying to make contact with a representative from the Church.

We need a minimum of three separate rooms plus a lobby area for the clinic sessions on Saturday morning. We have three possible dates in mind October 15, 22 or 29. The most important things that require immediate attention are the finding of a suitable location and settling on a date.

**Michiana/Division 9 Combined Clinic Sessions** – Rich asked the question if we want to continue having joint clinic sessions with the Michiana Group. No immediate decision was made however, later in the meeting the issue was raised again about our wanting to continue having joint sessions. A motion was made by Casey & seconded by Joel to advise Rich that it is our desire to continue this relationship.

**May Membership Meeting Agenda** – at this point we don’t have a program for the May Membership meeting as Rich Mahaney and possibly other board members will be attending the Indianapolis Tri-Regional Convention. Garry Johnson indicated that he is trying to organize a layout tour for this date.

**September Annual Meeting** – A discussion took place to determine if we want to have the meeting in Kalamazoo or possibly in Sturgis as we did at the last meeting. To enable the board to make a decision that encourages more members to attend, it was suggested that we better understand where our members reside. Alan Bau agreed to provide the board with a list of members by geographical area. This should help the board decide if a site other than Kalamazoo would be best for this annual meeting.

**Upcoming Schedule of Events – 2022**

**General Membership Meetings:**

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| **Date** | **Program Description** | **Presenter** | **Presentation** | **Location** |
| January 15th | Industries & Operations | Rich Mahaney | In-Person | Colonial Kitchen |
| February 19th | Stock Cars & Yards – Part 3 | Doug Harding | Virtual | Colonial Kitchen |
| March 19th | Making Water on your Layout | Barry Hensel | Virtual | Colonial Kitchen |
| April 16th | Tour of the Kalamazoo Club Train Layout | Multiple | In-Person | Kalamazoo Model Railroad Historical Society |
| May 21st | TBD | TBD | TBD | TBD |
| June 18th | David Gunn Layout Tour in Canada | David Gunn | Virtual | Colonial Kitchen |
| July | No Meeting |  |  |  |
| August | No Meeting |  |  |  |
| September 17th | Annual Meeting | TBD | TBD | TBD |
| October - TBD | One Day Conference – clinics & layout tours | Multiple | In-Person | TBD |
| November 19th | Poultry Cars | Doug Harding | Virtual | Colonial Kitchen |
| December 17th | Grand Rapids & Indiana Railroad (The Fishing Line) | Joel Pyard | In-Person | Colonial Kitchen |

**Train Shows & Conventions**

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| **Dates** | **Description** | **Location** |
| April 2nd | KMRHS – Swap Meet | Kalamazoo, Mi. County Fairgrounds |
| May 18th – 22nd | Indy Junction – Tri-Regional Convention | Indianapolis, In. |
| August 7th – 13th | St. Louis NMRA Convention | St. Louis, Mo. |
| August 12th – 14th | National Train Show | St. Louis, Mo. |
| October – TBD | Kalamazoo One-Day Train Conference | Kalamazoo, Mi. - TBD |
| October 30th | KMRHS Show & Sale | Kalamazoo, Mi. County Fairgrounds |

**Paymaster Replacement** – Alan Bau has been in contact with Bruce Nichols’ daughter regarding any files, etc. that were in Bruce’s possession when he passed away. Alan indicated that he would pick up these files in the near future. Additionally, we need to find someone to take Bruce’s place as Paymaster of Division 9. If no one volunteers, Alan indicated that he would be willing to accept this added responsibility and volunteered to start the process of removing Bruce from the checking account by contacting the bank to better understand what needs to be done.

Respectfully Submitted

Alan Bau

Division 9 Scribe