

Meeting called to order by Hank Kraichely at 9:15

Welcome by Hank Kraichely

Proxy

Whit Johnson Kate Shelly

Hank Kraichely Gateway Division

Satisfy quorum requirements

Last Train Ride

Western Nebraska Division Harvey Henson (not a current member)

Reading of the minutes

Motion to dispense by Joe Braddock

And motion passed

Treasures report by Bob Folkman, Bob Folkman dispensed with the rebate checks.

Sales Manager report from Whit Johnson no change since January

MCOR section of Kalmbach library is now in California. Whit Johnson pointed out that we have a section in the library. Alan Pollock responded that the inventory was checked in Tennessee and what was needed was shipped to California, what was not needed has remained in Tennessee. A secondary library will be maintained in Tennessee with the primary being in California. Hank Kraichely clarified that all members have access to the entire library in California. Some discussion on what to do with books that are not on the needed list from national, Alan Pollock was not able to say if this is correct or not but that he would check on this. Alan Pollock pointed out that any donation to national would get a receipt for taxes as well as a letter. Joe Braddock pointed out that the region is now a 501c itself so the region can provide the same tax receipt. Hank Kraichely stated that apparently we need to get an updated list on what they need before any more books are sent.

Convention Managers Report

Rob Neises

67 attendees at the convention. Activities have continued until 11pm each night, Hank Kraichely commented on the nice facility. Rob Neises stated that all the bills are paid.

Convention Dept Chair Whit Johnson, is working with Tulsa for 2021, he went on to say that we are working to do something in conjunction with the 2020 National in St Louis. Looking for conventions in 2022 as well as 2023. There has been a lot of discussion about ideas in the future possibly smaller more affordable venues. Kicked around ideas on how to get more people to come and get involved in the convention. Whit Johnson pointed out some of the success we have had in some of the smaller venues.

Election Report Whit Johnson

Went on to report the results of the election, went on to discuss how these results compared with previous years reports and that these results yielded some of the highest results we have seen in many elections. Stated that no paper ballots were turned in and that the services used to collect the electronic ballots is free. Larry Alfred commented that considering no one ran opposed we had a very good turnout. Whit Johnson recommends that the results should be certified. Curt Konrath made the motion, motioned passed. Whit Johnson pointed out the timing of the transition.

Publications Report. Alan Aagard, commented on how he was going to wrap up his duties as the editor to catch up on the back issues. Hank Kraichely stated that he has been talking with Ray Brady on picking up the editor responsibilities. Ray Brady had some questions specifically why we have the Caboose Kibitzer. Alan Pollock responded that it is the only contact many members have with region activities. Whit Johnson said the Kibitzer is a method to share hobby activates to the membership at large. That even though we only have about 800 members that it is a free publication and that it can reach out beyond the ranks of the MCOR membership. Whit Johnson went on further to explain the process for dispensing each issue to membership. Alan Aagard asked why he had not been getting notification, Whit Johnson stated they would look into it. Dave Heinsolf stated that the Kibitzer is a very good place for individuals looking for the AP cert is a good location to get this. Joe Braddock point out that many members live in rural areas and that the Kibitzer provides contact for these folks. Some discussion on the need for accurate activity dates. Ryan Moats spoke about the listing of clubs as well as the Pike lists are beneficial for people to visit while traveling. Hank Kraichely pointed out that the chances of an article getting published is much greater with the Kibitzer as opposed to a national magazine. Alan Pollock commented that he feels the pike registry is still important. Ray Brady went on that the requirements for the editors position is greater than one person can handle. His concern is that it is more than he could handle by himself and that for him to accept that position he would like to have several associate editors to assist him with this responsibility. He stated that he would like to have each division step up and provide one point of contact so that he could work with them to cover the responsibilities. Robert Simmons commented on just what kind of articles were of interest, and the response was pretty much any article about railroading would be of interest. Ray Brady voiced his concern about getting enough material for each issue. He is looking for names of people he can contact for help on this. David Henoln stated that his wife Kristine would be willing to be a point of contact for Kansas Central division. Stated that one of the provision for him to accept this position would be to have these points of contact available to him. Some discussion on the use of drop box as a tool to share articles between the points of contact throughout the region and the editor. Joe Bradock asked if we could make it the responsibility of the directors to be a point of contact for the editor. Ray Brady passed around a sign in sheet for folks to sign up as points of contact. Alan Pollock commented that there needs to be discussions between the new officers and Ray Brady.

Robert Simmons commented that the region now has a presence on facebook and he encouraged folks to add material to these pages.

Hank Kraichely touched on rolling into the advertising director for the Kibitzer. Ray Brady asked why we need to sell adds. Hank Kraichely stated that many people are as interested in reading the ads as they are the articles. Whit Johnson stated that a different approach might be to allow sponsorships where they could submit material to be published.

Achievement Program, Not present.

Whit Johnson discussed material from the membership department. Some discussion that the spike in membership from Kansas City has not fell off as expected. Whit Johnson stated that the average membership was at 967. Whit Johnson went on to say that national does not inform us on when a member leaves the region, so these numbers might not be entirely accurate.

Webmaster Report, Ryan Moats in the packet for review.

Directors Reports. For review

Heart of America Report, Bob Folkmann, no change since January

Scouting Report, Bob Folkmann had 650 boys at the Scout camporee next one May 2023. Whit Johnson went on to talk about the activities at this year's camporee and thank all those that participated. Hank Kraichely went on to thank both Bob Folkmann and Whit Johnson for their efforts.

Old Business:

Study of the division area boundaries, asked if anyone had worked on this. Cowboy line, Kansas Central and Central Missouri had both looked into identifying these boundaries. Whit Johnson stated that these need to be finalized with the results submitted so that any changes can be made. Joe Braddock suggested tabling till January so that directors would have more time to work on this. However Whit Johnson stated that we could do this, but that there needed to be an effort put forth to complete this by next January. Hank Kraichely said that we need a commitment from the directors to complete this work by next January. Bon Folkman stated that HK should send out a directive to the directors not present so that they can be working on this.

Robert Simmons spoke briefly on some of the ways he has been working at train shows to evolve kids as well as the whole family in model railroading. One method was the junior engineer program, a program that they have used to get children and youth engaged.

New Business

Introduction of new officers.

Joe Braddock, stated that he would be stepping down as the central Missouri director later in the year, but that an individual would be stepping up to replace him.

Motion to adjourned, 1st Bob Folkmann, 2nd Joe Braddock, motion passed

Meeting adjourned at 10:45.