

Winter 2020 MCoR BOD Meeting 1/11

I. Introduction of Attendees

Brad Slone called the meeting to order at 9:24 am.

In attendance:

- Brad Slone
- Robert Simmons
- John C. Garavaglia
- David Lowell
- Phil Aylward
- Rob Neissis
- Kurt Konrath
- John Fales
- Doug Whetstone
- Ryan Moats (by phone)

II. Presentation of Proxies

Ryan Moats holds proxies for Bob Folkmann, Whit Johnson, and Todd Petersen.

Brad Slone holds a proxy for Jim Senese.

III. Quorum by region counsel

Determination that the quorum requirements have been met:

- 19 board members and 4 officers * $1/3 = 8$ required)
- 3 Officers and 5 board members in attendance with 4 additional proxies being held.

IV. Last train ride

Gary Mills

Paul Evans

Tim Stout

Paul Myers

Ozark Mountain Division

Turkey Creek Division

Gateway Division

Turkey Creek Division

Philip Rader
Don Ayers
Richard Velten
Fred Duckert

Little Rock Area
Gateway Division
Gateway Division
Nickerson, KS

V. Reading of previous Minutes

Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes by Kurt Konrath, second by David Lowell.

Motion to dispense carried.

VI. Old Business

VI.1. Defining Areas/Divisions

Brad is still working to re-define areas and divisions. In addition to the open slots listed, there are some directors that have been incommunicado. Therefore, we may need to consider how we define areas/divisions to improve the representation of members in areas that don't have any at this time.

VII. New Business

VII.1. Presentation of Directors Reports

Director reports in provided package.

VII.2. 2019 Convention Report – Rob Neises

Convention feedback from attendees has been generally positive.

Final tally was 73 meals and 72 attendees.

Convention cleared \$3400.

Had some post snafus with the hotel with respect to the agreement, all settled. Bottom line for future conventions, keep on top of hotel agreements and reach out to the convention department and the region lawyer if questions arise as there is a wealth of collected experience within that department.

VII.3. New Staff Appointments

Brad Slone has been in touch with Brad Moreau and he wishes to step down as region AP chair. Craig Drenkow has expressed interest in assuming the position. As Craig has some health issues, Marty Vaughn has volunteered to work as assistant region AP chair to help Craig learn the ropes. One aspect

of the region AP chair is to handle in-house evaluations – this creates a rather large travel responsibility for the regional AP chair. Marty has proposed that the larger communities come up with a deputy regional AP chair to help with this.

Hank Kraichley was resigned as the CK advertising position. There is an open question about what to do with any revenue derived from selling advertisements in the CK. Brad floated a proposal to allow hobby shops and vendors for free, with the proviso that they provide a discount for NMRA members. Doug Whetstone moved over from the RMR a couple of years ago and reported on a member that was a retired hobby shop owner. This owner refused to grant discounts as they ate into his slim profit margin. This anecdote was seconded.

Rob Nieses asked if there were entities that are still owed “time” in the CK from previous issue gaps. Brad will take the task of checking with Louis and Hank to see if such entities exist.

A proposal to offer free advertising in the CK (boundaries permitting) for brick and mortar entities within the region boundary was drafted for review and reconsideration in the Summer BOD meeting.

VII.4. Presentation of Convention Department Report

Convention Department report in the provided package.

VII.4.1. 2020 St. Louis Plans (Reception and BOD meeting)

This year’s national convention is in St. Louis the week of July 13-July 20 and the Gateway Division is encouraging participation with the organizers of the national convention. Given what happened with Kansas City in 2018, Brad wants to avoid a repeat of the region not having a presence there. As the national convention is awful busy, the proposal is to hold a reception in St. Louis at the Kirkwood Depot during the evening when the self guided LD-sig layout tours are held. The reception would include dinner and drinks and hold the needed membership meeting and present regional awards, but would not include the BoD meeting which would be scheduled for Saturday – other details to be worked out with the national convention team.

Discussion of the financials around the Kirkwood facility and how to split the cost between the region and the Gateway Division. Motion offered to set aside a not to exceed \$500 for a regional event at the national convention in a partnership of Region and Gateway: Kurt Konrath proposed, Robert Simmons second. Motion passed.

VII.4.2. Proposed 2021 Joint Convention with Lone Star Region

Brad and Whit have been in discussions with members of the Lone Star Region for holding the a joint 2021 convention in Tulsa, OK. Jim Senese has been part of the discussions, but some reticence remains to be addressed that is being worked by Brad and Whit. What is necessary at this time is that the board grant permission to enter into discussions.

David Lowell moved that we pursue a Joint 2021 Convention with LSR (Kurt Konrath seconded). Motion carried.

VII.4.3. Future Conventions

Need to start canvassing for future conventions.

VII.5. Presentation of Achievement Program Report

AP report provided in the package.

VII.6. Presentation of Membership Department Report

Membership Department report provided in the package.

VII.7. Presentation of Webmaster Report

Webmaster report provided in the package.

VII.8. Presentation of Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's report provided in the package.

VII.9. Presentation of Region Car Report

No regional car sales in the last six months. Discussion of using the remains for door prizes or future auctions.

Discussion of potential new future projects.

VII.10. Other New Business

Discussion about how to set up a contest or AP model evaluation as part of the Oklahoma City train show. Proposal to work with Craig/Marty to get that set up.

Due to the weather, question about why we don't use a conference call – the point of these meetings are to encourage the face to face interaction. National supposedly has the capability to facilitate video conference calls and Brad will look into the possibility of using this in the future. A thanks for John for allowing us to use his office as a fallback and for setting up the prior evening operation session.

Ryan made a call for content for the web site and CK with the idea of sending video links to Ryan for the web page and written content to Ray for the CK.

Doug Whetstone brought up the discussion of boundaries between divisions and areas with direct respect to the situation within the Central Missouri Area. Discussion branched into how to create new divisions and the difference between divisions and areas.

VII.11. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Doug Whetstone and seconded by Phil Aylward.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.