

NMRA NCR Division 9

Membership Meeting Minutes

November 20, 2021

Location: Colonial Kitchen – Kalamazoo, Mi.

In Person Attendees:

Dormand Wilson
Rick Garthe
Randy Yeoman
Bob Provost
Bob & Mary Lawrence
Joel Pyard
Alan Bau
Greg Stonerock
Jim Fankhausen
Rich Mahaney

Virtual Attendees:

Dave Vinci
Casey Bartman
Doug Harding – Clinic Presenter
Dave Gunn - visitor

Joel Pyard -substituting for Garry Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM

Bruce Nichols - Joel Updated everyone on the passing of Bruce Nichols. Joel then asked if anyone wished to volunteer for Bruce's position of Paymaster.

Bylaws Changes – Rick Garthe motioned that the bylaw changes as presented in Sturgis and included in the last two newsletters, be approved. Jim Fankhausen seconded.

The motion passed unanimously.

One Day Conference – Rich Mahaney presentation.

- Rich Mahaney reviewed the latest thinking on a format and possible agenda.
 - Looking to start the conference with layout tours on Friday Evening and possibly on Saturday afternoon.
 - Clinics will be scheduled for Saturday morning. 3 1-hour sessions in 3 rooms for a totally of 9 clinics.
- Our first objective is to firm up a meeting place and date. Garry Johnson has been in contact with the church, but no indication if we will be able to use the church facilities on the dates in question.
- Date being considered are the 3rd or 4th or 5th Saturday in October 2022. The 3rd Saturday (October 15th) was initially selected as that is the normal Saturday for our regular meetings, the 4th Saturday (October 22nd) as a backup date, and the 5th Saturday (October 29th) to match up with the Kalamazoo Historical Society Train Show date.
- Casey Bartman suggested that we consider having a dinner @ Clara's in Battle Creek on Friday or Saturday evening, along with a speaker. Casey volunteered to investigate the details. It was mentioned that if we were to commit to such a dinner, that it would have to be self-funding.
- After a brief discussion on insurance coverage for layout tours, Rich volunteered to get more information on the subject for the next meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:03 AM.

Doug Harding then presented part one of his informative clinic on the Meat Packing Industry.

Part 2 will be presented as part of the December 2021 General Membership Meeting scheduled on Saturday December 18th at the Colonial Kitchen.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alan Bau

Division 9 Scribe