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Super's Report

Bob McGeever Division Superintendent

So I ran a little experiment last month, a layout tour for a layout that was nowhere near finished. This layout is not just the normal not finished kind of layout. This layout is missing sidings, yard tracks, branch lines, bridges, structures, rolling stock, and scenery. A layout that is mostly white and green because those are the colors of plaster gauze and foam insulation sheets. But I could run a train continuously from end to end. Thank you to all who were able to attend. I am a little off the beaten path down here in Stoughton. Your comments and support are greatly appreciated. Despite the suggestions, I don't think I will be hosting any op sessions this summer or fall.

One of the reasons I had the open house is I promised Phil I would host one two years ago right before I tore down the old one. I really thought I would have more of the new one done by now, but you all know how that goes.

Another reason I had the open house was to see how it would go with a layout that was truly a work in process. For those of you that may also be the owner of a work in process, it went really well. So don't be shy. Your fellow division members will really enjoy seeing your layout during the construction phases.

On a sad note, most of you have probably heard by now that Ruby Karpelenia, Charlie's wife, passed away in March. Charlie, we are all so sorry for your loss. She will be missed. Next SCWD Meet: April 8, 2018 at 1:00 pm Zor Shrine Temple Clinics: Page 3 Model & Photo Contests: Page 4 Next BOD Meeting: April 9, 2018 at 7:00 pm Zor Shrine Temple Next Youth Group Meeting: April 15, 2018 Zor Shrine Temple

Save the Date for the *SCWD Summer Picnic!!!* Saturday, July 14, 2018 Little Amerricka



Sign up and details in the e-edition of Bad Order this month



NMRA MIDWEST REGION CONVENTION MADISON, WISCONSIN • APRIL 13-15, 2018

Hopefully by the time you receive this issue of the Bad Order, you have already registered for the Capitol 400 Midwest Region Convention that the SCWD is hosting April 13-15 (see info elsewhere in this Bad Order). Our Operating Sessions filled up quickly and our clinic offerings sound great—something for everyone regardless of scale or favorite railroad. The Non-Rails have put together a number of fun things to do, also, starting with a tour of the EPIC Systems campus on Friday afternoon. There is still time to register but if your registration is received after March 31st or you register at the door, your fee will be \$10 more. So get your registration to Keith Thomsen before March 31st.

We will have around 25 layouts open between Saturday afternoon and Sunday. We have suggested the open hours for Sunday be between 10:30am and 5pm but some layouts may open later or close earlier. You will need to check Capitol 400 program for specific information. You must be a convention attendee and wear your badge to attend the layout tours. This is not an open Division layout tour like our after-meeting tours. The Committee wishes to thank in advance all those members who have volunteered to have their layouts open. It is a lot of work but hopefully the benefit of a tour deadline has prompted increased activity to finish some projects. I know it has spurred me on in several areas—just hope I finish in time!

This will be the last Capitol 400 column until after the convention, so please, take pen and checkbook in hand and send your registration in. Because no Midwest Region Division has offered to hold a convention after ours, this may be the last regional convention for some time, so take advantage of this opportunity. Let's help make this convention one for the books. See you aboard the Capitol 400!

Ken Hojnacki Convention Chair

Layout Tours

Phil Hottmann Layout Tour Chair

For March's Meeting we traveled down to Stoughton to visit Bob McGeever's new N scale layout. Quite impressive for only two years since dismantling his old layout, putting a new addition to the house, and constructing the new layout. With spacious isle ways and a well thought out design, this should be a great layout for operations in the future.



For April's meet we will be visiting another new layout. Jim Feldman will open his layout to the club for the first time.

I'm looking forward to seeing this layout.

Phil

Modeling Project

Phil Hottmann Modeling Project Chair

You have only a few weeks left to complete your models. I'm hoping that we get quite a few models entered and am certainly looking forward to see what has been created from the kit.

It would be great to see lots of detail and weathering.

Phil



The Clinic Corner

Bob Wundrock Clinics Chair

For our April 8th meet we will once again welcome modeler and railroad historian David Leider for two clinics. It will be closer to 1-1/2 clinics due to time constraints that day.

Ever wonder where you should route your pickle car? David's clinic, "Modeling the Pickle Industry" is about how pickles were grown, harvested and processed. He will look at salting facilities and where the pickles went from there and how the railroads played an important part in the process.

David's "Rebuilding My Layout as Modules" describes how he is rebuilding his Waupaca layout as modules so they can be moved. He will give tips on what he did, and what not to do.

His layout was featured in the April 2008 Model Railroader magazine.

I'd also like to thank railroad photographer Otto P. Dobnick for his excellent two-part slide show on the Wisconsin Central at our March meet.



See you in April.

Bob







Call for Entries!!!

Do you have scenes on your layout that you have spent hours and hours perfecting and detailing to a level of

stunning railroad realism? Do you then add beautifully weathered and detailed locomotives and rolling stock? If you do why not inspire others with your work by submitting photos for possible selection for the Annual NMRA Calendar.

Let's face it, the SCWD has been under represented in the calendar over the years. We have some very talented modelers and we should let other Divisions know it. Here are the submission guidelines:

- Photos must be horizontal (landscape) format.
- 35mm slide (100 ISO or slower).
- Digital files must be 300 pixels per inch and 8" x 10" (minimum size of 7.2 megapixels) Tiff (preferred) or jpeg files (highest quality only).
- Write a caption describing the action, the scale, the builder and the photographer on a separate piece of paper or as a text file on your CD or DVD.
- Submit no more than your four best scenes.
- Include your address, phone number and email address. Submissions will not be returned.

By submitting images for the NMRA Calendar, you are giving permission to the editors to alter them as needed (cropping, color correction, etc.). Be sure to indicate specifically if you do NOT give permission to alter your images.

Send to: NMRA–ATTN: Calendar Project PO BOX 1328, Soddy Daisy, TN 37384-1328 UPS/FedEx: 8414 Gulf View Dr. - Suite A Soddy Daisy, TN 37379

Photos must be received by July 1, 2018. Questions? Contact Mike Brestel (editor) Phone 513-661-2141 or 5132-481-0185 or Tom Morrison (calendar designer) at tmor51@icloud.com (in the Red Book too)



Clipper City Model Railroad Club Spring Train Show Manitowoc County Expo Grounds Manitowoc, Wisconsin Friday, April 20, 3-6 PM Saturday, April 21, 12-4 PM Sunday, April 22, 12-4 PM Exhibits include N, HO, S, O, and G and the Museum Room Hope you can join us!!!

Youth Group

Steve Brist

The Youth Group welcomed a large group of new members at the March meeting. This was a result of contacts we made at Rail School and the Mad City Train Show. We were excited to welcome them to our Youth Group.



SCWD member Jerry Lawler led a clinic on weathering techniques for model railroad rolling stock. He demonstrated how to use PanPastel weathering chalk and brushes to realistically age the look of the cars. After the demonstration, all of our members had the opportunity to try weathering a



club freight car using Jerry's tools and techniques. As you can see, this clinic was well received by our members. We then had operating sessions with our trains. There was a high level of energy and activity during our operating sessions as the weathered rolling stock was used in the trains on our HO layout.



Our next meeting is Sunday, April 15 at 1 PM at the Zor Shrine. We could still use help with clinics or demonstrations for our April and May meetings.

Please contact me if you are available to do this for us. Thanks again to Jerry Lawler for a great clinic.

Happy Railroading! Steve

Contest Column

Dave Lendved and Steve Lanphear Contest Co-Chairs

There will be no Popular Vote Model or Photo Contest at the April Meeting. Project Model Contest entries will be displayed and voted on. Video Contest Winners will be shown.

March Popular Vote Contests Results: Specialty Freight Cars

Model

Cat. A Steel Industry Cars 1st Dave Casey: DT&I #1067-52' coil car

2nd Ewing Row: Rolled Steel Car

3rd Matt Baumgart: NS Coil Car

Cat. B Agriculture/Food Product Cars

1st Todd Wegter: AR/VIN Trincool

Reefer #110381 2nd Don Swinton:

3rd Don Swinton

Cat. C Automotive Industry Cars

1st Cheryl Mitchell: Auto Frame Flat 2nd Dave Casey: CB&Q #48102-50' Auto Box

3rd Todd Todd Wegter: TFM Auto Rack

Cat. D Oversize/Overweight/Other 1st Dave Casey: CN&W #48019-75' Depressed Flatcar 2nd Dave Casey: CN&W #44443-53' TOFC 3rd Matt Baumgart: BN Well Cars

Prototype Photo

Cat. PA Steel Industry Cars 1st Ewing Row: Steel Dump 2nd Ewing Row: Rolled Steel Car Cat. PB Agriculture/Food Product Cars 1st Steve Preston: Border's-Cook Paint Cat. PD Oversize/Overweight/Other 1st Bob Wundrock: Helium Car Model Photo Cat. MA Steel Industry Cars 1st Ewing Row: DOPS 2nd Ewing Row: Liquid Steel 3rd Ewing Row: Ore Cars Cat. MB Agriculture/Food Product Cars 1st Ewing Row: MODUD

Dave and Steve

The February 2018 SCWD Board of Directors minutes are published in the e-edition of the Bad Order this month.





April Is Also Election Time!



I remind everyone that we are holding our annual election of the SCWD Board of Directors at our April 8th meeting. I am please

Directors at our April 8th meeting. I am pleased to announce that this year we currently have a slate of eight candidates running for the seven board positions. If anyone else is interested in running please contact me as soon as possible. Photos and bios of the candidates follow below (in alphabetical order). If you are unable to attend the meeting and want to vote absentee, please send me your selections via email or mail (see the Red Book for my contact information). Only current SCWD members are eligible to vote. I must receive absentee ballots not later than Friday, March 30th, for them to be counted.

Mike Vivion

Past Superintendent and Elections Committee Chair



Phil Berry

I have been an SCWD board member for the past 8 years. I've held the Position of Clerk (secretary) and for the past 6 years have served as the Pay Master (Treasurer). This has involved a fair amount of work counting, depositing, and managing the money of the SCWD, filing the taxes, and producing the financial statements of the SCWD. If re-elected to the board I would like to continue as the Pay Master.

My day time job is a Product Manager for TDS Telecom, part of the TDS family of companies (TDS Telecom, TDS Metrocom, and US Cellular). I manage the revenue budget and related expenses for this part of TDS. I am fortunate to have my own little piece of TDS that I get to manage as if it were my own and that experience has really helped me in my role as Pay Master over the past 6 years.

When I'm not at work or at a baseball game I am in the basement with the trains.



Dr. Bill Clancy

My passion for model railroading began in the 1950's as 12 year old building Strombecker wooden freight cars and built a very, very small railroad. As a competitive athlete through high school and college followed by medical school and orthopedic residency, I had no time to devote to it.

I left the U.S. Naval Academy as Head Team Physician to come to Madison in 1974 to be the U.W. Head Team Physician and orthopedist and started the U.W. Hospital Sports Medicine Clinic and program. Between clinics and team coverage, I had little time available but managed to build a small layout with the guidance of Pete Olson and Al Potts.

In 1989 I left for Birmingham, Alabama. With a little more

time available, I built two large HO layouts. In 2010 at the request of the U.W., I returned as Head of Sports Medicine and Head Team Physician and retired four years ago which allowed me and my wife to go full steam ahead with my passion.

I first joined the NMRA and the SCWD in approximately 1979. In October of 2013, I started building a large HO layout which is now up and running.

I really enjoy the monthly SCWD meetings particularly the clinics but even more the wealth of knowledge and friendships of the members who graciously share their skills and knowledge which I sorely needed and will need more in the future.

Having been elected to the SCWD Board of Directors for the past two years, I have had the opportunity to become more active in our Division. It was a great eye opener to see how passionate and hardworking the board members were in trying to advance interest, provide more relevant information and make our monthly meetings more meaningful for our membership. I certainly would like to continue on the Board of Directors to help advance the vision of the Division.



David Down

Hello SCWD members. My name is Dave Down and I am running for a seat on our Division's Board of Directors. I have been interested in model rail-

roading starting with my first train when I was 8 years old. I had a large American Flyer set which was big enough to run around both our living room and parlor. My father also introduced me to HO trains when I was 12 when he gave me a refrigerator car (which I still have). While I was in college my parents moved and had an auction, which was the last time I saw the American Flyer. After that time I was pretty much a closet model railroader until I approached retirement.

During the next 45 years I read magazines, acquired some engines and cars, and started work on a couple different layouts. Work took me on the road and gave me too many chances to procrastinate, so when I approached retirement I set a goal of becoming a model railroader for real. I decided to become a member of the SCWD in the fall of 2015 with the goal of meeting and getting to know people who have already had success in the hobby, and to find which aspect of the hobby will give me the most satisfaction.

It seems obvious to me the SCWD can only be successful in building the hobby when it is effective in helping modelers develop their skills and expand their interests. And it also seems obvious to me the SCWD will only grow and achieve success when its members use their abilities and skills to make the SCWD relevant to its members. I am running for the Board of Directors in an effort to give back to the organization and the hobby. My goal is to encourage others to get involved and to make SCWD an attractive organization to current, new, and future members.



Ken Hojnacki

I have been an NMRA member since 1962 and a Life member for around 40 years. I have served the SCWD as a director and Achievement Program Chair since 2015, led two construction projects for members and participated in the Rail School and Train Show a number of times. I am currently serving as Chair of the Capitol 400 Midwest Region convention.

The SCWD has a lot going for it and from my perspective of having been in three other Divisions over the years, we have a great member program that is reflected in high attendance. We have a number of challenges facing us, not the least is the graying of the leadership pool. I believe I can continue to help the Division stay a vital advocate for the hobby of model railroading and the NMRA, without which, none of the Division activities would exist.



Phil Hottmann

I have been a model railroader for 28 years. Most recently I have served on the SCWD B.O.D as

Assistant Superintendent and have also been organizing our layout tours.

My focus in the hobby has been on highly detailed and weathered structures. I find this hobby to be extremely interesting and challenging. With recent developments in digital technologies, we have seen a new level of realism. This has also reduced the amount of effort required and has created a real boost to the hobby.

I have enjoyed attending the SCWD meetings and have often been amazed at all of the information provided by the members and for the members. I would like to see the division continue to grow and develop and serve on the Board for another term.



Jerry Lawler

I am a native Madisonian who has lived and traveled around the world. I recently retired and have an interest in helping the division grow the model railroad hobby in whatever I can contribute. Like many of my contemporaries, I had an HO railroad in the 1950s with my 4 older brothers. 15 years ago while living in Cleveland, I began to put up an HO layout around our Christmas tree and last year as I approached retirement, I decided to become an active modeler and began to create a layout. With the help and support of a number of the division members, I have created a nice layout (in progress) and will like to become a board member to help the division grow our hobby.

My best train ride has been from Columbus, WI to Mexico in 1967. Other great train experiences that I've had include taking the train from Cuzco, Peru to Macchu Picchu, the transSiberian Railroad from Kurgan, Russia to Ekaterinenburg, Russia, and the Durango to Silverton rail.



Dave Lendved

Hello SCWD members. My name is Dave Lendved. I'm running for re-election to the Board of Directors. I've served for one year on the BOD and it has

been an eye-opening experience. It takes a lot to keep our division going. I want to help.

My earliest railroad memory is seeing the old black Whitcomb switcher trundling across the 8th street bridge in Sheboygan, WI. The bridge would not support a steam locomotive, so the CNW ran the small diesel to switch the Sheboygan Coal Co. The Chicago Northwestern was our "Home Road" and I'm still partial to the Northwestern Line.

In the 1960's I had an N scale empire in our front porch. The oversized wheels and gigantic couplers look a little silly now. But it was fun. In 1999, I started my current (and still evolving) layout. I'm amazed at the variety and quality of the equipment now available. I joined the SCWD sometime around the turn of the millennium.

My favorite aspects of the hobby are watching trains (model and prototype) and reading about the history and operations of the railroads.

Whether I am voted onto the BOD or not, I intend to help make this organization a success.



Steve Preston

Like all kids, I got interested in trains when I was a young lad. I got my first set at 7 years old but it

was a short lived love affair since it came to a sad end about 8 months later. Well at the ripe old age of 42, I found my first new set. It was a "MOPAR" Lionel set of a limited edition. I soon grew from there. I wanted to know more about building and modeling and that's when I came to my first train show. I found one of the SCWD's membership forms, and I joined about 6 years ago – well the rest is history.

I would like to run for the board, not only to see what goes on behind the scenes, but to hopefully bring in some fresh ideas. From there I might get a better understanding of how things work, but also to help me grow possibly in our organization. Thank you for your support.

For more SCWD and NMRA news and information go on-line to our web site at <u>www.nmra-scwd.org</u> and visit the **Bad Order on our web**

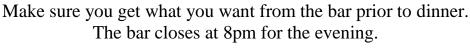




It's banquet time! May 18th 2018

To be held at the Zor Shrine Temple 575 Zor Shrine Place, (upstairs) Madison WI **Cocktails at 6pm**







Dinner will be served starting at 7pm — so don't be late.

Reservations must be received by May 11th.

Cost of meal: SCWD/NMRA members, \$12.00

Non-NMRA attendees. \$25.00

Children 12 & under, \$6.00

Name:

Non-Rail Rail

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Note: If you are an NMRA member, your spouse, child over 12 or significant other is the same price as you.

Make sure you indicate rail or non-rail. If more than 4 then add to a separate piece of paper and send it along with your reservation

Address: _____

City: ______ WI Zip ______

Send your reservation to: **Bob McGeever** 309 W. Randolph St. Stoughton, WI 53589

Amount enclosed: \$ Checks should be made payable to the S.C.W.D.

Capitol 400 Midwest Region NMRA 2018 Convention



April 13, 14 & 15, 2018

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Registration Form

ALL FARES INCLUDE BANQUET

Registration Type	Fare	Number	Total
Rail Early Full Fare	\$55		\$
Non-Rail Early Full Fare	\$40		\$
Banquet Only	\$30		\$
Rail Full Fare After March 31, 2018	\$65		\$
Non-Rail Full Fare After March 31, 2018	\$45		\$
Non-NMRA members add \$20 for 9 Month NMRA Rail Pass	\$20		\$
HO Scale Illinois Central Special Run Box Car	\$20		\$
Total Enclose	ed b		\$

Name For Badge **PLEASE PRINT**	NMRA # or Non-Rail

Please indicate any special dietary restrictions for the banquet:

FRIDAY AFTERNOON AND EVENING OPERATING SESSIONS

Operating Sessions will be held Friday afternoon from 1pm to 4:30pm and Friday evening from 6:30pm to 10pm. You can sign up for afternoon, evening or both. indicate your layout preference—1st and 2nd for each session. See layout descriptions in the Operating Session section of the Capitol 400 website: http://www.nmra-scwd.org/convention.html

Afternoon Session 1-4:30pm	Evening Session 6:30-10pm		
Bill Clancy Rio Grande Pacific	Bill & Rose Weber Union Pacific		
Bob Wundrock RLD&M	Ken Hojnacki & Peter Reinhold NYO&W		

Crew assignments will be based on first received/first assigned. A waiting list will be created if needed. You are expected to operate; there will be plenty of opportunities to view the layouts at regular tour times. You will be notified of your assignment via email so be sure to include it below. The Committee reserves the right to cancel or change layouts.

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- Operating Sessions Friday Afternoon and Evening
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- Layout Tours Saturday Afternoon and Sunday
- Non-Rail Activities Including Project Linus
- Every Registration Includes the Banquet with Guest Speaker Tony Koester

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Come Join The Fun!

BOB BOELTER'S O SCALE GREAT WESTERN RAILROAD HAS MOVED TO STONEFIELD



The model railroad has been donated to the Wisconsin Historic Site in Cassville to be rebuilt in one of the village's buildings (see stonefieldhistoricsite.org). Funds have to be raised for the reconstruction. Contributions can be made to Stonefield Historic Site,12195 County Highway V V, Cassville, WI 53806 and identified for "Stonefield Model Railroad". If you'd like to help in other ways contact Bob at bboelter1@gmail.com

Visit gwrr.org for layout pictures and more information



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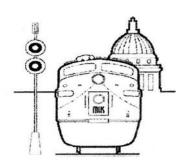
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Happy Spring!!!

We are now closed Sunday's until late November. There is still time to work on the layout before the yard work begins!! For all your hobby needs, we have them in stock always

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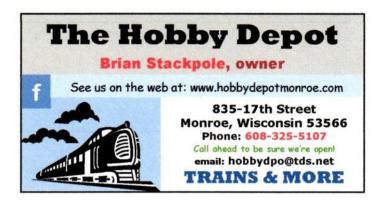


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If you move, don't forget to notify Kathy Clancy the Bad Order Editor. Changing your address with the NMRA does not change it for Bad Order mailing. Thank you.



For Sale

Large number of Athearn 'blue box',

MDC and other cars. Other odds and ends as well. Call Cheryl Mitchell 608-884-9087 most any time. Located in Albion.

<u>SCWD 2018 ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC</u>



The 2018 SCWD Summer Picnic is going to be held on **Saturday, July 14th** during Whiskey River Railway Day at Little Amerricka, Marshall, Wisconsin. The Park opens at noon and closes at 6 pm. SCWD will have a catered picnic lunch served at the Blue Rose Pavilion starting at 1 pm. Parking, entrance to the Park, and the meal are free to SCWD members and guests. Railway equipment can be viewed for free but train and other Park rides require purchased tickets. Little Amerricka is located on STH 19 on the east edge of Marshall. Parking at the Pavilion can be reached directly off Box Elder Rd. intersecting USH 19 east of the Park Entrance.

Sign-up needed by July7 for catering #'s.

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SCWD 2018 Annual Picnic Sign-up Sheet - Member and Guest(s) Names:

Send reservations to: John Haverberg, 4797 Delmara Rd., Middleton, WI 53562 or e-mail to: <u>haverdj@tds.net</u>



SCWD Board of Directors Meeting Minutes February 12, 2018



The Board of Directors meeting for the 2017-2018 South Central Wisconsin Division, Midwest Region, National Model Railroad Association was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on February 12, 2018 by Superintendent Bob McGeever. In attendance were Board members **Dave Lendved**, **Bob McGeever**, **Mike Vivion**, **Phil Hottmann**, **Jerry Lawler**, **Ken Hojnacki**, **Bill Clancy**, and **Phil Berry**.

Also attending was John Haverberg

Minutes Approval: Minutes for the January 2018 meeting were approved.

Paymaster Report: Paymaster reports for January 2018 were approved

Committee Reports:

Achievement Program: Two certifications were presented at the January meeting. Spelling errors from the previously received certificates were corrected prior to the presentations.

Advertising: The entire advertising budget for the 2018 Rail Show has been spent.

Bad Order: The editor of the Bad Order will continue her monthly review of the NMRA Membership list she receives. New members from the previous month are added immediately to the Bad Order mailing list. SCWD members that are not listed for 3 consecutive monthly reports are dropped from the Bad Order mailing list. Only NMRA/SCWD members in good standing will receive the paper edition of the Bad Order.

Clinics: All meetings have clinics linked to them. Refer to the 2018 schedule published in the Bad Order clinic subject.

Contests: Video contest received 7 entries and the agreed that this was a very good response for the first year of the contest. The Board discussed ways to improve the contest for 2019. 27 members have entered the monthly model contest this year. This is also an increase in participation from previous years. The Board also discussed ways to increase member participation in this contest as well.

Modeling Project for 2016-2017: 30 'Flats' for the modeling contest have been distributed. 25 adults and 5 youth group members have purchased a flat to enter in the contest. Several 'N' scale kits were distributed as part of the project/contest.

Phil conducted a presentation at the last Youth Group meeting and several were distributed. There was strong positive response to Phil's kits by both the youth as well as the adults. The adults felt that the models were something that could be built by the children and adults working together.

Phil made himself available at the January Rail School to answer questions and to assist any entrants if asked.

Door prizes (Meetings): Bill Weber is responsible for the meeting door prizes and has budget. He reports that all is well with meeting door prizes.

Layout tours: No in home layout tours were scheduled for January. The division presented video layout tours from the web.

Membership: Steve Preston and Paul Mangan are working together on this. The SCWD will have a membership booth next to the Division Office at the train show.

Picnic: BOD agreed to return to Little Americka in 2018 as it has activities/rides for kids as well as a nice facility for the adults. The picnic will be scheduled at the same time as the park's Whiskey River Days festival. The date will be either July 14th or 21st.

Rail School: Rail School occurred at the January meeting. Andy Potts coordinated the Rail School this year but this will be his last year as coordinator There are available models for a 'Make and Take' component to the school. The Board discussed recruiting a replacement for Andy next year. Bill Clancy agreed to coordinate the 2019 Rail School. His plan is to recruit several other seasoned SCWD members to work with him on the clinic. They will develop a theme for the school and set up teams of members to work on various aspects of the school with a slightly different approach. The group will keep the Board apprised as the plan takes shape.

The Division has acquired additional Blue Box models for distribution at the 2019 Rail School.

The Superintendent asked for volunteers to help him with set up and takedown of the Rail School room setup. A number of members agreed to come early to help set up and to stay later to help take down. This worked well in 2018 and the plan is continue this approach for 2019.

Rail show: Superintendent reported that we will have several new vendors and exhibitors for this year's show. The floor plan layout is proceeding as planned. The Board agrees we are well prepared for the show. The volunteer schedule has been created and distributed. As is customary, the setup volunteers will have an early breakfast and then proceed to the storage facility to load the truck and take it to the Alliant Energy Center where they will be met by the set up team.

New shirts for volunteers have arrived and are being distributed. Distribution will be to volunteer members who have not received on previously.

Spring Trip: Because SCWD is hosting the Capitol 400 meeting, there will be no spring trip.

Web Site: Issues remain with the idea of e-tickets for the show. There is a ticket-processing fee which has a cost that may make e-ticketing too costly to pursue. This issue is being further researched.

Youth Group: Jerry Lawler continues to assist Steve Brist with the Youth Group. Bill Marks and Jerry took the youth Group rolling stock home and repaired damage and defects and will have the repaired rolling stock ready for the Youth Group display at the Rail Show.

Publicity: Channel 15 will be providing additional publicity for the Rail Show. Bob McGeever will be interviewed for this activity and it will be shown on the Saturday of the Show.

Capitol 400: More coordination work with the hotel is underway. The division has secured at no cost, additional screens and projectors from the hotel. Layout tours are currently being scheduled. A promotional DVD has been created and sent to all divisions in the region. Video and website page were previewed at September meeting. The clinic schedule has been set.

Old Business: None

<u>New Business</u>: Jerry brought up for discussion, the possibility of creating a display board of local model railroad layouts. These layouts would be submitted to the SCWD for display on a board at the Rail Show in 2019 and/or the SCWD web site sooner. The Board suggested that Jerry develop a more fully developed plan and present to the Board at a future date.

Adjournment: Ken Hojnacki moved for adjournment and Dave Lendved seconded and the Board approved adjournment at 8:15 pm.

Respectively submitted by Jerry Lawler, SCWD Chief Clerk

PLEASE PATRONIZE OUR AREA HOBBY STORES

The Hobby Depot – 835 17th Street – Monroe WI Madison Hobby Stop – 6622 Mineral Point Rd (inside Clock Tower) – Madison WI *

* = Train Show Ticket advance sales

2018 Meeting Time Table				
Regular Meeting Apr 8, 2018 May 6, 2018	BOD Apr 9, 2018 May 14, 2018 June 11, 2018	Youth Group Apr 15, 2018 May 20, 2018	Convention Apr 4, 2018	Banquet May 18, 2018