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Super's Report

Bob McGeever
Division Superintendent

For the first time since I acquired the responsibility of producing a monthly column for the Bad Order, I am writing it the day after our rail show. Instead of forecasting how good the show will be, I can state that we had a good show. I know it was good because people kept walking up and telling me how good the show was. Completely unsolicited positive feedback is always a good sign. We had several new layouts and exhibitors this year. They really enjoyed our show and asked to be invited back. Those of you who qualify as "senior" members of the SCWD should be proud of the results of the time effort you put in over the decades to get this show up and running. I like to think that someday we "junior" members will be able to do same.

A big thank you to all the hardworking volunteers who made the show happen. I've been told I must keep it short this month so I will not be able to name you all this month.

I will use my scarce space this month to specifically thank those of you who took on the task of show judges this year. Around three years ago our process of judging the layouts and exhibits crashed and burned. Those of us who were the full time show staff just did not have the time to do it right. Heck, we were so busy we did not even notice we had misspelled "First" on the awards for several years. Rather embarrassing. Now that we have a team dedicated to spending Saturday afternoon on the judging we are doing a really good job. We have a great looking new award certificate. This year's recipients were very happy to be recognized by the judges.

Next SCWD Meet:

March 5th 2017 1:00 pm
Zor Shrine Temple
575 Zor Shrine Place
Madison WI

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Next BOD Meeting:

March 13th 2017 7:00 pm
Fitchburg Fire Station

Next Youth Group Meeting:

March 19th 2017
Zor Shrine Temple

In the area of full disclosure, I am not writing this column after the show because I thought it would be a good idea. I let it slide until now because our editor said I could. I was rather busy trying not to go down in division history as the idiot who broke the train show on its 50th anniversary. I learned a lot this year. I want to thank the team members for all for your patience, guidance and occasional offers of strong coffee. I bet we do even better next year.

We have a new team leader for the Company Store, my wife. She got involved in the Store because I was thinking that since I took over for Charlie as the Division Clerk maybe she and I could take over the Store from Charlie and Ruby after we retired. Well, we are retired but somehow I wound up with a whole different set of show duties and she is on her own. To date, I seem to be forgiven for this. I know she has a great crew to work with so I think it will all be okay and I will not have to sleep in the garage.

Hope to see you all at March meeting,

Bob

Contest Column

Dave Lendved and Steve Lanphear
Contest Co-Chairs

The theme for the March Model/Photo contests is Off-Track Vehicles. Cars, trucks, buses, wagons, carts, tractors and pushcarts are all examples of off-track vehicles. On a model train layout, vehicles add realism to the scenes and cue the observer to the time and place depicted on the layout. Vehicles can help to define and complete the industries we model.



In the modern era, off-track vehicles are important for rail road construction maintenance and repair. Grades are constructed using bulldozers and backhoes instead of large gangs of laborers. Train crews and track gangs are typically transported to their trains or worksites in vans or cars.

Categories for the March contests are:

- A. R.R. Owned Vehicles
- B. Non-R.R. Trucks and Semis
- C. Non-R.R. Buses and Automobiles
- D. Off Road/Other

Results for the February Retired/Repurposed Contest:

Model Contest

Cat. B Rail Equipment

- 1st Al Potts: Boxcar on Platform
- 2nd Webb Winn: Barney's Diner/Passenger Coach

Cat. C Railroad Structure

- 1st Phil Hottmann: Water Tower/Sheds (Popular Vote Winner)
- 2nd Jason Martin: Depot/toy Store



Photo Contest

Prototype

Cat. PA Rail Line or Siding

- 1st Charlie Karpelenia: Milw Old Sidings
- 2nd Ken Hojnacki: Rail Headed for Scrap

Cat. PB Rail Equipment

- 1st Ken Hojnacki: Rebirth: Coal Line to Tourist Line
- 2nd Al Potts: WSOR Boxcar Storage-MSN
- 3rd Al Potts: UP Boxcar String-Kimball, NE

Cat. PD Non-Railroad Structure

- 1st Ken Hojnacki: No More Amusement

Dave and Steve

AP Corner

Ken Hojnacki
AP Chair



We had our first Merit Award entry at last month's meeting with Al Potts' scratchbuilt freight shed, based on a Division model project he designed many years ago and which a number of you probably have built as well. Al is Master Model Railroader #102 but is still building and challenging himself to build quality models. The board-by-board construction, nut-bolt-washer detail and the overall appearance of the model impressed the judges. The judging team of Fred Robinson, Bob Wundrock and me awarded his structure 88 points, earning him a Merit Award and putting him in the running for the Madison Mac Award. Congratulations, Al.



For those who signed up for the March Make & Take project, I will be sending out email reminders of what to bring but just in case, here is what you should bring:

Flat car of choice

Tweezers

Xacto knife with new #11 blade or a sharp single-edge razor blade

Scale rule if you have one (if not, I will have some available)

A magnifier (Optivisor) would be helpful, especially for the Nscalers (but you probably already know that)

Sanding tool (I will have emery boards available)

Small scissors or cutters

Optional: razor saw and mitre box to cut square ends on timbers, Cutting mat or board

Poles, lumber, wire, glue, toothpicks and emery boards will be provided. We will start building after the first clinic is done. This should take about an hour. See you then.

Ken

Layout Tours

Phil Hottmann

Last month we were able to visit Al Pott's Union Pacific - Wyoming Southern Division layout. I appreciated Al being open; he sure has a lot of great detail. I also appreciated the couple of narrow gauge basic box car kits he gave me.



For March we are going to visit Bob Taylor and Steve Stone's layouts. Bob has a great layout and is a prospective new member. It's been several years since we visited Steve's layout. He's worked on few areas, so we will have some new things to see.

I'm looking forward to seeing both of the layouts again.

Phil

The Clinic Corner

Bob Wundrock

Thanks again to Bill Clancy and Phil Berry for their informative clinics at February's meet.



At March's meet we'll divide the house after the first clinic due to Ken Hojnacki's make-and take. Steve Lanphear's clinic, "Railroad Snow Removal: 1800's to present" will include photos and videos detailing how snow has effected rail travel and the many ways railroads have developed over time to remove the snow and keep running.

The second "clinic" (I use the term loosely), will be two humorous model railroad films Kalmbach had produced back in the 1970's.

Bob

Still Interested In A 2017 SCWD Arranged RAILFAN Trip?

SCWD is coordinating a Spring 2017 Railfan Trip to the Illinois Railway Museum in Union, Illinois. I have selected June 10, 2017 which is the first day of RPO (Railway Post Office) weekend at IRM with special displays and operations of RPO equipment. We plan to leave Madison at 8 am and return by 7 pm.

For those of you who have not been to the IRM, it is an all volunteer run museum containing a large collection of street cars, trolleys, electric, diesel and steam trains and other railroad equipment. Each SCWD member will be allowed to bring along one guest. Estimated cost per person would be \$40-\$45 including the bus and admission. To provide you more time to view equipment, go on the various train and trolley rides and see demonstrations at your own pace, lunch will be on your own. There is a sandwich and snack bar on the premise. You can also choose to pack your own lunch and retrieve it from the bus on your schedule.

I have reserved a 31 passenger bus for this trip. To date I have 26+ signed up, so there is still room and I will maintain a waiting list if we reach the 31 limit. Please respond to me by e-mail at: haverdj@tds.net or by phone at: 608 836-7963 if you have NOT signed up yet and would be interested in going on this trip.

Thanks,
John Haverberg, SCWD Railfan Trip Coordinator

Time is getting too short

Ewing Row
Modeling Project Chair



I just looked at the calendar. I'm writing this on February 10. The March SCWD meet is on the 5th. I hope to have my effort ready for Ken Hojnacki's flat car load clinic on that date. Then, the April meet is on the 2nd, meaning there are only about seven weeks between now and when modeling project participants should have their 50-footers done and ready for popular voting.

My previous Warrant effort explained that Styrene had to be cleaned with a mild dish washing detergent. Oils on the surface following manufacturing affect how paint adheres. Either paints don't stick at all or the end result is uneven. Also, after cleaning Styrene and touching it with your fingers can leave skin oils on the surface that also can affect paint finishes.

After you clean Styrene, wear rubber or cotton gloves so you don't wreck the clean surface.

If you add details to the underside of your flat car, and you want voters to see what you've done, you may want to display your effort over a mirror. Or, the poorest suggestion is to have people pick up your model to see the brake detail.

Luck to all participants.

Ewing



Midwest Region News

The 50th Mad City Model Railroad Show and Sale will be in the book when you receive this issue of the Bad Order. I hope you all had time to spend at the show and picked up as many late Christmas presents as you could.



From a region stand point all is quiet at the moment. The Rockford train show will be on March 25-26 and then April 28-30 the Golden Rails Midwest Region spring convention takes place. Thanks go out to the Rock River Valley Division for hosting this event. It definitely looks like a great time shaping up.

If you have never been to a model railroad convention, this is one to go to and see what they are all about. The cost is much less than a national convention and it is just south of town. There is still time to sign on to have a great time. www.rrvd-nmra.com/2017mwrconvention.com/.

A small part of the convention is the Midwest Region Board of Directors meeting held on Sunday morning at the convention hotel. If you are an NMRA member you are welcome to come in and observe the meeting. This will be my last board meeting as Your President as my term is over and our new president, Steve Studley, assumes the position.

Next year the South Central Wisconsin Division will host the MWR convention. Planning has already been underway for the Capitol 400 MWR Convention on April 13th – 15th 2018. Make your plans now.

See you by the Rails,

Paul Mangan
Midwest Region President

April Is Also Election Time!

I remind everyone that we are holding our annual election of the SCWD Board of Directors at our April 2nd 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 31st, 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 to help develop the Alabama Sports Medicine and Orthopedic Center. 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 three 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.



Ken Hojnacki

I became an NMRA member 54 years ago, in 1962, and am a Life Member. I started with American Flyer before that date and eventually switched to HO. Except for a mid-life crisis prior to the 1997 National when I switch to Sn3 for a short time, I have been an HO modeler of the New York, Ontario & Western for most of those years.

I have served in the position of Chief Clerk, Assistant Superintendent and Superintendent of Keystone Division 2 of the Mid-Central Region. I also served on a number of committees in that Division and also the SCWD. I am currently the SCWD Achievement Program Chair.

I have also been active with full-size trains for over 40 years and am currently a steam and diesel qualified engineer at the Mid-Continent Railway Museum in North Freedom.

I believe that the NMRA is the reason we have so much to enjoy about this hobby. Beyond the standards that allow all manufacturers' products to operate on our layouts, it is the NMRA that has made possible our monthly meetings, our conventions and bringing us all together to learn and enjoy this hobby. We face many challenges to bring new members into the hobby and the NMRA and to find ways to provide all of our members with interesting activities that educate us and challenge us to be better modelers. I would like to help in that effort.



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 trans-Siberian 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.



Bob McGeever

My wife and I have been rail fans all our lives. I got interested in model trains as a kid when my dad gave me and my brother his childhood Lionel train set. I spent the first 30 years of my married life intending to build a model railroad. My boys and I went to the train show every couple of years and dreamed of what we could do with half the basement. Time passed, the boys grew up and I found I finally had the time to build a model railroad.

I started the planning a layout about 12 years ago. I'm working in N scale using the WSOR as my prototype. It supports my interest in lots of local freights in limited space, it runs through the town I live in, and I really like the color scheme on their locos. I have what I call my second draft up and running. The third draft is in the planning stage and construction will start in the spring. With each draft it gets bigger. I joined the NMRA in 2010 to learn from other people with more experience. I have had the honor of serving on the BOD since 2011 as the Clerk and the Superintendent.



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.

Youth Group

Steve Brist



The Youth Group displayed their new HO layout at the Mad City Train Show. It really made a great impression with the public. We were the first layout that the

attendees saw as they came into the Show and lots of people stopped by and learned about the Youth Group.

Because we have two loops of track with separate controllers, we designated one track for member operations and let prospective members take the control of the other train, under supervision of a club member. The new HO layout is easy to transport and takes just a few minutes to set up and get trains running. It was a great asset to the Youth Group at the Show.



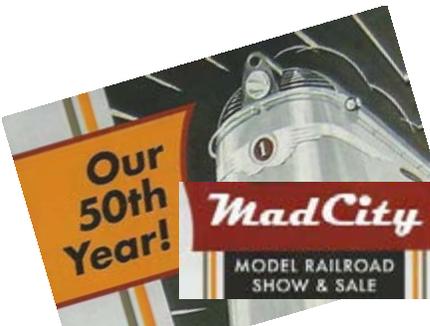
The Train Show is a great opportunity for us to tell prospective new members about the Youth Group. Any young person who was at least 8 years old and from the Madison area was invited to come to one of our meetings. We collected multiple pages of emails and names of prospective members. The SCWD also printed a newly redesigned Youth Group brochure, which we distributed to the public.



Another fun thing that happened at the Train Show was that our club members were invited to bring their N scale modules to the Show and operate trains with a T-Trak club from Northwest Wisconsin. One of our members both worked at our layout in HO scale and then spent most of the rest of the time running N scale trains with the T-Trak club.

Now it is time for us to go back to our regular monthly meetings, beginning March 19 at the Zor Shrine Building. Our members will also be busy finishing up the Flatcar Kits for the April contest. Thanks go to the SCWD for their continued support of the Youth Group. We will continue to show young people that model railroading is "The World's Greatest Hobby."

Steve



*Photos by
Hank Koshollek*



More photos in e-edition of Bad Order on our website











Dr. Richard Kemper DDS of Racine Wisconsin had the winning ticket drawn by Rebecca Wiggleworth. Overseeing the drawing was Bob McGeever SCWD Superintendent and Train Show Chairman



Train Set Winners



Layout and Exhibit Awards

Best in Show Prototype



1st Place
Capital City N'gineers

Best in Show Hi Rail



Ron Schlicht American Flyer Trains



2nd Place
Cedar Creek Central Railroad Club



1st Place Exhibit
Great Northern Railway Historical Society



3rd Place
WIZ KIDZ



2nd Place Exhibit
Lake States Railway Historical Society

Special Recognition Award



Colorado Narrow Gauge



3rd Place Exhibit
East Troy Railroad Museum

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APRIL 28, 29 & 30, 2017



Home Timetable Registration/Fares Map
Clinics Contest Operating Non-Rail Activities

The members of the Rock River Valley Division would like to celebrate the 50th anniversary of our Division with you. We are hosting the 2017 Midwest Region Convention with layout tours featuring many great railroads in our Division, operating sessions on some fine layouts, numerous clinics - some yet to be confirmed - which will include some well-known clinicians, a silent auction (bring items to sell), a photo and model contest, a few great non-rail activities showcasing the Rockford area and a not-to-be missed banquet program by Randy Garnhart and Jerry Pyfer.

www.rvvd-nmra.com/2017mwrconvention.com



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. Thanks!

2017 SCWD Summer Picnic

John Haverberg

The 2017 Summer Picnic will be held, again, at Little Amerricka, Marshall during their July 15th Whiskey River Railway Day. The Park opens at noon. The meal will begin at 1:00 pm in the large Blue Rose pavilion. All SCWD members and their guests are invited. There is no admission fee to the amusement park or cost for the picnic food. Rides on the trains or other attractions will be at park rates, but discounts are available if ordered ahead of time from Little Amerricka.



Sign-up ahead of time with SCWD is required to determine the amount of food and beverages needed and can be done at the March or April meetings, by sign-up forms in future Bad Orders (this month in e-edition), or directly with SCWD Picnic Chair, John Haverberg at: 608 836-7963 or haverdj@tds.net. All sign-ups are required by July 8th.



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



SCWD 2017 Summer Picnic sign-up.



The 2017 SCWD summer picnic will be held on
Saturday, July 15th at
Little Amerricka in Marshall WI.

From Little Amerricka web site: Whiskey River Railway Day - July 15th, 2017

Multiple trains will be running for our guests. All of our steam locomotives will be steamed up for operation at the park train station that day. Different locomotives will be switched around to pull our trains throughout the day, this includes steam and diesel. This will be a rare opportunity for the public to see all of our locomotives.

The Park opens at noon and closes at 6 pm. We have arranged a picnic to be catered around 1 pm, and we will again have the Blue Rose Pavilion to enjoy the food and fellowship. Entrance to the park is free as is the lunch to all SCWD members and guests. Viewing of the railway equipment is also free. To ride the train around the 2 mile loop costs \$4.50. A wrist band can be purchased to allow you to ride all of the attractions including the trains. Wrist bands can also be purchased on-line ahead of time at a substantial savings at: www.littleamerricka.com.

You MUST sign up for this event so we know how much to tell the caterer to prepare. Guest(s) are welcome to attend with you. If you can't sign up at our regular March or April SCWD meetings, please fill out the form below and mail to John Haverberg by July 8th.

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SCWD Annual Picnic Saturday July 15th, 2017 Little Amerricka Park, Marshall, WI Lunch at 1:00 pm.

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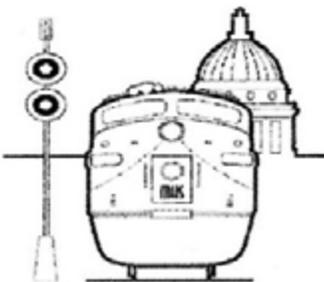
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**SCWD Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2017**



The Board of Directors meeting for the 2015-2016 South Central Wisconsin Division, Midwest Region, National Model Railroad Association was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on December 12, 2016 by Superintendent Bob McGeever. In attendance were Board members **Bob McGeever, Mike Vivion, Phil Hottmann, Jerry Lawler, Ken Hojnacki, Bill Clancy, and David Lendved.**

Minutes Approval: Minutes for the December 2016 were approved

Paymaster Report: Paymaster report was tabled as Phil Berry was unavailable.

Committee Reports:

Advertising: Good response to Rail School advertising.

Achievement Program: There are seven volunteer awards and one scenery awards that are ready to be awarded. It was suggested that we continue to promote the Association Volunteer Award through handouts at the meetings.

Bad Order: Everything continues to operate smoothly

Club Liaison: The Cap Cities group will be at Stevens Point at the end of January.

Clinics: Bob and Steve have clinics planned through the end of the year.

Contests: Will continue to keep current in the Bad Order. Division to create an improved display for the photos. (No action has been taken to date.) There was no modeling or photography contest for January due to the Rail School event.

Modeling Project for 2016-2017: Construction of a Flat Car. Approximately 16 members have signed up for the project as of the date of this BOD meeting. Members will again be encouraged to sign up at the October meeting.

Make and Take Activity: No update. This year's project will be making loads of poles for railcars at the September meeting. These poles will work well with the modeling project flat car. The 'Make and Take' activity has 16 HO and 5 N Scale participants.

Door prizes: It was determined that there are enough on hand for next two meetings.

Layout tours: There are no layout tours scheduled for the January because of the Rail School activity.

Picnic: John Haverberg shared options for 2017 picnic. Options were East Troy and Little Amerricka. Given the good attendance and the proximity it was agreed to pursue Little Amerricka as the site for this year's picnic.

Publicity: Meeting Information has been forwarded to

national magazine for inclusion in their events listing. Bob Boelter is handling PR for the Train Show and this is being handled in a timely fashion.

Rail School: Publicity is in place for the January 8th Rail School

Rail show: CAD software is being used to determine layout at the Alliant Center. Bob will report out the final layout at the February meeting

Spring Trip: Discussion as to whether to make it a 1 or 2 day trip. Destinations discussed included the Illinois Railroad Museum and Green Bay. The board will poll the division members in the Bad Order and ask their preference for length of trip and destination.

Web Site: The use of Paypal was discussed for managing online Train Show ticket sales. Minimal response to date. It was determined that this is feasible and that we will pilot this for 2017 and determine how to proceed for 2018.

Youth Group: Participated in the Christmas layout at Olbrich Gardens. Initial feedback was positive. Steve could use some help and support in the Youth Group. We will make an announcement at an upcoming meeting to ask for volunteer support.

Old Business

Wes Peat's Speeder: John is storing it safely at his house until a decision can be made as to appropriate disposal. It was determined that the speeder would be donated to the Illinois Railroad Museum. Arrangements are being made for the donation and transfer.

Membership Booth: Bill Marks has the parts to complete the rehab and it will be ready in January

Literature Review:

- Literature handouts for the membership booth will be reviewed and updated as determined to be appropriate.
- Staff to work the membership booth at the train show needs to be identified.

New Business Outreach to scouting groups for the scouting railroad badge was discussed. It had been done previously, but is no longer an activity of the group. Jerry agreed to make inquiries with the scouting organizations and report back.

Capitol 400: The Capitol 400 has been chosen as the name of the 2018 Regional Convention being hosted by the SCWD. Expected attendance will be 100-125.

Adjournment: Jerry moved and Ken 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 *

2017 Meeting Time Table

Regular Meeting

March 5th 2017

April 2nd 2017

May 7th 2017

BOD

March 13th 2017

April 10th 2017

May 15th 2017

Youth Group

March 19th 2017

April 23th 2017

May 21st 2017

Train Show Committee

March 1st 2017

Banquet

May 19th 2017