

Division 10
Mid-Central Region
National Model Railroad Association
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A meeting of the Division 10 board of directors was held on February 21st, 2017, at the home of John Gorman. The meeting was called to order at 7:13 p.m. by Superintendent Bob Belt. See agenda below. Also reference minutes of the executive committee meeting held earlier this month. [Click Here](#)

Agenda

New Trains Day Committee from ExCom

Start Committee regular reports – First round by elected officers and Lantern Editor

Membership – general discussion (Lou Jaquith invited)

Present: Board members Alan Bourne, Stew Winstandley, John Gorman, Tom Bensberg, Bill Robbins, Fred Plymale and Bruce DeMaeyer. Also in attendance were division members Larry Smith, Brian Jones, and Thomas Bookout.

Superintendent Bob Belt requested that a Trains Day committee be established. The motion was passed unanimously. Bob appointed Bruce DeMaeyer as chairman of the committee.

Bob Belt requested that periodic reports be made by officers and committee chairs to the board. Officers and the Lantern editor reported at this meeting.

The superintendent reported that the Trains Day committee has already begun preliminary work and seem to have things under control.

Assistant superintendent Bruce DeMaeyer reported some success in aligning tours and bring and brag to the clinics. Clinics are scheduled for the next few months and division will meet at the Grosser's outdoor railroad in August.

Treasurer Alan Bourne provided a report of financial activity since the start of his time as treasurer in October. Balance has declined by \$130 over that period.

Secretary Tom Bensberg reported minutes published as meetings occur, membership statistics are maintained monthly, One Call Now is in operation, org chart updated.

Lantern Editor Stew Winstandley reported that we are continuing to hand out or mail about 44 issues of the Lantern. However printing cost is nothing as it's being donated by Mark Hunt. Postage total is about \$300 a year. There was some discussion about requiring email for the Lantern however there was no consensus to do so.

Tom Bensberg also discussed membership as membership chair, Lou Jaquith was not present. Visitors: greet, get contact info, follow-up, Division will provide paper name tags at future meetings. New members: Secretary will send email to new members and copy board members. Expiring members: Secretary will notify members 30 days prior to membership expiration. More discussion needed for expired members. Board will wait until Lou Jaquith can participate.

Tom reported on website: Next event now on home page, 1593 unique visitors past 12 months, HELP Button has never been used.

Tom also reported on member profiles: There has been little activity.

There was some discussion of contributors list in the Lantern. Consensus was to continue to show the list.

Bruce DeMaeyer stated that he will add a fifth subcommittee, Docents, to the Trains Day committee.

Larry Smith and Bruce DeMaeyer presented budget information about the Trains Day activity. A budget of \$700 was established and approved by the board. This will allow building a "family" layout as well as needed signage and T-track completion. It is likely that actual spending will be significantly less as many items are expected to be donated.

Discussion reaffirmed Bring and Bragg is open to any member bringing any model to discuss. This point will be emphasized in Lantern and on website.

The meeting was adjourned about 8:00p.m.