

Division 10
Mid-Central Region
National Model Railroad Association
8/15/17 Revised 8/20/17

A meeting of the Division 10 board of directors was held on August 15th, 2017, at the home of John Gorman. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Superintendent Bob Belt.

Agenda Handed Out

1. Schedule of meetings for remainder of current term (handout).
2. Election plan for 2018 (handout – Calendar of Events).
3. Renewal of phone notification (discussion).
4. Division asset storage (T-Trak & N scale layout).
5. By-Laws update & correction (handout – marked up).
 - Division name (discussion)
6. Operation Manual (rough draft).

Present: Board members Bob Belt, Alan Bourne, Stew Winstandley, John Gorman, Tom Bensberg, Bill Robbins, Fred Plymale and Bruce DeMaeyer. The required quorum of five members of the board of directors was present. Also in attendance were division members Ed Butcher and Thomas Bookout.

Bob Belt handed out the proposed schedule of meeting dates as shown below:

2017: September 3 – Beaumont Branch of Lexington Public Library, October 1 – Tates Creek Branch, November 5 – Beaumont Branch, December 3 – TBD

2018: January 7, February 4, March 4, April 1, May 6, June 3, July 1 (tentative), August (tentative), September 2, October 7. Meetings will continue to be held at the Tates Creek or Beaumont branches of the Lexington Public Library until further notice.

Bob Belt presented an “Election Plan” document. It shows the time table of the steps required for division elections as required by the Constitution and Bylaws of the division. See below. One step requires a change in bylaws as discussed below.

Election Year Calendar of Events – 2018

May

- Superintendent appoint Nominating Committee Chair + one other member [Chair nominally the last Superintendent]

June regular meeting:

- Petitions for nominations
- Approval by member to be nominee
- Motion for nominations

July

- Nominating Committee publish list of nominees in August Lantern

August

- Ballots requiring mail voting [not less than 30 days prior to officer installation]
- Latest date of return identified
- Ballots in September Lantern

September

- Tally to Secretary not less than three (3) days before installation meeting
- Transition meeting
- Publish results in October Lantern

October

- Installation of new officers at end of regular meeting
- Executive Committee appoints Division Trustees
- Executive Committee appoints Lantern Editor
- Superintendent sends Division Certification (of officers) to MCR

The board discussed whether to renew our subscription to One Call Now, the service the division uses for phone notice of meetings and other urgent announcements. Renewal date is 9/6/17. Annual cost is \$189.39. General opinion is that the limited value is not worth the price. The Superintendent will ask the membership to express their opinion of the value of One Call Now at the September meeting. The board will then make a final decision on One Call Now after hearing this input.

Treasurer, Alan Bourne, handed out a report of division finances. It projects year end (9/30/17) fund balance will be \$11,980.20, assuming we renew One Call Now.

Board discussed future need for storage space for division layouts and other assets. All are currently being stored in the homes of various members. Public storage is relatively expensive. The Superintendent will ask the membership for storage ideas at the September meeting.

We discussed a division operations manual that is being worked on by Assistant Superintendent, Bruce DeMaeyer. It will include a detailed description of various functions of the division, including the Election Plan as discussed above as well as member retention and contributions procedures.

Bob Belt announced that in a Superintendent email from MCR President Bob Weinheimer that "The RailPass program has been updated effective January 1, 2018. The cost rises to \$19.95 but will be good for 9 months instead of 6 months." and that MCR would be setting up a Facebook page. The link is www.facebook.com/NMRAMCR/.

There was discussion about setting up a division Facebook page. It might be useful but no one volunteered to set it up.

Assistant Superintendent, Bruce DeMaeyer, proposed several changes to the Division Bylaws. The Board agreed that Section 2, Article VIII of the constitution allows Bylaws to be amended at a Board of Directors meeting.

There was a lengthy discussion about the name of the division and whether the name could and/or should be changed and if bylaws should be amended to match division name as defined in the constitution. The board could not agree on this item. Discussion of division name change was tabled until a future meeting.

Bruce proposed changing Section 2, Article V of the bylaws to allow accepting officer candidate nominations in June instead of July. This is needed since the division typically does not meet in July. The board voted unanimously to change of Section 2, Article V of the bylaws as follows:

Current: Sec 2 Petitions for nominations will be discussed and accepted at the regular July meeting in every even year.

Revised: Sec 2 Petitions for nominations will be discussed and accepted at the regular **June** meeting in every even year.

Bruce proposed changes to Sec. 2 and Sec. 3 of Article VI of the Bylaws. The proposed changes clarify and allow current practice of communicating to members via electronic mail. The board voted unanimously to change of Section 2 and Section 3 of Article VI of the Bylaws as follows:

Current: Sec 2 All official notices requiring prompt delivery shall be sent by First Class Mail.

Revised: Sec 2 All official notices requiring prompt delivery shall be sent by First Class Mail **or Electronic Mail.**

Current: Sec 3 Each DIVISION 10 member shall be mailed a copy of The Lantern.

Revised: Sec 3 Each DIVISION 10 member shall be **receive** a copy of The Lantern via First Class Mail **or Electronic Mail.**

The meeting was adjourned about 8:10 p.m.