

Warrant



October 2013

The RRA business meeting of October 9th was called to order at 6:42 p.m. There were 9 members present. Meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Due to the upcoming show, the business meeting only consisted of a reading of the treasures report. The rest of the meeting was for final decisions for the meet. All other topics were foregone until the November business meeting.

Presidents Message: Greetings from the "Old Man."

The NMRA Fall Meet is now history in our neck of the woods! It seems that RRA and Three Lakes deserve a job well done! The division, WLD and the people attending the show and banquet were pleased with everything and a lot of positive compliments were said about the whole meet.

I personally wish to thank all members of RRA and Three Lakes for the time and effort they put in to make this Fall Meet the success that it was! A thanks also goes out to Clark Henry and the boys from Minocqua for taking the time to bring down their traveling layouts for the public and meet goers to view and enjoy. Also, all of the vendors and others with displays did their part to make this meet possible and as good as it was!

So, how are things going at the depot? Right now outside projects are on hold except for Christmas lighting on the engines and cars. Work is still in progress inside the depot on the layout. Now that things have calmed down a bit, we can concentrate on getting the wire project done. Some small areas of track work need to be done also.

Members of RRA are reminded that in December the monthly business meeting is also the annual meeting at which time election of Officers will take place. Nominations for such positions will be talked about at the November business meeting of RRA. This meeting will take place on Wednesday, November 13th, 2013, at 7:00pm at the depot. Members are asked to please attend this meeting! Hope to see you there!

Take care, Jim Brown, President, RRA.

The October 12th Meet

The View From the North Tower NMRA Fall Meet held on October 12th was a great success! First off, I would like to thank everyone that helped make the show possible, especially the members of the RRA and the TLMRC.

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The show consisted of 13 tables of vendors of all kinds, along with 5 different layouts of all sizes. This brought 215+ attendees for the main show with 151 of those public walk-ins, and 67 for the banquet.

The portable layouts and the swap tables were for the most part setup on Friday in preparation for the meet. Saturday was the big day, starting out with most of the vendors bringing in and setting up their wares at 6am. Registration opened at 8:30 and main hall doors opened at nine, with the crowds pouring in. By 9:30am. the meet was in full swing with clinics running; model and photo contest items being registered and filled isles of onlookers in the main hall.

By 2pm. the crowds started to fade away, with folks heading out to the three layout tours. Thank you to Tom Thielig and Dr. Irving Schiek for opening your homes to visitors for the tours. The depot was also open for tour and the speeder was running to give people a once in a life time ride in our 1975 Fairmont speeder, which I am happy to report is running well.

The day for the public ended at 5 p.m. with the main hall closing. Many of the folks staying for the banquet headed over to happy hour for drinks; while the clubs and vendors started packing up. The evening banquet was quite a success with awards given out and a great speech from our guest speaker Bob Nadrowski, former VP of the Wisconsin Central RR.

Sunday was a slower day of taking down and packing the remaining modules and equipment. Thanks again to all those that contributed to this meet.

Christmas Lights

The tradition carries on! I don't know for sure who started the tradition of lighting up the train for the holidays at the museum, but it continues on yet another year with its white lights shining again! The lights were put up on the train on November 3rd, during the seemingly last nice day in the Northwoods, with the entire train lit up this year! Last year, due to the condition of the business car and caboose, only the engine, tender, and log car were lit. The lights will be turned on November 29th, the day after Thanksgiving, and will be on from dusk to 11pm.

Nominations

Nominations of club officers will take place on Wednesday, November 13th, 2013, at 7:00pm at the depot during the November business meeting. Election of officers will take place during the annual December business meeting on December 11th at 7:00pm.

Santa Open House

We have received word that we can once again have space to host our Santa Open House at *Trig's*. The location is in the former Joanne Fabrics store which is much closer to the main store, so hopefully there will be a greater amount of people that will attend.

We will have Santa to visit with children multiple weekends in December, along with our modular layout and other layouts setup for people to enjoy, similar to last year. We will need everyone who can help make this another successful fundraiser in such a short amount of time. Please plan to attend the November business meeting to find out how you can help.

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