

Warrant



December 2012

The RRA Business meeting of December was held December 5, 2012. The meeting was called to order at 6:58 pm and adjourned at 8:07 pm. There were seven members present.

Presidents Message: Greetings from the "Old Man."

So, how are the holidays going for all of you out there? I am writing this while the train is running around the Christmas tree about a week before Christmas. So far, so good, here at our house.

Our Christmas display by RRA down at the store was a huge success! The public enjoyed all the antics put on by all the members. Santa Clause was at his best! Lunch with him could not have been better, it was great! The "Old Man" received a special gift that was long overdue. Santa said to me while sitting on his lap, I finally caught up with you to give you this, HO! HO! HO!, coal for YO! Oh well, I can always use it to barbeque with!

The election of officers was held at the December business meeting of RRA and the slate stayed the same for 2013. President, Jim Brown, Vice President, Bob Lake, Secretary, Alan Duchrow, Treasurer, Mike Koltz, Editor, Brendan Marquardt. Congrats to all and here we go for another year!

Speaking of another year, the next business meeting of RRA will be held on Wednesday, January 2nd, 2013, 7:00 pm, at the store in Trigs Mall. Come on down and see what's in store for the New Year. With that, a Happy New Year to all!

Take care, Jim Brown, President, RRA.

There was a suggestion about making an amendment to the constitution about changing the date of the meeting from the first Wednesday of the month to the second Wednesday of the month. The reasoning of this is to be able to have a complete treasurer's report with a bank statement. The topic was tabled for the January meeting.

Some letters were found during the cleaning and reorganizing of the depot, from the executives of the Pelican Lake Railway. The letters were for the foreman of the job regarding issues such as how many inches to cut the wood. They are original copies that many think should be preserved. It was discussed to have them sent down to the Wisconsin State Historical Society for preservation. A small presentation is to be put together for the society.

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A gathering was suggested to celebrate a successful fundraiser. All agreed it was a good idea. More information will be available in the January newsletter or at the January meeting.

A motion was made to switch our phone service to Straight Talk Wireless home phone. This switch would save to club around \$300 a year. Our depot number will stay the same. The motion was approved.

On November 30th of this year, the RRA opened its doors for the Christmas season at Trig's Riverwalk center, and ended our Christmas season on the 16th of December with our traditional open house cheese & sausage platters.

We had an exceptionally great Santa, played by Bob Lake, who kept the place packed with children and adults alike. The luncheon went over very well, with the main dish being either a hot dog or a bowl of chicken noodle soup. With that came chips, a choice of candy, and a drink.



Santa kept the place packed with people during the luncheon.

We also held on the remaining Wednesday and Saturday, when Santa was not there, drawings every hour with prizes being given away. The prizes ranged from railroad locks, model rolling stock, and handmade fishing lures.

We also had a small store set up selling off some of our duplicate items. We also continued selling or extra unused rolling stock.



Trig's truly had the Christmas spirit and because of their generosity & kindness, our Christmas open house has been exceptional. Thank you Trig's, and thank you to all that have contributed in the Santa fundraiser. There were many great compliments and praise from all that attended.

Railroad Happenings: those Semi-local events...

Feb 16 & 17, 2013 **Mad City Model Railroad Show and Sale**, Exhibition Hall
at the Alliant Energy Center, Madison, WI

May 2 – 5, 2013 **Midwest Region Convention**, Host is Central
Indiana Div <http://cid.railfan.net/MP50.html> Indianapolis, IN

July 14 – 20, 2013 **NMRA Convention**, Atlanta, Georgia

Will be covered at: <http://www.nmra.org/>

Rhinelanders Railroad Association, business 1st Wednesday, 7 PM at the Logging Museum Depot, operating / maintenance any Wednesday 7 PM same location or Trigs Mall, old Family Dollar Store, Rhinelanders, WI with modular layout. See www.rrahome.org

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