

Warrant



October 2012

The RRA Business meeting of October was held October 3, 2012. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm and adjourned at 8:17 pm. There were seven members present.

Presidents Message: Greetings from the "Old Man."

I have a bit of bad news to bring up in this month's newsletter.

For those who don't receive email and depend on a mailed newsletter, here is what has taken place. Longtime member of RRA and past treasurer Norm Braeger has passed away. His funeral was held on October 30th at Carlson Funeral Home in Rhinelanders. Norm was 82 years old. He will be missed by all who knew him within the club. Norm was a very dedicated member. Our hearts and prayers go out to Norm's family.

With that bit of news being said, we go to a little brighter side of the spectrum. RRA has a new treasurer that was voted in at the last business meeting, being member Mike Koltz. He announced his interest in the job and was voted in! Congratulations Mike!

Mike is also heading up some rearranging and cleanup at the depot. Stop in and take a look! We are trying to give it a better all-around appearance as a museum for the public to view.

Meanwhile, down at the store in Trig's Mall, Tom Thelig is working on dates and things to do for the upcoming holiday season to be presented by RRA. Help will be needed from RRA members to make it a success.

Member Tom Kolbeck who was instrumental in the construction of the module system we now have, is recovering from a, well, how do you say it nicely? A rear end overhaul! Tom will fill you in when you see him. He's up and running, so to speak, but I don't think he's running just yet!

There is much to do in the next coming months, so please attend the next business meeting of RRA which will be held on Wednesday, November 7th, at 7:00 pm at the store in Trigs Mall. The main topic of discussion will be about what is going to take place in the next two months. Your help is needed! Hope to see you there!

Take care, Jim Brown, President, RRA.

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The insurer of the museum complex has gotten back to us about the lightning struck DCC system. They said that we have to get a final total pricing receipt or even buy it first and get a receipt. They will then send us a check for that amount.

We have made \$348 off the sales of the rolling stock at the Minocqua show. The cost of the Table was \$25 leaving us with a profit of \$323.

The 2013 NMRA Meet Planning committee has met. Further details of the position of planning of the meet will be in the November newsletter.

A fundraising committee has been formed and is being headed by Tom Thelig.

Mike Koltz has been elected treasurer. Mike volunteered for the position and was elected by the other six members present.

The city has covered our business car with a tarp. The painting outfit that was to repaint and repair both the caboose and the business car, has not done the job that was paid for. The owner of the business has not been able to be reached, so for the winter the car is wrapped up until spring, in which we will take further steps to restore it, as the caboose was.



The Christmas lights will be put up on the train as traditionally done. However we will not be putting them up on the business car.

The depot is being cleaned up and reorganized to look more like a railroad depot. This project is headed by Mike Koltz, with work being done almost daily. Mike is trying to finish before the



snow fly's, while the weather is still slightly on the warm side. So far the freight room had been cleaned with all the extra duplicate items being listed for sale to other museums. The woman's waiting room has had the library shelves moved from in front of the door, and has had other miscellaneous rearrangements. The library has been cleaned and downsized with the *Trains* magazine series thrown away. The office has



had the desks moved so they are not blocking the ticket and freight window. Feel free to stop by and take a look but remember that it is a work in progress.

A Note

By Bob Lake

Let's get ready for some REAL excitement! This model railroad club is gearing up for some outstanding community service while having the fun of our lifetimes. This is a call to every member past and present to come join with us here in the control tower and help guide us through some ambitious projects. This is an opportunity to make your personal mark on history

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(yep, we think we will be making historical strides in the footsteps of our founding members) and we want you here making it happen and sharing the personal rewards.

We are starting with a fine museum and a great organization left in our care by the founding members. From there we have expanded our community service to two locations in Rhineland, the museum being one and the Trig's River Walk Mall being the other one, housing the modular layout.

Sure, this should be enough for some old guys fiddling around with toy trains! Or is it? We think not! We think we are on the floor of something great.

First we have a really good project going with hosting the October 2013 meet at the former Taj Mahal (Northwoods Conference Center) for the Winnebago Division of NMRA and all folks interested in Model trains. Notice I didn't call them "Toys".

Sooner than that, is our Holiday exuberance expressed in the events, including Santa Claus. Santa will be available at least twice a week for mini-conferences between the kids and Santa, with the opportunity for proud parents, grandparents, and other family members and friends to take advantage of a photo shoot with Santa (Donations deeply appreciated). Also planned is a one of a kind "Lunch with Santa" right next to the running model trains. These meets with Santa are being planned and are going to take place in our storefront at Trig's Mall. More details will be available soon, with our monthly business meeting being changed temporarily to a Santa and open house meeting.

It is hoped that with enough support, that this meet with Santa will kick start a fundraiser to raise the necessary donations to help fund the restoration of our venerable rail cars.

Railroad Happenings: those Semi-local events...

Nov 10 – 11, 2012 Trainfest, Wisconsin State Fair Park, West Allis, WI Info at:
www.lammscape.com/cedarcreek

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/>

July 13-20, 2014 NMRA Convention, Cleveland, Ohio
Will be covered at: <http://www.nmra.org/>

Rhineland Railroad Club, The next business meeting will be Wednesday, October 3rd at 7 PM at the Trigs Mall with module layout. Operating / maintenance any Wednesday 7 PM at depot or Trigs Mall, old Family Dollar Store with modular layout, Rhineland, WI. See www.rrahome.org

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