

Warrant



September 2012

The RRA Business meeting of September was held September 5, 2012. The meeting was called to order at 6:56 pm and adjourned at 7:47 pm. There were ten members present.

Presidents Message: Greetings from the "Old Man."

I guess fall is in the air with the cold nights taking place. Just a little warning of things to come!

The past month has been very busy down at our new location for the module system at Trigs Mall in sunny downtown Rhineland. If you have not seen it, stop in and take a look!

At the reading of this newsletter it will be old news that the module system will be at the show in Minocqua on September 29th and 30th. It won't be complete but it will give people an idea of what is going on with RRA. We have had some setbacks but we are still moving right along! That's what it's all about.

We now have a member that is interested in the treasurer's job and this will be announced at the next business meeting of RRA.

Members are also asked to stop in at the Friendly Village in Rhineland and give Norm Braeger a visit. He is in room 909. Along with that, Roger Blocks wife is back in the hospital with heart problems. Our thoughts and prayers are with her and Roger! Our Vice President, Bob Lake is also out with medical problems and we wish him a speedy recovery! I guess this is all called the "Golden Years"! Yeah, right!

Anyway, the next business meeting of RRA will be on Wednesday, October 3rd at 7:00 pm at the depot. Come on down and see what's going on. Hope to see you there

Take care, Jim Brown, President, RRA.

The RRA has a new club e-mail. It is rhinelanderrailroadassociation@gmail.com. Any newsletter information or other contact needs that have to go to the general club, please send to this e-mail address. Any emails that have to go directly to a club officer, please send them to their personal e-mail address. The club also has a Skype name: Rhineland Railroad Association. This will be used when the club has access to internet to broadcast the business meetings. The club in no way guaranties that this will always be able to broadcast however.

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It has come to a successful end for our Pioneer Park historical complex season. The complex was officially closed on Labor Day, Monday the 3rd, but was however open for a couple prescheduled tours throughout the month. Great job to all of the employees and all that helped keep the place running throughout the year.

The insurance claim was submitted for the replacement of the DCC system that was struck by lightning. For the end of our season, the system was run by the module layouts system. Currently we are waiting for further information from the insurance company to see if we can get a full replacement of all that was asked for.

During the meeting, it was discussed to open the museum during the fair next August, which we have been closed for, and many people thought it would be wise to be open. It was agreed that we would talk to the museum officials at some future point. The topic was tabled to be put on next month's meeting agenda.

The subject was brought up on being able to have the Warrants name be copyrighted so that our club is the only group to be able to send out newsletters under that name. The price of placing a copy write on our Warrant name was found to be averaging \$35 by a quick internet search and it was voted on that if this price is the true price, to go ahead and have it copyrighted. If the price is more or it is more complex than originally thought to do the legal filing, then the topic will be brought up at a future meeting for further discussion.

It seems inventorying and organizing has been one of the things many people want to get done. You know all that stuff the club owns? The junk some people call it. All of those random unorganized items that have been hiding underneath the depot layout for years? They have finally been moved over to the module store and are finally being organized. It seems the club is finding more things than they originally thought that they didn't have or were out of every day in this pile. So one day maybe, we'll get through the entire museum and have a place for everything.

There has been another donation. This time it wasn't from our own backyard. The items donated came from Mike Flatley, the son of Clayton "Pat" Flatley, and were brought back all the way from Maryland. The donations consisted of many items include rolling stock, engines, books, and multiple buildings, totaling twelve boxes of items. Thank you Mr. Flatley for your generosity.

The Mod Squad

The modules have a new home! Thanks to Tom Thelig for finding them our new home, the modules are now located in the old Family Dollar store in the Trig's mall. Work is being done on them almost daily with the scenery on all but three sections almost done. Along with that, the curtains have been put up and hang well. The sides of the Styrofoam have also been painted, along with parts of the layout frame.

The wiring has been hooked up and was found to be



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in good working order and the tracks have been connected, with rail joiners going in easily. The setup of the modules has been almost perfected for moving the layout and is now almost an ease for the members to do.

The module system is taking its first show trip up to the annual train show and swap meet up in Minocqua WI on September 28th through the 30th. The club has also reserved a table to sell our old rolling stock on at a price of \$25. The rolling stock that is to be sold is cars that are extra off the club layout and things that have been found underneath the depot layout.

The club will be holding clinics on running the DCC system. The date has not been set due to having to get the module layout ready. The date should be set during the October business meeting.

The employees of the depot that run the tours have had a meeting regarding the improvements ideas to the depot end of the museum. The preliminary listing of improvements include-

Outside the Depot-

- Finish the painting and repair on the caboose and business car
- Shot blasting and painting of the engine
- Try to find funding to build a roof over engine
- Fencing in and redoing accommodations for the speeder rides
- Redoing back steps and wheelchair ramps

Inside the Depot-

- Cleaning and omitting double sets of items and restructuring the freight room; putting up fence and relabeling exhibit's
- Clean and rework the women's waiting room
- Put up new signs with arrow informing of layout downstairs
- Redo sign that says who we are and that we are a public service organization
- Set up new place for cash register and get more souvenirs to sell

This topic will be brought up at the October meeting for further review.

2013 Committee Meeting Update

By Bob Lake

A five O'clock meeting at the Pioneer Park depot resulted in a review of new information regarding revised and renewed expectations around the hosting of the Divisional Fall Meet in 2013. Further development is being held off pending attendance of a few of our members at the Wausau Divisional meet coming up in October next.

One item of interest that needs confirmation is the total expenditures anticipated in promoting the events directed at the general public and these should be equally shared by the RRA and the TLMRC, partners in the 2013 hosting. This topic will be on the October business meeting agenda.

Railroad Happenings: those Semi-local events...

Sept. 29-30, 2012 Northwoods Model RR Club

Annual Train Show and Swap Meet Saturday September 29, 2012 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. & Sunday September 30, 2012 10 A.M. to 3 P.M. At: MHLT Elementary School, 7450 Titus Drive, Minocqua, WI call 715-358-2570 or 715-356-6656

Oct 13, 2012 NMRA [Winnebagoland Division Fall Meet](http://www.wld-nmra.com) in Wausau, WI
<http://www.wld-nmra.com>

Oct 21, 2012 Model RR Show and Swap Meet – Circle B Recreation 6261 Hwy 60 – Cedarburg, W

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/>

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

Three Lakes Model Railroad Club, dates open, meet at members homes and / or with the Rhinelanders Railroad Association. See www.tlmrc.org
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