

## Wisconsin Chapter NRHS Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 19, 2025

Present: President Keith Schmidt, Vice President Ward Wells, Treasurer Tara Grudzielanek, Directors Dan Grudzielanek, Ralph McClure, Neal Wegner.

Keith called the meeting to order at 6:35.

Approval of minutes from June 16, 2025 meeting. Ward motion / Ralph second

Treasurer Report – Tara Grudzielanek

- Checking = \$2,332.44
- Savings = \$14,670.42
- 18 month CD = \$13,542.02
- Heartland Funds = \$113,601.84

Membership Report – None

Grant Committee - None

Old Business - None

New Business:

Railcamp - Our chapter sponsored Dax Macklin at this year's Railcamp. Dax wrote a very nice thank you and it will be posted in Sparks and Cinders Sept 2025.

75th Anniversary Apparel Update - Baseball caps will be available at the Soo #1003 Event

East Troy Outing Saturday July 19th – Gave owner of truck chapter apparel as compensation for providing vehicle for photo shoot. About 20 members participated in charter trip. Gave museum a donation of \$3,000. One new member signed up during the day.

Soo #1003 update - A banner was purchased to hang on the rear railing of the caboose stating the reason for the trip. TRAINS magazine announced the trip a few days after it was announced. Everything is a GO. Please fill out a waiver to be a part of the event in Burnett or to check out the equipment in Hartford. Photo run bys are planned. Chapter members will be given a lanyard with a special ID card to show that they are chapter members. This is a rain or shine event. Chapter donation is \$4,500.

RRHMA Trip to Silvis - Cate was sent dates for Fridays for possible trip to Silvis. July 25, August 15, September 5 or 19. No response as to what is best. Members would pay for transportation to Silvis. Suggested donation \$1500-\$2000.

Banquet Saturday October 4 Polish Community Center - Need menu to be set by September 8. Three meats will be Polish Sausage, Fried Chicken and sliced beef. Sides will be mashed potatoes, pasta salad and potato cheese pierogi. Cash bar. Dinner served at 6pm. Polish Center

needs final count by September 29. Arlyn Colby is the main speaker. NRHS Tony White will also speak. Considering getting a few nice door prizes to give away. Each attendee could get 10 tickets and they place in front of the container of the prize(s) they want a chance to win. Cost will be \$45 per chapter member. Deadline for registering for the banquet will be September 25.

Update on NRHS Fall conference in Milwaukee - NRHS Fall conference is in Milwaukee October 2-4 at Hyatt Downtown. The chapter has incurred some expenses for hosting the event. Chapter paid for the buses. Chapter will get reimbursement from National when everything is done. The NRHS conference group will be visiting the Jay Christopher Museum and East Troy Railroad.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45.