

4th Division
Pacific Northwest Region
National Model Railroad Association
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

November 8, 2008

Attendees: Jeannie Melvin, Jim Byerley, Sherman Stevens, Ed Liesse, Bill Hupe, Walt Huston, Ed Ives, Norm Curtis, JJ Johnston, Al Lowe, Dennis Hill.

The meeting was called to order at 1:15 p.m. by Superintendent Dennis Hill. Because of a technical problem, the minutes of the last two meetings were not available.

Sherman gave the Treasurer's Report. He said the revised figures for TTMT were that we lost \$2300.00 rather than making \$200.00. He had forgotten he took \$2500.00 in case from the account to use at the gate. His contact at the IRS says our 501(c)3 application is almost a done deal. He asked us to approve the following resolution:

Resolved by the Board of Directors of the 4th Division, Pacific Northwest Region, National Model Railroad Association that the signatories designated at Washington Mutual Bank (also to be known as Chase) for the checking account number 533-302172-3, money market account number 533-800538-4, and savings account number 365-6004454.7 (commonly known asst the PSX2004 Trust) in the name hereof subsequent to this date be any one of the following: Dennis Hill, Superintendent; Jim Byerley, Assistant Superintendent; Jeannie Melvin, Secretary; or Sherman Stephens, Treasurer, and further that the same signatories be designated for a new Certificate of Deposit to be opened by Sherman Stevens.

The motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the resolution.

Sherm reported the Articles of Incorporation are in order and current.

Dennis said we have about 200 old style patches and wanted to know what to do with them. Bill said he will check how many were originally ordered and the cost, and he suggested that he give them away to new members until they are gone.

Norm asked if we could have a DCC coordinator for each show, so groups would not be using the same frequencies. Bill said he thought the show coordinator ought to be in charge of that. Al said he'd contact the coordinator for the United Northwest and Equifriends show at the end of January and would then publish the frequencies used by the groups on the website.

Dennis said as long as the various clinic reports are available online, we will no longer have those reports at board meetings. We will continue to have modular group reports, though.

Norm noted the 4D HO Gauge group is having radio problems, but they expect that the new version of NCE will fix these.

The 4D O Gauge Hi-Railers will be at GATS in Puyallup next weekend and they had a successful Maple Valley show.

Dennis asked if he now had the current by-laws/operating guidelines for each group and was assured he does. He also talked with Larry Sebelley about giving a FreeMo clinic at the 2010 PNR.

The 4dNTRAK could not find a trailer within the allotted \$3000.00. After researching the issue, Al called Dennis and said they had found one for \$5000.00 that is new, and that included tax, title and license. Dennis gave his OK for the purchase and Al paid out of his pocket. Walt moved to repay Al, and the motion was seconded and carried.

The Pacific Science Center show on Martin Luther King Jr weekend will not be using building four because of the exhibit of the oldest human remains, Lucy. Frank Dekker and Jeff Moorman are looking for volunteers.

The 4D is hosting the 2010 PNR convention. Dennis said we need a calendar of other events: when and where to ensure the best turnout possible. We need a chairman as soon as possible, and the city the event will be held in will depend on where the chairman lives. Tacoma and Seattle would be good choices. After discussion, it was decided not to have a train show with the convention, but to focus on the many stellar layouts in the Pacific Northwest. Clinics, modeling contests, layout tours and the banquet will be enough. Again, volunteers are needed.

As membership chairman, Bill said he'd write an article for the Grab Iron, including current fees for Rail Pass and Scale Rails.

There was long discussion about whether to hold the Trains Trains and More Trains show next year. Everyone agreed since we still do not have a chairman, and we're about three months behind in planning, it would be in our best interests to cancel it. We have \$6,000.00 paid to Puyallup Fairgrounds which is non-refundable. After much thought and many words, a motion was made by Sherm to cancel TTMT, seconded by JJ and passed. Sherm said he would check with the Fairgrounds to see if there is some way we could either sublet our space or possibly have a smaller space and then hold a one day mini-meet for 4D.

JJ volunteered to be in charge of a fundraising committee if we decide we need one. The original train show idea was to serve as a backup moneymaker in case the PSC show ever becomes non-existent. Again there was much discussion about how much money the division needs. JJ pointed out that more money in the bank would enable clinics to hire speakers, thus drawing from a larger pool of talent. He also said he thought he could put together a fundraiser next year that would get us back the \$6000.00 if Sherm can't work something out with the Fairgrounds. JJ is thinking in terms of calling and writing all the members rather than a single event such as the train show as being more productive and easier to run.

Bill said we need to notify the members and Al said he'd run a short notice in the Grab Iron and on the website. We agreed the wording should include "Due to lack of interest and volunteers..." Sherm said he would contact the vendors who have already signed up, and Jeannie will a list from Susan Evans, previous chair of TTMT, of non-paying participants, and she will write a letter to each of them.

The video library is residing in Dennis' garage waiting for a new volunteer to be in charge of it. Jeannie asked where the machine to transfer tape to DVDs was, and no one knew. She will check further. She and Dennis will also attempt to list all the equipment belonging to 4D, and where it is.

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and carried. The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannie Melvin, Secretary