

4th Division, PNR, NMRA
Board of Directors' Meeting
February 21, 2009
MINUTES

Attendees: Jean Melvin, Ken Liesse, Ed Liesse, Al Lowe, Ethan (Stu) Rogers, Norm Curtis, Ed Ives, Dennis Hill, James Byerley, JJ Johnston.

The meeting was called to order at 1:23 p.m.

The minutes of the last meeting were not available due to technical difficulties. They will be emailed to everyone along with the minutes of this meeting.

Treasurer Sherman Stevens fell and consequently suffered a small stroke that has seriously impaired his vision. Dennis will be looking for someone to fill in for him. We were approved for 501(c).3 tax status. We are now officially a tax-exempt non-profit organization.

Norm Curtis has various materials from Trains Trains and More Trains 2008 and wanted to know what to do with them. They include signs and signposts, and are reusable. Dennis will store them for the time being.

Since we are hosting the PNR convention in 2010, we need a convention handbook. Ed Liesse will try to get one from the Pacific Coast Region to use as a guide for ourselves. Ed is the new education chairman and would like any educational materials anyone may have: clinic presenters, topics, etc.

During Modular Group reports, Norm said the HO group now has two 12-year olds active, and Al Lowe added the N scale group has a new 12-year old too, as well as Kent Sullivan's two boys. Dennis said during the PSC, he signed up 20 new members, and eight were "Students" under 15. This is good news for the hobby!

Ed Ives reported the Hi-Railers are active: they have already done a show in Portland OR this year and are planning to go to Spokane in June.

Al Lowe said a man he met at a show some time ago called him recently, saying he was impressed with the quality of the group, and as he was getting rid of some N Scale stuff, he would like to donate it to the group via Al. It turned out to be around \$5000 worth of equipment, scenery, buildings, DCC, etc. The group is planning to hold an auction within the group for items, after anything the Division modules need has been allotted.

There was extensive discussion about membership, with comments by Stu and Ed L about helping new modelers, perhaps by providing a DVD on basics they might borrow, or better displays at hobby stores with the 4D info. It was sug-

gested we might get hobby stores to give new modelers a Basic Layout Guide and disc from Kalmbach Publishing and we could subsidize the cost, while the store would stamp their name and address on them. It was also agreed that a nice Point of Purchase (POP) display of a small flyer with 4D info would be helpful.

Old Business

The new logo is almost finalized and JJ will be getting an order in. After discussion, it was decided we would initially order 200 at \$325.00 per hundred for sale to members.

Insurance on 4D trailers and contents has been determined to be that NMRA covers the trailer and the driver if he/she is an NMRA member. Policies to cover the contents are available as follows: \$20,000 per occurrence coverage is \$160.00 per year; \$13,333 per occurrence coverage is \$110.00 per year, and \$30,000 per occurrence coverage is \$240.00 per year. After discussion, a MOTION was made, seconded and passed that we would purchase the \$160.00 per year policy.

Dennis said he'll send a Thank You to the Pacific Science Center. We don't know yet how much was made or how many attended. Dennis also said he'll talk to former Supt. Walt Huston about the Puyallup Fairgrounds and the refund we will be getting from them. That brought up the subject of a spring meet. Since we will be hosting the 2010 PNR convention, a MOTION was made, seconded and passed not to hold a spring meet this year. It was agreed that we need to focus all our energy on the Convention. Dennis has a list of people he will be contacting to ask if they would be willing to take on the chairmanship of the convention.

The location of the video to DVD transcribing machine has not been determined.

Elections are being held this spring for various Board positions. The Assistant Superintendent Position is currently occupied by Jim Byerley and he is running again. Position One is a two-year term being vacated by Norm Curtis. Al Lowe has agreed to run for this position. Position Three is a two-year term being vacated by Walt Huston. Ethan (Stu) Rogers volunteered to run for this position. Position Two and the Superintendent's slot are voted on in alternate years from positions one and three; thus they will be voted on next spring. Candidates have agreed to make statements which will be published in the Grab Iron.

A MOTION to adjourn was made, seconded and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Melvin, Secretary, 4D