

MINUTES
NMRA, PNR, 4D
Board of Directors' Meeting
August 08, 2009

Attendees: Ken Liesse, Frank Dekker, Jeannie Melvin, Sherman Stevens, Ethan (Stu) Rogers, Walt Huston, J.J. Johnston, Ed Ives, John Salzetti, Jim Bainbridge, Norm Curtis, Jim Byerley, Ed Liesse, Dennis Hill, Al Lowe, Di Voss, Jack Hamilton.

Meeting called to order at 1 p.m. by Supt. Dennis Hill.

Motion made and seconded to amend the minutes of the previous meeting as follows: under New Business, PNR 2010 Convention Committee, "Treasurer Sherman Stevens will create a separate checking account at the Kingsgate branch of Chas Bank for the 2010 PNR Convention. Signatories will be Supt. Dennis Hill, Treasurer Sherman Stevens, Secretary Jeannie Melvin and Convention Chair Stu Rogers." MOTION CARRIED.

Ed Liesse reported that two awards from NMRA to the 4th Division were made recently. Recipients were Di Voss and _____. Also, Dennis presented awards for service to the 4th Division to Sherm, Norm Curtis and Walt Huston.

The Treasurer's report was discussed thoroughly and Sherm will make the suggested emendations and will present it to be passed to audit at the next board meeting.

Old Business

PNR 2010 Convention ~ Chair Stu Rogers, speaking for the committee, proposed Edmonds as the venue. PNR Pres. Jack Hamilton advised him we must submit a bid proposal to the PNR. Details must include venue, budget, facilities available, etc. Stu will hold a committee meeting Aug. 12 to write the proposal and he will give it to the PNR Secretary who will forward it to Jack. He will also send a copy to each of the 4D board members.

Video Library ~ Stu is progressing on getting the library catalogued and organized. He'll also come up with a working estimate of the worth of the library as an asset.

Elections ~ Due to a procedural error, the recent board of directors election has been rendered null and void. A new ballot will be mailed to each 4D member immediately. The call-for date by which ballots must be received is Sept. 15. Two interim directors, Frank Dekker and Ken Liesse, were appointed by Supt. Dennis Hill to serve until the ballots are counted.

New Business

Budget requests and allocations ~ Budget requests were made one at a time and were discussed with reference to the proposed budget as shown on the handout. Approval was given to all requests but one, and motion was made and seconded to accept the revised budget. MOTION CARRIED. The request from the Bremerton Northern group for \$1500 was denied, but after discussion, Supt. Dennis said he will advise them they should: petition the 4D Board for official recognition of their group; meet NMRA standards for compatibility of modules; and follow NMRA rules and regulations for a group, notably to stop charging dues. If they meet these requirements, future requests for funding will be given due consideration.

Sherm pointed out that no audit of his books has been conducted in recent years. After discussion, it was agreed that Al Lowe will put a request to the 4D members asking for two volunteers with apropos financial experience to review the books with Sherm.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. MOTION CARRIED. The meeting was adjourned at 4 p.m.

The next meeting will be OCTOBER 31 at 1:00 P.M. at the YANKEE GRILL in Renton. Note: this is a change in the previously published meeting date.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeannie Melvin, Secretary