

MINUTES
Board of Directors' Meeting
4th Division, PNR, NMRA
December 17, 2011

Attendees: Jean Melvin, Ken Liesse, Ed Liesse, Rob Jones, John Salzetti, Ed Ives, JJ Johnston, Al Lowe, Sherman Stevens, Frank Dekker, Ethan (Stu) Rogers.

Supt. Ken Liesse called the meeting to order at 1 p.m.

The minutes of the last meeting were read by the attendees and a motion to accept them as written was seconded and approved.

Treasurer Sherman Stevens gave his report; a motion to accept them as written was seconded and approved. Sherm gave bonding applications to John Salzetti and Jean Melvin to be filled out and mailed back to him.

Frank Dekker and Rob Jones reported that the Pacific Science Center Show (PSC) is going along fine. They still need volunteers.

The Hi-Railers need help at PSC since so many of their members are unable to participate this year.

The 4D NTrak group reported they have attended Puyallup, Maple Valley, and Ferndale shows and will be at Tacoma over Christmas. They also need a second trailer, as the group has grown dramatically in members and modules.

Stu Rogers reports the library is doing well and Tacoma uses it extensively.

Speaking as Membership Chairman, Rob wants larger format digital slide players for shows. He estimates the cost at about \$110 each and he wants three. A motion to give him \$350 for the purchase was made, seconded, and approved.

Under unfinished business, Supt. Ken Liesse said he would print and mail the membership packet himself, since he does not need many of them each month.

The new version of the Executive Handbook will keep the secretary and the treasurer as voting members of the board and we will be included in a quorum. The handbook will also include a privacy section.

Dave Liesse will finish revision and give them to Al Lowe to post on the website. There will also be an Ethics section in the handbook.

Going forward, if you cannot be at a board meeting, please assign your proxy to someone who will be there and notify Supt. Ken who it will be.

We discussed the Spring Meet for the 4th Division: which month, how long, what will happen, is a dinner included? We are considering May, June and July and having it on a Saturday for a full day. We would like to include clinics, a dinner or luncheon with awards presented, and possibly layout open houses on Sunday.

All module groups need to have by-laws and give them to the superintendent. So far the NTrak group has them and the O Scale Hi-Railers and the HO group will have them.

The Northwest Railway Museum thanked us for our donation of \$1000. The train tours start on April 1st. Tours of the Train Shed are on Saturdays only, and are by reservation.

Frank Dekker mentioned the Pacific Northwest Railroad Archives in Burien as something we may want to contribute to in the future.

The 4D NTrak group will attend the annual United Northwest train show in Monroe but it was pointed out that the 4D does not support the show. It is a benefit held by UNW. Also, because of some problems last year, we were reminded that liability is the responsibility of the sponsoring organization. A motion was made that the 4D obtain liability insurance for all three module groups for the year 2012. The motion was tabled after Supt. Ken said he will need a list of the shows the groups plan to attend.

Frank suggested that one module in each module group should be dedicated for membership information. The groups will co-ordinate with Rob for slide shows, flyers and other material as needed.

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and approved. The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

The next meeting will be Saturday, March 03, 2012 at 1 p.m. at the Yankee Grill in Renton.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannie Melvin, Secretary