

MINUTES

Board of Directors' Meeting

4th Division, PNR, NMRA

August 18, 2012

Attendees: Jean Melvin, Walt Huston, JJ Johnston, Frank Dekker, Rob Jones, Jim Merriam, Ethan "Stu" Rogers, John Salzetti, Al Lowe, Ed Liesse, Supt. Ken Liesse, Sherman Stevens, CJ Riley, Hadley Webster, Duane Damgaard.

Supt. Ken Liesse called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

There was a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting, which was seconded and approved.

Treasurer Sherman Stevens gave his report and presented the proposed budget for the fiscal year 2013. Discussion showed that the new OmNiRail group had been left out of the budget. The error was rectified and Sherm will print a new copy of the budget. He thanked Dave Liesse for checking the books for us. Dave found they were in excellent order.

The signatories on the bank account are bonded now and the cost was \$200.

There was a motion to accept the budget as amended, which was seconded and approved.

Ken asked if we have a legal responsibility to have the books checked by a CPA. If we do, then we will have that done this year.

Committee Reports

John Salzetti said he has a lot of O scale model trains from Hub Hubbard's estate that were given to the Hi Railers group and he wanted to know what to do with them. Ken said the NMRA does not have an official policy. John said then they will keep some of the items and sell the rest and they will put the money toward the Coffee Can fund for the hobby shops.

Al Lowe, the Publications chairman, asked that we change the name of the Publications to Communications. From now on he will be in charge of Communications.

Duane Damgaard, guest from Ocean Shores commented that he had had no notice of the summer mini-meet and wanted to know why. He and Al discussed ways and means of fixing the problem and Al said he will be glad to walk him through the maze of the Yahoo groups.

Ken said he, Al and Rob should get together to do a written communication for all members on how to sign up for Yahoo groups, how to send and receive email, and who to contact about problems and information changes.

Al suggested we use the NMRA database of email addresses the way PNR does. Also, we should post new members on the *Grab Iron*.

Stu, the Video Librarian, reported that he will publish a list of all new Video Library titles he has gotten, hopefully by fall.

Rob, Membership chairman, said he attended the North Bend Block Party, also known as the Mount Si show.

Frank Dekker reported the Pacific Science Center (PSC) is making major changes in building 2, which is where a large part of the annual train show is held. He and Tim will be talking with the PSC and keeping close track of how that will affect the show.

Ken asked that all the groups email the secretary with their show schedules and I will compile them and send them to Al to post on the *Grab Iron*.

Also, each group needs a module devoted to membership that can be part of their layout at a show.

Frank said the HO group is going to Lynden in October.

John Salzetti said the Hi-Railers will attend the Great American Train Show (GATS) this fall.

It was agreed that 4D needs to keep the calendar more current and include any railroad-related events.

Unfinished Business

The Narrow Gauge National Convention in Meydenbauer Center in Bellevue is going well with a good crowd expected.

Ken told the Bremerton Northern group they are not eligible to receive funding from 4D. He has not heard back from them.

Stu asked about the possibility of having ads on the *Grab Iron*. After some discussion, it was agreed that we will have a classified section for members only with railroad-related material only.

Ken said he has not heard from the LeMay Museum and they are on hold for now.

New Business

John brought up the subject of reimbursement for gas when transporting 4D-owned core equipment and assets to and from shows. Duane suggested that drivers fill up before they go, then fill up on returning home, and mileage can be figured from the receipts. The ensuing discussion resulted in the following motion:

Modular groups should be reimbursed at the current Internal Revenue Service (IRS) rate for full expenses for the trailers hauling core module assets to and from shows. Odometer readings will be used to figure mileage thus: the driver fills the gas tank of the towing vehicle immediately before leaving for the show. He or she refills the tank as needed during the drive. Upon returning home, the driver refills the tank of the towing vehicle on the same day he returns. The driver then puts his name on each receipt, along with the show attended, makes copies to keep for his own records, and submits the original receipts to the treasurer. The treasurer will reimburse at the IRS per-mile rate.

The motion was seconded and approved.

Sherman said the license for the 4dNtrak group's trailer needed renewing, which he would do. He will send the tabs to Al.

Sherman also said the CD came due yesterday (August 17) and he would renew it for 12 months.

A motion to adjourn was seconded and approved. The meeting was adjourned at 10:17 a.m. The next meeting is November 17, place and time to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannie Melvin, Secretary