

MINUTES

Board of Directors' Meeting
4th Division, PNR, NMRA
November 17, 2012

Attendees: Frank Dekker, Ron Kirsch, JJ Johnston, Rob Jones, Ed Liesse, Supt. Ken Liesse, Al Lowe, Paul Pellegrino, Ethan "Stu" Rogers, John Salzetti, Sherman Stevens

Supt. Ken Liesse called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

There was a motion and second to approve the minutes of the last meeting and, after several small corrections, they were approved as corrected

Treasurer Sherman Stevens gave his report and commented that the last Spring Meet generated a loss of about \$1,300. Everyone agreed that the meet was successful, however. Treasury is still in good shape. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was moved, seconded and passed.

Committee Reports

Clinics – Eastside – JJ Johnston reported that the Eastside Get-Together was still going well and that they would be collecting donations for their annual gift to the church for distribution at Christmas to needy families of the congregation.

Modular Groups – Hi-Railers – John Salzetti said they were at Lynden and Maple Valley and both were good shows and that they would be going to Monroe. He also mentioned that they needed help for the upcoming GTE show in Puyallup with several members unavailable. It was suggested to put a notice in the Grab Iron and/or on the 4D Yahoo group. They also are still inventorying and pricing items from an estate.

HO Modular – Frank Dekker said they were also at Lynden. They will be at the Tacoma History Museum during the Train Festival at Christmas time, the Pacific Science Center show during M.L. King weekend, and Monroe. They now have 4 tracks on the corner units and bridge, an area for kids to operate and have revised their requirements for new members joining the group. They also have a Steering Committee that meets separately from the regular meetings.

N Scale Modular – Al Lowe commented that they also were at Maple Valley and had the layout in a figure 8 configuration. They'll be trying another new design for a later show. The group will also be at the GTE show, Tacoma History Museum Train Festival, PSC and Monroe.

Omni-Rail N Scale Modular – Rob Jones stated that the modules are coming together and they will be doing their first show at the GTE in Puyallup. They will also be at the PSC show. Membership is building up.

Modular Groups in general – reminder that all the modular groups should have a place to promote NMRA membership. HO group said they have an LCD display on one of their modules in development.

Pacific Science Center show – Frank Dekker – they met with the PSC about a month ago and still were not certain of all the space available. The King Tut exhibit is supposed to be closed by then, but the space still may not be available. Still working on that. The Rocky Mountain Express movie showing at the PSC will have discount coupons available for 4D members. Frank and Jeff Moorman started working with the PSC show at the 25th show and it's now the 39th. Frank and his wife are looking into a possible vacation home in Michigan for visits with the grand kids, so he wants to relinquish co-chairing the show. He expects to be available when they're here, but not as he has been. Ken extended thanks from all of 4D for his years of working with the show.

Communications – Al Lowe commented that there have been around 2300 articles in the Grab Iron since it went electronic. He's still working on a new distribution system to "opt out" instead of "opt in."

Membership – Rob Jones said the membership booth at the recent Boeing Swap meet might produce a few new members. Several attendees took the Rail Pass form with them and hopefully sent them in.

Unfinished Business

Ken commented on the Christmas trainset fund can being available at Tacoma Trains again this year. This was quite successful last year and hope it is again this year.

Meeting site for BOD meetings – Ken mentioned contacting the Renton library for use of their meeting room but was told we missed their deadline. There was more discussion from the group and decided that meeting here at Mitzel's in Kent was acceptable. They liked having the semi-isolated area.

New Business

Calendar for 2013 – the following dates were set for 2013: BOD 2/23, 4/27, 8/10 and 11/16. Spring Meet: tentatively set for 5/18. Please mark your calendars.

Contribution – JJ Johnston stated that last year he moved 4D make a donation of \$1000 to the Snoqualmie Railroad Museum. This year he made a motion to donate \$1000 to the NMRA in support of the display at the California State Railroad Museum in Sacramento. This is a major fund raising by the NMRA to build an educational display at the CSRM. 4D funding would come from the Educational Outreach budget and the Restricted Income for Education account (\$500 each). Seconded and passed.

Bremerton Northern Model Railroad Club – Ken said that the club had submitted a budget request for plastic panels to go around the outside of their layout for protection

of their trains and it was rejected by the BOD on the grounds that they were not a 4D sponsored group. Sherman, however, received a bill from them for \$1200 for the panels. Question was raised as to whether they could apply for a grant? Ken will try to contact them to understand what it is they want. The bill payment was rejected.

BOD elections in 2013 – Al Lowe, Stu Rogers and John Salzetti are up next year for re-election. More about the election will be forthcoming.

Replacement for Frank as PSC show co-chair – Ken stated that he will be looking for candidates for the position.

A motion to adjourn at 2:47 p.m. was seconded and approved. The next meeting will be February 23 at 1:00 p. m. at Mitzel's in Kent.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Liesse, Secretary pro tem