

MINUTES
Board of Directors' Meeting
4th Division, PNR, NMRA
April 27, 2013

Attendees: Jean Melvin, Ken Liesse, Ed Liesse, Alex Brikoff, John Thornhill, Sherman Stevens, John Salzetti, Ed Ives, Jim Merriam, Rob Jones, Rod Kirsch, Okhui Babineau, Ethan "Stu" Rogers, Russ Segner, Al Lowe, Doug Bulger, JJ Johnston, David Yadock.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM.

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as distributed.

The treasurer's report was accepted.

Alex Brikoff, as the new Education Chair, distributed some of his thoughts on education. A number of ideas involved working with Membership. Through discussion, it was decided to develop some business cards for use at shows to give to prospective members to provide contact information.

Al discussed the Grab Iron "opt out" potential. The decision was to send everything to everybody. If they don't want it, they will have to opt out.

Rob talked about the membership booth being at several shows and feels we gained a few members from it.

Dave Yadock mentioned there's a new person, Val, at the Science Center to work with for the show and has sent e-mails to participants to get an early start on next January's show.

Russ talked about the Spring Meet: 12 clinics, seven that are brand new. There are 92 out of 120 registered. He asked if he could waive the fees for two non-NMRA clinicians from Canada. The board agreed.

Al Lowe talked about the 4dNTRAK group: they had busy spring, reworked their trailer to hold more modules.

Jim Merriam on OmNiRail: they are finishing scenery and they plan to attend the WA Home Schoolers show in June. They now have 13-15 members.

Ed Ives on Hi-Railers: of 15 members, only four are active. Sam had a major stroke but feels he can continue, and the group feels it can continue. There are three more shows coming up: WA home school convention, Lynden, and Maple Valley.

Stu reported that the video library is still going on and questioned the possibility of adding some basic model railroading books to the library for circulation.

The board decided to purchase John's Hi-Rail modules for the Hi-Railers.

Bremerton Northern was unable to attend to make their case for becoming a 4D-sponsored group.

Ken commented on the need for a Long Range Plan and the need to get more info from the group. NMRA has some new plans we might have to consider in the LRP and there was mention of the possibility of a display at MOHAI.

Ken asked if we want to take part again in the North Bend block party. Rob thought it was good to have the membership booth there with a display. We agreed to do it again. There was a question about Railroad Days at Snoqualmie; it could be a good idea. Russ thought he might be able to get a storefront we could use during the RR Days. The question arose about when Thomas was at the

Museum. Ken said that Thomas is run by a private firm and it controls the Museum area during Thomas, Russ asked if the space off the Museum were available, could that be used?

PNR 2014 Convention in 4D: Second division asked to be relieved of the PNR convention next year since they're preparing for the NMRA National convention in 2015. No other division has offered to swap with 2D. After discussion, it was decided that if no one else is willing to swap with 2D, 4D would do it. Russ volunteered to chair the committee if members of the board would commit to helping. JJ said he would co-chair with Russ. Several of the people in attendance also agreed to help but need advice about what to do. We need to get an answer from the PNR president before continuing with the planning.

Sherman presented a proposed budget for the next fiscal year. After much discussion, a budget was accepted that included the financing of the PNR convention in 4D in 2014.

It was Resolved that it is approved that Sherman Stevens, Treasurer, is authorized to open a checking account, in name of 4D PNR NMRA, for the purpose of an operating account for the 2014 PNR Annual Meeting at JP Morgan Chase Bank N.A. Further that signatories will be Ken Liesse, Superintendent (President), Jeannie Melvin, Secretary, Sherman Stevens, Treasurer, and Russ Segner, Meeting Chairman.

Ken mentioned a new book published by the Operations SIG on Train Table and Train Order operation for those interested in the way railroads operated in the late 1800s and early to mid 1900s.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM.