

MINUTES
Board of Directors' Meeting
4th Division, PNR, NMRA
August 18, 2013

Attendees: David Yadock, Rob Jones, Sherman Stevens, John Salzetti, Jean Melvin, Supt. Ken Liesse, Ed Liesse, Paul Pellegrino, Michael Hightower, Alex Brikoff, Tina Brikoff, Ed Ives, JJ Johnston, Al Lowe, Tom Barrett, Dan Reilly.

Supt. Ken Liesse called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Two guests were introduced from the Bremerton Northern group: Tom Barrett and Dan Reilly.

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

Treasurer Sherman Stevens gave his report. A motion was made to accept the report. The motion was seconded and approved.

Mike reported on the progress of the 2014 PNR Convention committee. The convention will be at La Quinta Inn in Tacoma June 18-21, 2014. Excursions so far include Mt. Rainier, Snoqualmie and Tacoma Rail. The next meeting of the committee will be at 11:00 a.m. August 24.

Jack Hamilton said the 4D is going to be pilot program for the long distance Achievement Program; Alaska will be the test district.

Ken reminded us that the NMRA will reincorporate in Missouri. This will change the structure and the 501 (c) (3) status of National will then be umbrellaed. We do not know how it affects us since we have our own 501 (c) (3) status (not all divisions do).

At the 2017 convention in Atlanta, Gay and Ed Liesse were the recipients of "Fellow of the NMRA" awards. This is one of highest awards given by the NMRA. Ed has been a member for 60 years.

Committee Reports

Education: Alex has created business cards. They have been distributed. He can order more as needed. He is creating a video library of how-to and clinics and suggested making our own. After discussion, he proposed that he explore the possibility of buying some that already exist. Model Railroader has a new program called Video Plus, avail to subscribers. Kalmbach Library has some also. Al suggested we check out YouTube for videos; links can be provided on the website. Woodland Scenics made series of free videos on YouTube. Alex will check these out.

Also, Alex is looking to set up a link to Boy Scout merit badges. Paul Pellegrino is in charge of merit badges for his son's troop, and he can help. Ken said he also co-ordinates the Boy Scouts since they come up to Snoqualmie sometimes; they might be able to make a day in conjunction with a modular group and Snoqualmie. Ed suggested we try to capture clinics on video to make them permanent. We would need a release form, equipment, and an operator. Alex and Ken will discuss this in more detail.

Alex would like to see more exposure at local shows of NMRA: Rob has taken the membership display to several and will continue to do so.

Publications: Al said the Pacific NW Railway Archives posted that buying from eBay will benefit them; this showed on 4d website and the NMRA is now concerned about whether to allow this. This is commercialism and NMRA wants the money, since PNRA is not part of NMRA. How much do we want to limit postings? Ken will talk to NMRA about this. Al said we can put up the same information but about NMRA: eBay purchases go to them, too.

Membership: Rob said the Snoqualmie block party went OK. More events like that would be good. Sammamish invited him to their block party. He may be able to use the county library to have Sunday presentations of clinic videos; has friend who is librarian for King county and he will check with them.

Pacific Science Center show: David spoke with Val at PSC. They will work on poster; their graphic person will do it, but David is working with him on design. We should have building 4, but not mezzanine. Jeff Moorman will start sending invitations for layouts. Al would like updates for website as needed. Ken: all groups should let Al know so he can keep the website updated. There was discussion about holding a banquet for the 40th anniversary of PSC. Would it be on PSC grounds? Would the target audience be the 4D? We may want to hold it before or after Martin Luther King Jr. weekend; would we include the PSC staff? Dave and Sherm will discuss the cost for reimbursement for person who is coming from Wenatchee.

Also, the membership table at the PSC needs pepping up. How about a kiddie layout? Rob has one. This would target kids; would enough parents join the NMRA to justify it? Kent Sullivan and Rob could be set up near there. Ed said we need a salesman manning the booth! Can we set up in conjunction with BNSF's Operation Life Saver? Kids will bring their parents, hopefully.

4dNTRAK: Al said 54 sheets of plywood are now a work of art, that is, carts to fit the trailer. There is a new stanchion system and a new sign mount. The group also built a 28-foot yard with 120 turnouts.

Hirailers: Ed Ives said they have had three meetings in summer for out of doors layout. They went to WHO (Homeschoolers of Washington) show; it was successful, but kids are all hands on and two locos hit the floor. They now have John Salzetti's modules too. They will be going to Lynden.

OmNi rail: Paul said their projected calendar includes PSC, Monroe, and Puyallup. They have postponed construction of new modules due to lack of membership growth. They will focus on what is already started.

Eastside Clinic: JJ is looking for replacement for himself. He has programs through end of year. They are expecting another good year, and will continue to meet at church.

New Business

Election results: Russ Segner will replace John S and Stu will not serve on the board but will continue as the Librarian.

Tom and Dan represented the Bremerton Northern Club; Kitsap Western Railroad is their layout. They gave out a spreadsheet on mileage for reimbursement for driver of trailer, for all shows in a year. For budgeting purposes, they were asking for \$800. They go to retirement homes each year with a smaller layout. Ken asked if they want to become a part of the 4D, or do they just want to be reimbursed for travel expenses? They have 25 members, and are 100% NMRA membership, but this does not entitle them to reimbursement from 4D. Does the club want to become a sponsored 4D club? They are 501 (c) (7) incorporated as a group. Ed reminded us that the NMRA is reorganizing and this will affect all the members. This will mean

changes within the Divisions. The 4D would not be incorporated and would give up the 501 (c) (3) since we would be covered. Ken sent a list of guidelines to Bob but will resend that to Tom.

Tom and Dan will get back to their group, since they did not understand the full import of wanting funds from the 4D. They will get back with Ken after they speak with their members.

Ken tabled further discussion until the next Board meeting on Nov. 02.

A motion to adjourn was seconded and approved. The meeting was adjourned at 2:56 p.m. The next meeting is November 02 at 1 p.m. at Mitzel's in Kent.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannie Melvin, Secretary