

MINUTES
Board of Directors' Meeting
4th Division, PNR, NMRA
August 23, 2014

***Attendees:** Russ Segner, Tina Ferguson-Brikoff, Michael Donnelly, Al Lowe, Alex Brikoff, Kurt Laidlaw, David Yadock, Jack Hamilton, Ed Liesse, Peter Gulick, Bob Rorabaugh, and Ed Ives*

Supt. Russ Segner called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. The Minutes from the June B.O.D. meeting and today's agenda were unanimously approved.

Officers' Reports

Superintendent: Russ Segner announced that PSX2014 was a huge success. We had 220 people in attendance and about 175 of them were fully paid. We generated, to the 4th Division, a net of about \$6,200.00. Russ introduced Bob Rorabaugh as our new Membership Chair and announced that Mike Highsmith is our new PNR President.

Asst. Superintendent: No Report

Treasurer: Mike Donnelly reported that we currently have 3 checking accounts: a personal account, a business account and the PSX account. He is in the process of rolling all accounts into the business account as this is what Sherman Stevens was working on. Mike is also going to do an inventory of all of the 4D assets. He will also speak with Dave Liesse about tax requirements and issues.

Office Manager: No report

Committee and Program Reports

Education: Alex Brikoff has resigned as Education Chairman and Russ Segner reluctantly accepts. Alex says he will however work on projects from time to time, such as helping Bob Rorabaugh with membership.

Membership: Bob Rorabaugh reports that Rob Jones, previous Membership Chair, has passed along to him a lot of things that are unnecessary and no longer needed. Bob introduced some pamphlets and he wants them to be attached to every Model Railroader magazine given away. He wants to start a "New Era" for membership recruiting and has a lot of ideas. Bob wants to obtain a couple of screens to display visuals at shows. Bob has a lot of good ideas to later discuss. He will provide a "New Member" list for Ed Liesse. Jack Hamilton stated that he should have a list of ALL 4D Members.

PSC: David Yadock reports that the Pacific Science Center show will have to be smaller this year due to limited space. We can only have spaces in Buildings 1, 2 and 3. Unfortunately we won't have Building 4. Dave calls for smaller layouts. Dave says he will have a new poster by the end of September. Dave will get some pics and email all the Modular Groups.

Modular Groups:

Hi-Railers. Ed Ives reports that they have reservations for the Lynden, and Maple Valley shows. He has 4 members committed.

4DNTRAK: They will be in the Lynden, Maple Valley, Pacific Science Center, Monroe, The History Museum, and Puyallup train shows. AI states that the Puyallup show is now called, The Great Train Show.

In addition, AI indicated that he has made some changes on the Grab Iron

HO Modular: Peter Gulick states that they have begun a better and more specific system of accounting.

A motion was made by AI Lowe to form a sub-committee with a representative of each module group, along with the Superintendent and Treasurer to make recommendations for operational guidelines for these module groups. The motion was seconded by Kurt Laidlaw and passed unanimously.

NMRA West Regional Director Report: Jack Hamilton reports that EduTrain is on track and moving forward. The Strategic Plan Update has been approved, and will be posted to the website shortly. PNR and 4th Division will become 'mentors' for a lot of the plans content to make sure it is done correctly. Jack also stated that we need to spend more time talking about how we recruit instead of who we recruit. 45-65 is our primary target group. Jack announced that Bill Mesacar is a new MMR. Jack is circulating a petition to go on the ballot for President of the NMRA. If folks are unable to sign, you can email to Jack, their support. Also Jack stressed that we need volunteers for the NMRA Convention on Portland next August 2015.

Business:

Old Business: AI Lowe reports that he has now established a system to make the Grab Iron membership notified of every new posting. Kurt Laidlaw reminded us that he and Mike Highsmith are currently working on changing the bylaws.

New Business: Russ Segner stated that our current video projectors are out of date, and after Mike Donnelly's inventory of assets, we should determine how many we need, and use the PSX funds for replacing them for about 7 to \$800.00. He also reminded us that the Video Library needs to be addressed, and we need a volunteer for this.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Ferguson-Brikoff, Secretary