

**MINUTES**  
**Board of Directors' Meeting**  
4th Division, PNR, NMRA  
October 11, 2014

*Attendees: Russ Segner, Michael Donnelly, Al Lowe, David Yadock, Ed Liesse, Peter Gulick, Mike Highsmith, Paul Pellegrino, Bill Sandstrom, Bob Stafford, Bill Messecar*

Supt. Russ Segner called the meeting to order at 1:05pm

It was moved, seconded and passed (MSP) to accept the minutes of last meeting.

It was MSP to appoint Bill Messecar as 4<sup>th</sup> Division secretary.

**Officers' reports**

**Superintendent:** No report

**Asst. Superintendent:** No report

**Secretary:** No report

**Treasurer:** Treasurer Mike Donnelly reported the current financial status of the 4<sup>th</sup> Division:

\$12,658.30    Checking

\$25,279.97    Savings

\$30,969.05    CD (Due to roll over Oct 17)

\$ 7,872.95    CD (PSX 2004 residual)

Mike Donnelly reported that the 4th Division has \$30,969.05 in a very low yield CD (0.15%) which is due to roll over October 17th. Mike suggested we may want to move the CD plus some (half maybe) of the savings account into higher yielding investments. The board approved closing the CD and temporarily moving the funds into the savings account rather than rolling it into another CD. Russ requested that a committee of Al Lowe, Mike Donnelly and Mike Highsmith research brokers and bring a recommendation for where and how to invest this money to the next board meeting.

**Office Manager:** Current membership was reported as follows: PNR 1477 members, 1<sup>st</sup> Div. (89), 2<sup>nd</sup> Div (143), 3<sup>rd</sup> Div. (91), 4<sup>th</sup> Div. (516), 5<sup>th</sup> Div. (183), 6<sup>th</sup> Div. (167), 7<sup>th</sup> Div. 288).

**Committee and Program Reports**

**Modular Groups:** Pete Gulick raised a question of how modular groups are reimbursed for gas traveling to shows. Al Lowe read current procedure which was approved at the August 18, 2012 4<sup>th</sup> Division Board meeting. It requires the group to fill their tank then travel to their show and refill their tank then send the 4<sup>th</sup> Division Treasurer the difference for reimbursement. Russ asked Mike D. to review current procedure and make recommendation on best reimbursement procedure at the next Board meeting.

**OmNiRail 4dNTRAK** went to the Lynden Show and won a prize for best layout. We are also going to the Maple Valley Show in mid-October and to the GTX Show at the Puyallup Fairgrounds in November. The group is also considering a show and swap meet October 17, 2015 at the Cargo Theater in Renton

**Pacific Science Center Show:** David Y reported event is moving forward. A poster is in the works. Invite letters went out last week. There will be no access to building 4 this year or B4 loading dock. 15 groups have been invited. We'll need to set up insurance for the show through the NMRA. David also mentioned his discussion with people at the Washington State Fair in September. We have been offered a 35' by 25' space for September 2015 if we wish to participate.

**Communications:** It was MSP to create a position of 4<sup>th</sup> Division Communications Chair appointed by the Division Superintendent. The superintendent appointed Bob Stafford as 4<sup>th</sup> Division Communications Chair.

Al Lowe announced that he is retiring from 4<sup>th</sup> Division Grab Iron Editor and Cliff Green is ready to take over. Russ accepted his resignation with regret. It was MSP to appoint Cliff Green as Editor of Grab Iron.

**Membership.** Bob Rorabaugh filled a written report which included that fact that he has visited 3 of the 9 4<sup>th</sup> Division clinics in the past month. Bob will be representing the division at two shows coming up in the next six weeks—Maple Valley, Boeing Swap meet but needs help taking down the display after both shows. He is looking for someone to man the display at the Puyallup Train show in November. The following clinic people stepped in to the NMRA booth, giving me a bathroom/eat break: Jim, Alex, John, Russ, Dennis, Sherman. *Thanks, guys!*

### **New business**

- Discussion of various insurance issues for modular groups. Russ requested Mike Highsmith to investigate physical damage coverage for 4<sup>th</sup> Division trailers and report to 4<sup>th</sup> Division Board
- Russ asked Michael H/Kurt Laidlaw and David Y to review the 4<sup>th</sup> Division by Laws and bring suggested changes to the next Board meeting.
- Russ requested the Treasurer to examine the current situation of taxable income and come up with language for use in the 4<sup>th</sup> Division.

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and passed and the meeting was adjourned at 3:00pm. The next meeting is Saturday December 13, 10am at Mitzel's in Kent.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bill Messecar, Secretary