

MINUTES
Board of Directors' Meeting
4th Division, PNR, NMRA
February 21, 2015

Attendees: *Russ Segner, Michael Donnelly, Al Lowe(by phone), David Yadock, Ed Liesse, Peter Gulick, Mike Highsmith, Paul Pellegrino, Kurt Laidlaw, Ed Ives, Jim Merriam, Bob Rorabaugh, Cliff Green, J J Johnston, Bill Messecar*

Supt. Russ Segner called the meeting to order at 9:00am

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

Officers' reports

Superintendent: No report

Asst. Superintendent: Michael reported that he had researched new projectors for the 4D clinics. Cost for a new NEC 3100-Lumen Widescreen portable projector which rated very high compared to other projectors was \$550 per unit. We could need a total of five to be given to Seattle, Eastside, Island and Mt. Vernon clinics with a spare for unforeseen events. Tacoma currently has a projector at the site where they meet. It was MSP to spend \$2,750 to purchase five projectors. Michael Highsmith will make the purchase for 4D.

Treasurer: Treasurer Mike Donnelly submitted his report through January 2015. MSP to accept Treasurers report. It will be published in the Grab Iron.

Membership: The 4D will be at the Monroe Show next week end and the Freight House Sq. show in March.

PSC Show: David reported that the Science Center was pleased overall with the train show. There was a problem in finding parking for trailers at PSC. There were 9 layouts at the show. He submitted the request for payment (\$11,000) at the start of the show. Treasurer was given \$27 collected as donations at PSC show.

Office Manager: Current membership was reported as follows: PNR 1477 members and 4th Div. 522.

Committee and Program Reports

Hi-Railers: Group plans to attend the Monroe Show next weekend.

4DNTRAK: PSC show was OK! Will be at the Monroe show.

OmNiRail; Have approximately 15 members and are planning to attend a number of shows. Several new modules are under construction. They are looking at reworking the 4D yard module.

HO Modular: They will be at Monroe and the National Train Show in Portland. They have 17 members and meet on the 2nd Saturday of every month. Mike Sleese is the focal point.

Old business:

- Report of 4D sponsorship policy by Kurt Laidlaw. Kurt handed the BOD a 14 point policy for groups wishing sponsorship by the 4th Division. There was an amendment to replace the work “it” by group—this was MSP. After discussion by most of those attending the meeting the amended policy was MSP unanimously. The policy will be reported in the Grab Iron and posted to the 4D BOD Yahoo Group.
- The 4D BOD authorized the following individuals to have access to 4D financial account by unanimous vote of the 4D Board of Directors: Superintendent Russ Segner, Treasurer Mike Donnelly, Secretary William Messecar.
- Puyallup Fair Proposal: David reported the show has offered 4D a 20' by 25' space for the 17 day show in September 2015. There are no financial incentives for participation. Other4 issues include staffing a layout for 17 days from 10am to 10pm. We could include modeling demonstrations in our space. The various 4D modular groups were asked to consider if they wish to participate. A final decision needs to be made in April.

New business

- **Nominating Committee:** JJ gave the nominating committee report. Open positions are two directors positions and the Assistant Superintendent and candidates have been secured. Ballots will be mailed by April 15, received by June 1 and election results reported by July 1. New terms of office begin September 1, 2015.
- **4D Spring Meet:** Russ is checking location in north Seattle to Everett. Costs seem to range from \$2,000 to \$2,500. The plan is to offer two clinic tracks at two times in the morning beginning at 9am and afternoon with lunch and the 4D membership meeting in between. Date has been tentatively set for May 30, 2015. Target admission price is \$20.
- **PO Box:** There was discussion of the need to continue a 4D PO Box—consensus was to continue with the current 4D mailbox.

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and passed and the meeting was adjourned at 11:10am. The next meeting is Saturday April 11, 2015, 11am at Mitzel's in Kent.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Messecar, Secretary