

**MINUTES**  
**Board of Directors' Meeting**  
4<sup>th</sup> Division, PNR, NMRA  
April 11, 2015

*Attendees: Russ Segner, Michael Donnelly, Al Lowe, Alex Brikoff, Kurt Laidlaw, David Yadock, Peter Gulick, Bob Rorabaugh, Ed Ives, William Messecar, Jim Merriam, Michael Highsmith and Cliff Green*

Supt. Russ Segner called the meeting to order at 11 a.m. The Minutes from the February 2015 B.O.D. meeting and today's agenda were unanimously approved.

**Officers' Reports**

**Superintendent:** Russ Segner reported that Kurt Laidlaw will be registrar of the 4D Spring Meet. Kevin has the website for the Spring Meet designed and this will permit registration on the web site or by mail

**Asst. Superintendent:** Michael reported that he has taken possession of the five new video cameras purchased by the Division. After they have been labeled they will be available to Portland to use at PSX 2015 in August. Portland will be buying five collapsible stands to use with these projectors and the stands will be returned to us along with the projectors for use by the clinics at the end of the convention. Michael has also discussed liability insurance coverage over \$1M with the NMRA insurance office but not happy with their position.

**Treasurer:** Mike Donnelly handed out the current Treasurers report and pointed out a mistake and correction. It was MSP to accept the report as corrected. Mike reminded the Board that our next fiscal year begins July 2015 and runs to June 2016. There was discussion on the need for and method of valuing the 4D owned capital items. It was moved and seconded to limit this to items over \$250 in value—this motion was tabled. It was then MSP to create a 4D inventory for insurance purposes.

**Office Manager:** No report

**Modular Groups:**

**Hi-Railers.** Attended the Monroe show and gained some new members. They plans to go to the National Train Show in Portland in August 2015.

**4DNTRAK:** They went to the Monroe show—gained new members and plant to go to PSX 2015.

**Omni Rail:** They went to the Monroe show and also plan to attend the June WA Home School in Puyallup. They have been offered a 40' by 40' space at the National Train in Portland. The Freight House show is moving to Puyallup in April 2016.

**HO Modular:** Have reorganized leadership. The group is now led by a four person executive committee including the treasurer. A discussion followed about how modular groups are reimbursed by 4D. Peter presented an eight point procedure policy detailing how the HO Modular group will provide a budget to and reimbursement from the 4D Board.

## **Committee and Program Reports**

**Membership:** Eight new members have joined the 4<sup>th</sup> Division. Ideas were discussed to promote 4D membership. Decision was made to have membership information at the Sn3 convention but not a booth.

**Video Library:** John Oaks has volunteered to help translate videos to CD, Michael Highsmith has CDs from past convention clinics to include in the library. Russ will follow up with Michael H.

**Spring Meet:** Russ Springer reviewed the presentation for the June 6<sup>th</sup> spring meet in Bellevue, WA. Lunch and the Annual Meeting will be held from noon to 1:30pm at the spring meet.

**Old Business:** The Washington State Fair in Puyallup have inquired whether the 4D modular groups would be interested in displaying their layouts during September. We told them there wasn't interest in 2015 but will meet with them about fall 2016.

**New Business:** Cliff Green wants to improve the communication and presence of the 4D web site and grab Iron with a better visual look and feel. He wants it to work on multiple devices with improved functionality.

Next meeting Saturday May 30<sup>th</sup> at Kent, WA Mitzel's 11am.

Respectfully submitted,

William Messecar MMR, Secretary