

**MINUTES**  
**Board of Directors' Meeting**  
4th Division, PNR, NMRA  
May 30, 2015

*Attendees: Russ Segner, Michael Donnelly, Al Lowe, David Yadock, Ed Liesse, Dan Reilly and Bill Hupe (Kitsap Western), Stu Rogers, Paul Pellegrino, Bob Rorbaugh, Bill Messecar, Cliff Green, Ed Ives, Jim Merriam, Alex Brinkoff, Jack Hamilton, Kurt Laidlaw*

Supt. Russ Segner called the meeting to order at 11:00am

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

Kurt reported registration totaled 78 for the June 6<sup>th</sup> mini meet in Bellevue.

Stu Rogers gave a detailed report on the video library: The library was started in 1988 by Roger Farris and now had over 1000 tape titles and 100 DVD titles. We are now able to transfer video tapes on DVDs. Stu has been attending three area clinics each month (of the total of 7). Problems he mentioned:

- Getting material out to all 7 clinics
- Getting material returned in a timely manner
- Needs to inventory and update the Grab Iron

**Officers' reports**

**Superintendent:** Russ reported Michael Highsmith has resigned as Assistant Superintendent even though his election is underway. We won't be able to fill the position until after the June 6 Spring Meet. Russ would like to find someone who will stay on to run as Superintendent after Russ completes his term. Jack Hamilton gave a review of the source of liability we have been having with the NMRA. Our current coverage was \$1M per incident, \$2M per event and \$5M aggregate for the year from NMRA. The 7<sup>th</sup> Division of PNR was requested by local Canadian Government to provide \$5M per incident coverage and the NMRA has declined to provide such coverage. NMRA was unwilling to discuss coverage details with Michael Highsmith even though this is his profession.

**Secretary:** No report

**Membership.** Bob Rorbaugh brought up a request to Portland to provide handicapped transportation for layout tours. Jack Hamilton described the difficulty in making such arrangements. Bob asked if we wanted the membership booth at the Spring Meet—the answer NO. People encourage to bring back issues of model railroading magazines to distribute free. It was also suggested we have material at the WA Home School show mid June at the Puyallup Fair Grounds.

**Treasurer:** MSP to accept the Treasurers report as presented.

**Pacific Science Center Show:** David Y reported he is working with a new person at PSC again.

**Committee and Program Reports**

**Hi-Railers:**

They have been accepted at PSX—National Train Show (NTS) and given a 30' by 43' layout space.

**4DNTRAK:** They are repairing their power carts this summer.

**OmNiRail** will be doing the WA Home School Show at the Puyallup Fair Grounds mid June. They are planning to participate at the NTS and have been given a 38' by 42' space. They hope to participate in 7 to 8 shows in 2016 including Skyhomish History Days.

**Office Manager:** Current membership was reported as follows: PNR 1584 members, 4<sup>th</sup> Div. (541), 80 life members, 39 family members, 388 regular members, and 21 6 month members.

**NMRA West Region Directly Report:** Jack reported that the NMRA is now streaming 25 clinics to members. Jack has four small 4<sup>th</sup> Division layouts at his place looking for a better home. The AP program has slowed a bit and he intends to push for more Master Model Railroaders in 4D.

**Old Business:**

Puyallup Fair Proposal. Russ, Kurt and Paul met with the fair staff for a tour of their facilities. The fall fair is open for 10 hours a day and 17 days requires any club provide a lot of manpower to staff a layout. Russ will write a letter to the Fair saying "thanks but no thanks" in 2015. 4D will work on ideas for the Fair in 2016.

**New Business**

**Elections:** Russ discussed the problem of Mike Highsmith's election even though he has resigned from his position on the 4D Board. Russ intends to appoint a new Assistant Superintendent with concurrence of the Board.

**Grab Iron Committee:** Cliff is working on revamping the 4D web site. He expects to have a revised site alive by early June.

**2016 Budget:** Mike Donnelly handed out copies of the 2015-16 Budget requests. It was moved and seconded that the modular groups mileage expense come from their expense budget rather than the liability account. MSP. It was MSP to combine membership promotion and membership committee into one item called Membership Promotion. OmNi Rail requested financial support from 4D for their participation at the NTS in August 2015 in Portland, OR. 4D Board voted to provide \$1,000 as a special one time request to OmNi Rail to support PSX 2015. Mike D will revise the 2015-16 budget and issue it for another review.

**Spring Meet June 6, 2015:** Russ requested feedback on the spring meet to improve the event next year.

Russ will contact Michael Highsmith regarding the status on 4D trailer insurance.

The next meeting will be held 15 August at Snoqualmie Railroad Museum.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bill Messecar, Secretary