

MINUTES
Board of Directors' Meeting
4th Division, PNR, NMRA
October 24, 2015

Attendees: Russ Segner, Michael Donnelly, Al Lowe, Kurt Laidlaw, David Yadock, Peter Gulick, Bob Rorabaugh, Ed Ives, William Messecar, Jack Hamilton, Ed Liesse

Supt. Russ Segner called the meeting to order at 9:31a.m. The Minutes from the August 2015 B.O.D. meeting and today's agenda were unanimously approved.

Officers' Reports

Superintendent: Russ Segner discussed holding a day of layout operation patterned after OLYOPS sometime in the spring of 2016 in the Seattle/Tacoma area.

Asst. Superintendent: Kurt reported on his attendance at the NMRA convention in Portland in August and attending a Modeling with the Masters session. He would like to include a session like modeling with the Masters in our area perhaps at the spring meet in 2016. We'll need to figure out a venue and cost and work with our local MMRs. Cost would cover materials and overhead.

Treasurer: Mike Donnelly handed out the current Treasurers report and it was MSP to accept his report for October including a budget for 2015-16. Mike also developed a reimbursement form for the Modular groups to use. Requests for reimbursement should be directed to our new mailbox in Newcastle to replace out old PO Box in Kent. MSP to approve the reimbursement form.

Membership: Bob is trying to call each new member and relayed some stories about contacting those new members. MSP to purchase two large NMRA banners at approximately \$275 each. The Board authorized Bob to bring a specific design to the Board for approval.

Pacific Science Show: David wants to recruit more volunteers for PSC.

Office Manager: Ed Liesse has applied for the insurance certificate for PSC which should arrive about early December. 30 people are behind in their dues and we have 18 new members. Currently 4D has 536 members about the same as 2014. Ed reported there is a new editor for the PNR Switchlist who lives in Bozeman, MT and should start in early 2016.

Modular Groups:

Hi-Railers. Went to the show in Maple valley. Had some damage from young children in the Thomas layout at the end of the show.

4DNTRAK: Had a lot of young operators at the Maple Valley show.

HO Modular: Discussion about providing valuation to Michael H for trailer liability insurance. They to do a valuation of the equipment in their trailers and have several individuals in mind to ask. The Hi Railers used replacement cost. They are looking to recruit more members and may visit the North End, East Side and Tacoma clinics to recruit. They want to purchase a new 6' by 12' trailer. Cost would be approximately \$3,750 and they requested 4D to pay for this trailer—not using their liability account. MSP to authorize purchase of a new 6' by 12' trailer for up to \$4,000 for the HO Modular group.

NMRA Regional Director: Jack Hamilton reported is not doing well with recruiting and retention. Jack discussed how we could use local NMRA membership to contact members about 4D events and need for volunteers. 50% of 4D members attend local clinics. The NMRA has contacted a number of scenic railroads and hobby shops about offering a 10% discount to NMRA members and many are willing.

Old Business: The eastside clinic is looking for a new leader and location. Russ reported that we plan to hold the 2016 Spring Meet up north in either Everett or Mt. Vernon. Jack suggested including a Modeling with the Masters track in the next spring meet. Bill and Kurt will work with Russ to plan the 2016 spring meet.

New Business: Board discussed the future of the 4D video library. MSP to dissolve the video library by offering it first to 4D members by November 10 and then disposing any remaining videos at the Boeing Swap Meet November 14.in Kent. Jack reminded the Board that we need a new AP chair for 4D. Names were suggested and Russ will consider and appoint someone.

Next meeting Saturday December 12th at 10:30am at Kent, WA Mitzel's

Respectfully submitted,

William Messecar MMR, Secretary