

MINUTES
Board of Directors' Meeting
4th Division, PNR, NMRA
February 13, 2016

Attendees: Russ Segner, Michael Donnelly, Al Lowe, Alex Brikoff, Kurt Laidlaw, David Yadock, Bob Rorabaugh, Ed Ives, William Messecar, Ed Liesse, Cliff Green, Paul Pellegrino and Jack Hamilton

Supt. Russ Segner called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m. The Minutes from the December 2015 B.O.D. meeting and today's agenda were approved.

Officers' Reports

Elections: Al Lowe reported that so far only the two incumbents for President and Director have been submitted for election this spring. Nominations to remain open through the end of February 2016 and ballots to be mailed out to 4D members April 2016 and be returned in time to announce results at the Spring Meet May 14, 2016. Jack Hamilton suggested Al contact clinic chairs to raise issue for more candidates. Ballots to be counted by nominating committee (Al Lowe, William Messecar and Burt Stewart). Mike Slease will work with Al Lowe to put together and mail out the ballot. Kevin K is to supply a promotional flyer to include in the ballot mailing.

Asst. Superintendent: Kurt as Spring Meet chair reported that registration will begin after March 1. Kurt requested approval of the spring meet plans. It was MSP to hold the spring meet at Tacoma Community College, cost to be \$20 per person including a box lunch if registering in advance, and \$20 at the door without lunch if no advance reservation. There will be two clinic tracks and one Modeling with the Masters track—which participants will pay for their kit to participate.

Treasurer: It was MSP to accept the Treasurers report as of January 31, 2016.

Pacific Science Show: David reported the results of the Saturday January 30th strategy meeting on PSC. Items to note, there is currently room for three large layouts so the various modular groups will be rotated through. The biggest change in the 2017 show will be for all volunteers to undergo a background check conducted by the WA State Patrol. , David will be meeting with the PSC next Wednesday the 17th and will report back any changes/updates at the next BOD meeting.

Modular Groups:

Hi-Railers. Attending the Monroe show. Mike Donnelly is researching a source to provide insurance for the trailers instead of it being carried on the drivers insurance.

4DNTRAK: Planning on attending the Monroe show at the end of February and a show at Pacific Lutheran University April 2-3.

Omni Rail: Planning to go to the Monroe and PLU shows. At PLU Tacoma they will be conjoined with the NTRAK layout using a space of 124' by 24'

HO Modular: No report

Clinics: Steve Carter of PSMRE gave the clinic in Tacoma and Nick Muff spoke about his Kansas City Union station at the Vernon clinic. Nick will have an open house to see his wonderful layout and layout room on Sunday Feb. 28 from 1-5pm. David Cook has taken over leadership of the Eastside clinic. The next meeting of the Eastside clinic is February 18, this coming Thursday. Burr Stewart will present a program describing the incorporates of the prototype merger of the four railroads that created the BN into the design and operation of his layout.. Russ is interesting is starting a new clinic in the Renton area and looking for a leader—we have a location and interest. Jack Hamilton suggested we give clinic chairs a listing of NMRA members in their area to contact

Committee and Program Reports

Membership: Bob has created a mock-up of a page to give new 4D members plus fliers on upcoming shows, swap meets, and lists area hobby shops. We could also add train-related resources and attractions. This information should be kept current and available on our 4D website and our on-line publication, "The Grab Iron." Bob raised the issue of who is taking care of NMRA members who are behind in renewing their dues. This issue will be discussed at the next Board meeting. Requested model RR magazines no more than 15 years old—had many offers from the Board members. Jack Hamilton reported that the NMRA is about to issue a new membership video and 100 page document on membership best practices.

Video Library: Russ has given away most of the library and will try to dispose of the balance at the Monroe show later this month. He reported the owner of Chooch is converting some of the best videos to DVD for use at the clinics.

New Business: Russ reported we still have five projectors that are available to use at events/clinics. We also have two small computers. The Hi Railers requested one of the two computers.

Next meeting Saturday April 23 at Kent, WA Mitzel's 10:30am.

Respectfully submitted,

William Messecar MMR, Secretary