

MINUTES
Board of Directors' Meeting
4th Division, PNR, NMRA
April 23, 2016

Attendees: *Russ Segner, Al Lowe, David Yadock, Ed Liesse, Peter Gulick, Paul Pellegrino, Kurt Laidlaw, Ed Ives, Bob Rorabaugh, Cliff Green, Jack Hamilton, Bill Messecar, Scott Taylor*

Supt. Russ Segner called the meeting to order at 9:35am

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

Officers' reports

Superintendent: Russ is looking to identify eastside layouts to stage an open house some Sunday in July. Cliff Green will send an announcement out to 4D members. We still have eight cases of railroading videos. Russ hopes to find a volunteer at each clinic to circulate these DVDs. There is an On30 modular club on Whitby Is. That is requesting support from 4D.

Asst. Superintendent: Kurt reported on the status of the 4D meet scheduled for Tacoma on Saturday May 14. The venue is set and the money paid and insurance set. So far we have only 48 registrations three weeks away from the event. Five have signed up for the hands-on HO structure kit building activity and these kits must be ordered soon. It was agreed to move the registration cut off back from May 1 to May 5. Another Grab Iron notice will be sent ASAP. Kurt will contact Scott Buckley about handing out 4D min meet notices at the Oly Ops layout tour April 30.

Grab Iron: Cliff reported that the email notification part of the web site hasn't been working for two weeks. If this not repaired ASAP Cliff plans to switch providers.

Treasurer: Treasurer Mike Donnelly submitter his report. Which was approved. Mike reported on his review of trailer insurance options. Insuring the trailers is cheap and easy. Insuring the contents is much more complicated and expensive. Another avenue to insure contents is to use the owner's homeowner's insurance policy with a hobby rider.

The NMRA also provides hobby insurance. It was MSP that the 4D will pay the extra cost to insure 4D trailers but not contents. Drivers will need to add their name to the trailer registration. Mike plans to have a 4D audit completed in the near future.

Committee and Program Reports

Hi-Railers: Attended the Tacoma show. There were 770 paid admissions and they are planning on doing another show in 2017. They are going to the WHO show.

4DNTRAK: Same as the Hi-Railers

OmNiRail; Several individuals have recently joined. They are holding a budget meeting tomorrow and will also attend the Washington Home School show in Puyallup in June. Bob R will provide the NMRA static display and fliers for the WHO show.

HO Modular: No report

Elections: Al Lowe reported that there is a meeting at his house on May 8 to count ballots and announce the results at the annual meeting in Tacoma on May 14.

Clinics: Russ reported that the first meeting of the new Renton clinic was attended by 14 people—10 were new to 4D clinics. The next meeting will be May 26 at the old Renton/Highland library. The June meeting will be at the old downtown Renton library. Russ is hoping to find a permanent meeting space soon. Alex Brinkoff agree to help find a location. We still need a leader for the Kirkland./Redmond area clinic.

Membership: Bob Rorabaugh did a role play on how to recruit someone for an NMRA membership-. He wants us each to sign up one new members. He also suggested we establish a clinic in the Bellingham area by this fall.

Jack Hamilton: Reminded us that the 4D needs an AP chair. The PNR convention will be at Salmon Arm, BC June 16-19. The NMRA membership recruiting video is on the NMRA web site.

New business: David Yadock requested \$400 for refurbishment of an On30 switching module that had been donated to 4D. This was MSP. Another motion was made to donate \$100 to the Pacific Northwest RR Achieves and \$100 to the NW Railway Museum. This motion was MSP.

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and passed and the meeting was adjourned at 11:30am. The next meeting is Saturday June 11 at 9:30am at Mitzel's.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Messecar, Secretary