

Minutes
4th Division, PNR
National Model Railroad Association
Board of Directors Meeting
September 17, 2016

Attendees: Russ Segner, Kurt Laidlaw, Michael Donnelly, Al Lowe, David Yadock, Cliff Green, Jack Hamilton, Bob Rorabaugh, Ed Liesse, Ed Ives

Supt. Russ Segner called the meeting to order at 11:30 AM. The agenda was approved and the minutes of the June 11, 2016 BOD meeting were approved by acclimation.

Officers' Reports

Superintendent: Russ Segner reminded people we are getting back into the modeling season. He ran through a list of what's going on locally. Russ reported there were 22 attendees at the Redmond clinic. The next Renton clinic is scheduled for 29 September at the Renton Highlands Library. There is a need for people who are attending that clinic to step up and run it.

Asst. Superintendent: Nothing to report.

Treasurer: Mike Donnelly presented the current financials and the budget as of 31 August. The auditor's report was positive without need for changes on how we are managing our finances. Jack Hamilton recommended changing the name of the review from an Auditor's Report to an Independent Accounting Review Report. The Financial Report was approved unanimously.

Office Manager: Ed Liesse reported 528 members, down 3 from the last report. We have 5 manufacturer members and 7 student members.

Modular Groups

Hi-Railers: Looking for assistance on the Maple Valley show because they can't be there. There was some discussion of whether the sponsors of the Maple Valley show had been notified.

Omni-Rail: They are going to 7 shows this year. They just went the Skykomish Train Show and had a great time. More groups could attend that show in the future.

Jack Hamilton recommended that the Switchlist should be the central repository of events going on in the division area.

HO Modular: Their request for reimbursement will be worked between the group and the Treasurer. No board action is required.

Bremerton Northern: Participated in the Kitsap County Fair. They were a major draw of people attending the fair.

Membership: Bob wants reports from other clinics. There is need to follow up on people whose membership is about to expire. Bob is trying to figure out where the Membership banner and stuff that went to the WHO show is. Upcoming shows that need to have membership table include Lynden Show, Boeing Swap Meet and the Great Train Show (same weekend), the State History Museum Train Fest.

NMRA Western Regional Director: Jack discussed retention issues. We are not doing a good job of retaining current members and new members. We need to be more proactive about meeting and greeting new members at clinics and making sure they feel welcome and get involved.

Education: There is an idea of having a visiting clinician program to get clinicians from one area visit other clinics in the division to broaden the breadth of clinics being presented. Also need to get clinicians to submit their clinics to EduTrain.

Old Business:

Peter Ormiston has stepped up to handle the video library.

New Business:

Pacific Science Center Show: Photos of Dee Voss' layout are being used for the show posters this year. The requirements for the mandatory background check for volunteers are very minimal. The PSC needs name, gender, birthdate. If you don't want to do it in advance, you will need to do it the day you come to the show. David will be working on a list of layouts that will be at the show. HO will probably not be in Ackerly this year. That means the NTRAK layout will be enlarged. David needs a # or required ADA slots. Russ mentioned he has a switching layout available. As always we need volunteers.

The next meeting will be 3 December 2016 at Mitzel's in Kent at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Kurt Laidlaw, Asst. Superintendent