**MINUTES**

**Board of Directors’ Meeting**

4th Division, PNR, NMRA

August 3, 2019

Attendees: *Russ Segner, Jack Hamilton, Ed Ives, Bill Messecar, Robin Peel, Anton Faulk, Al Lowe,*

*Ed Liesse, Mike Slease, Bill Hupe, Bob Rorabaugh*

Supt. Russ Segner called the meeting to order at 9:30am August 3, 2019. The minutes were approved as written.

**Officers’ Reports**

**Superintendent**: reported there has been good response to the 1’ by 2’ diorama contest so far. They could be displayed at the MOHAI and PSC shows. Russ met with Tom Stevenson who has offered plans and specs to build three Brio modules—14” high and stackable. Our cost would be less than $1,000 for materials. We’d buy generic locomotives and cars and hold in storage tubs. 4D would then have our own Brio set for train shows. Tom will be at MOHAI and PSC. BOD discussed using these modules as a base for children to build their own Brio layout. Idea will be discussed at a future board meeting.

**Assistant Superintendent:** Al Lowe reported that the Spring meet held June 22, 2019 was successful. Mike Donnelly will include the financial results in his Treasurers report. Discussed where to hold the spring meet in May 2020 with Redmond being a favored location. Bill Messecar volunteered to put together a Seattle area layout tour the day after the spring meet from 11am to 4pm—on a Sunday in May 2020.

**Treasurer:** Mike submitted the Treasurer’s report. Jack Hamilton asked for a summary report of the Make & Take clinics to date. The new 4D financial manager previously approved is at work for us.

**Office Manager:** Ed Liesse submitted a hand-written report: 473 4D members. Discussed loss of membership in 4D mostly from not converting Rail Pass into regular membership. Bob R will start contacting individuals whose renewal is 30-60 days overdue.

**Modular Groups:**

**4D-NTRAK:** The group will hold their annual business meeting August 24 at Al Lowe’s home. Group has added new members in the past year.

**Hi-Railers:** The group member who stored their trailer has passed away, so they are looking for new storage options. Russ asked Ed to write up something for the Grab Iron concerning the need for trailer storage. Group will be meeting this week. They have a new module which will be displayed at the Maple Valley show.

**HO Modular group:** Having first meeting of the season in September. They have a 6’ by 12’ trailer available for another group. Their new trailer is working out great. Cost of the new trailer approximately $3,500 after trade-in.

**Bremerton Northern:** They are negotiating with the Kitsap Mall for a permanent location for their modules. At the local Fair in August there will be three layouts displayed. They are hoping to include two outside modules to permit better operation.

At a recent meeting of those interested in HOn3 modules there were ten individuals who raised their hands. There are already three modules under construction using FREMO standards. Jack Hamilton suggested the modular groups post their standards on-line using the 4D web site so we can send interested individuals to that web site.

**Clinics:** Next Make & Take clinic will be in late September or early October. Ideas include an N scale King Post bridge or timber tunnel portal—location TBD.

**Membership:** Russ has two extra 4D signs to get to the membership chairman. Ed Liesse will send new member email addresses to the modular groups each month for recruiting purposes.

**Grab Iron:** Anton reported we are getting good response from members opening the Grab Iron.

**Old Business:** The 4D storage facility rent is increasing to $160 per month and we need to visit the room in the next week to dispose of unneeded items. And check for alternate storage locations.

**MOHAI:** Ed Ives is still looking for an 8’ by 16’ portable layout for the MOHAI show. He will contact David Yadock about the 4D switching layout. He will also confirm that we have free parking at MOHAI on Saturday and Sunday of Thanksgiving weekend. We need volunteers to help cover openings during the show. Jack Hamilton said he would use Constant Contact to recruit help for the MOHAI show.

**Pacific Science Center Show:** Russ is still looking for a leader for the show and continues talking to candidates. David gave him a notebook with detailed instructions and schedules for the PSC show which will be held January 18-20, 2020.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35am.

Next meeting 11:30am to 1:30pm Saturday November 9 at the Boeing Swap Meet in Kent.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Messecar MMR, Secretary