**MINUTES**

**Board of Directors’ Meeting**

4th Division, PNR, NMRA

February 8, 2020

Attendees: *Russ Segner, Ed Ives, Bill Messecar, Robin Peel, Al Lowe, Bob Rorabaugh, Ed Liesse,*

*Mike Slease, Jack Hamilton, Kurt Laidlaw, Mike Donnelly*

Supt. Russ Segner called the meeting to order at 10:25am February 8, 2020.The minutes were approved as written.

**Officers’ Reports**

**Superintendent**: reported there were 14,000 visitors to the Pacific Science Center show in January. Dan Kellog and Larry Slone brought clinics to the PSC show. Thanks to all who participated. Lisa Murray may be show coordinator in 2021. Russ will be meeting with PSC next week to go over plans for the next show.

**Assistant Superintendent:** Al Lowe gave May 16 as the date for the 4D spring meet at the north end of Seattle. Al has contacted Skagit Valley and Everett Community College to see if their facility is available with the space we need and price to rent. Jack Hamilton will do a make/take clinic at the spring meet. Bill Messecar is working on a layout tour the following day Sunday May 17 for meet attendees.

**Treasurer:** Mike D discussed an issue about how he records 4D savings. He has been treasurer for some time and would like for someone new to take the position. The treasurer’s report was approved as submitted.

**Office Manager:** Ed Liesse submitted a hand-written report: Total 4D members 485 including 362 regular members and 21 MMRs and PNR membership of 1,591 as of December 2019.

**Modular Groups:**

**Hi-Railers:** The group went to PSC show and Portland in January 2020. Ed showed several 3 rail items they had received as donations and asked for ideas on how to depose of them. The BOD provided some different ideas. Ed also requested an increase of $50 in their budget which the BOD approved.

**4D-NTRAK:** Went to MOHAI, WSHM and PSC—good turnouts in all three locations. Monroe will be their next show.

**HO Modular group:** Attended shows at WSHM and PSC. Due to some crowd issues they intend to put up stanchions to protect the layout at future shows. Russ Segner asked Mike Lease to prepare a budget request for those stanchions for the next BOD meeting.

**BN Northern group**: now has a permanent home in the Kitsap mall and operates every Saturday.

**Clinics:**

**Eastside Clinic:** Continues to have success and may have to rethink their location. They have moved their meeting to the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Nick Muff will be the clinician at the Feb. 19 meeting.

**Tacoma Clinic:** Clinic now averaging 25 a meeting (were averaging 40). They are currently meeting at a bowling alley which is not an ideal location due to the noise. Kevin K and Kurt L are looking at other possible meeting places.

**Membership:** Bob R has been calling new members to help them get connected with 4D. Bob resigned as Membership Chair effective at the end of February. He is willing to continue making calls to new members. Russ will do a writeup for the Grab Iron to seek a new Membership Chair.

**Old Business:** Ed Ives is meeting with MOHAI to review the 2019 Thanksgiving show and plan for 2020.

**New Business:** Russ Segner discussed the proposal by the Tacoma Northwest Free-Mo Modular group to join 4D as a supported or sponsored group. The BOD requested Russ S and Mike D to meet with their leader (Larry Slone) to discuss the process to join 4D, what type of membership they desired and resources they had. Russ will create a nominating committee to put forward candidates for the two open positions, Superintendent and Director. Russ stated he does not intend to run for another term as Superintendent. Russ also mentioned the 2020 PNR convention will be held in Eugene, OR on April 21-24. They have space for another modular group. The 2022 PNR convention will be 4th Division’s responsibility and the key is to find the right facility. We will need to present ideas at the 2020 PNR convention in Eugene. The Narrow Gauge Convention will be in Tacoma, WA in 2022 as well.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05pm.

Next meeting 10:00am Saturday April 18 at Pacific NW RR Archives in Burien.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Messecar MMR, Secretary