**MINUTES**

**Board of Directors’ Meeting**

4th Division, PNR, NMRA

August 8, 2020

Attendees: Russ Segner, Ed Ives, Bill Messecar, Robin Peel, Al Lowe, Ed Liesse, Alex Brikoff,

Mike Slease, Jack Hamilton, Kurt Laidlaw, Mike Donnelly, Anton Faulk, and Lisa Murray. A total of 35 people attended via Zoom.

Supt. Russ Segner called the meeting to order via Zoom at 10:00am. The minutes of the last BOD meeting were approved as written.

**Officers’ Reports**

**Superintendent**: Russ asked the BOD if they had received and read a memo on Covid-19 protection written by Greg Wright—the BOD said they had. Russ said he planned to have Greg’s article distributed to the entire 4D membership in the Grab Iron. Olympia layout tours have been cancelled for fall 2020.

**Asst. Superintendent:** Al Lowe mentioned he is working on an article for the N Scale Railroading magazine on the module lighting used by his NTRAK group.

**Treasurer:** The year-end financial report for 4D has been submitted. MSP to accept the report as submitted. Mike reported the 4D storage locker rental had increased. Russ believes we should discontinue this rental and save almost $2,000 per year. We will need to inventory 4D items for further action.

**Office Manager:** Ed Liesse reported 4D membership at 483 although no new members were signed up anywhere in PNR this past month. PNR has 39 MMRs and 21 of those are in the 4th Division.

**Membership:** No report

**Communication:** Lisa discussed using SLACK for BOD communication. She will investigate using our (Russ/Burr/Lisa) Zoom accounts for local clinics. Russ encouraged everyone to publish 4D events in the Grab Iron.

**Modular Groups:** The BOD asked each of the modular groups to review their recently approved budget requests considering that most events are being cancelled for 2020.

**Hi-Railers:** Ed Ives commented he expects the Thanksgiving MOHAI show to be cancelled. Things are quiet with the group, only work being done on individual modules.

**HO Modular:** The group is meeting August 15 via Zoom to stay in touch. All other shows are being cancelled for 2020.

**Bremerton Northern:** They have been using a free version of Zoom to stay in touch. They are mostly self-funding their activities at present.

**Clinics:**

**Eastside Clinic:** Alex Brikoff the clinic chair reported they has over 20 individuals attend their meeting July 16, 2020 via Zoom.

**Olympia, Westside, Tacoma, Mt. Vernon, and Whidbey Island** clinics are not currently meeting.

Kurt Laidlaw mentioned he is working with the Alaska group using his Pro Zoom account to meet more of their fellow modelers—once he completes his tern as PNR President September 2020.

**Virtual Layout Tours:** Bill Messecar and Burr Stewart (who is the Zoom meeting host) are arranging virtual layout tours from members of the 4th Division. The next tour is Saturday August 23 at 10am with Al Lowe discussing his NTRAK modules and Greg Wright his 1:32 scale narrow gauge mining layout. There will be two layouts featured in September (12 and 26) and then two per month for the rest of 2020.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00am.

Next meeting 10:00am Saturday October 17, 2020 via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Messecar MMR, Secretary