**MINUTES**

**Board of Directors’ Meeting**

4th Division, PNR, NMRA December 19, 2020

BOD Attendees: Russ Segner, Ed Ives, Bill Messecar, Robin Peel, Al Lowe, Alex Brikoff, Anton Faulk,

Supt. Russ Segner called the meeting to order via Zoom at 10:00am.

**Officers’ Reports**

**Superintendent**: Russ reported that David Yadock has agreed to serve as 4D AP chair and will be in touch with Jack Hamilton and CJ Riley to get started. Jack is willing to stay on as AP chair for the PNR. Russ encouraged the 4D MMRs to support David in helping more 4D members reach MMR.

**Asst. Superintendent:** Al Lowe had no report.

**Treasurer:** Robin Peel took over from former Treasurer Mike D on October 6, 2020. Robin has terminated the PO Box we were paying for and will use his address for 4D mailing for the time being. He now has a Chase debit card for 4D and will transfer payments for our web site hosting to this account. Robin is looking to move 4D accounting from QuickBooks to a cloud-based system called Zoho Books. He asked the BOD what they wanted to do with our spare trailer now stored at a residence in Bonney Lake. We could use the money as our income this year is almost zero. The trailer was purchased for $2,500 in 2015. The BOD decided to wait until spring 2021 to see if we need this trailer for other purposes. A question was raised about whether to keep the trailers registered even though they are not being used at the present time—the consensus was to keep them registered. The HO modular group mentioned the need for a 4D PO Box to use with our tax-exempt status and mailings.

**Office Manager:** Ed Liesse reported 4D membership at 466 including 22 MMRs.

**Modular Groups:**

**Hi Railers:** They are busy working with the NW Railroad museum to start up their O gauge layout (from a museum in Bellingham), the layout is up and operational. Ed Ives requested funding funds to repair two nonoperational locomotives—estimated to be $100.

MSP to authorize the Hi-Railers to spend up to $100 to repair 2 locomotives at the NW RR museum.

**4DNTRAK:** One new module and 2 new lift bridges being built.

**HO Modular:** Have been holding monthly meetings via Zoom with 12 to15 people signing in. They have completed a new module, weathering cars and other projects. Russ Segner suggested the groups post notes about their progress in the grab Iron.

**HO Freemo:** Not much activity other than individual maintenance.

**Bremerton Northern:** They have not had any meetings. The members do go in and run trains and work on the layout without the public.

**On30:** Four members on Whitby Island are helping on another layout.

**Communications:** Lisa requested all clinic chairs to post their own Grab Iron announcements. Jack Hamilton, Lisa, and Anton will discuss “offline” the best use of Constant Contact.

**Clinics:**

**Mt. Vernon:** They had their first clinic meeting via Zoom on December 21. Dr. Nick Muff is lined up to present in January and Mike O’Brian in February on the 3rd Monday of the month.

**Whidbey Island:** Ted Becker reported they have held 3 clinics via Zoom on the 2nd Wednesday of the month.

**Eastside:** Is doing well—have been meeting via Zoom since June with 25-30 people on average**.**

**Tacoma:** Did first Zoom meeting with around 18 in attendance on the 2nd Thursday of December.

**Olympia:** No report.

**Westside:** Started meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of the month in October.

**Old Business:** Discussion about the need to vacate the storage unit in Kent to save more than $1,000 per year. Ed Ives, Anton Faulk, and Bill Messecar agreed to meet Wednesday Dec. 23 to inventory the contents and recommend disposition.

**Make and Take Clinic:** Jack Hamilton asked the clinic chairs to survey their folks to see how many would be interested in such a clinic building a wooden tunnel portal.

Next meeting 10:00am Saturday February 20, 2021 via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted, Bill Messecar MMR, Secretary