**MINUTES**

**Board of Directors’ Meeting**

4th Division, PNR, NMRA February 20, 2021

Attendees Russ Segner, Ed Ives, Bill Messecar, Robin Peel, Al Lowe, Alex Brikoff, Ed Liesse, Ted Becker, Jack Hamilton, Mike Slease in addition to others.

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

**Officers’ Reports**

**Superintendent**: Russ reported good results with Zoom efforts around the 4th Division. The layout tours and clinics are becoming a big resource for the 4D and PNR. Al Lowe has edited two documents that will help those presenting on-line using PowerPoint.

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

**Treasurer:** Robin Peel asked for input on the 2021/22 budget that starts July 1 this year. The modular groups are hopeful of traveling to shows by this fall. We should know if shows will begin to open in the next 2-3 months. Clinics may use a hybrid model with both in person meetings and Zoom presentations. Robin expressed appreciation to everyone who helped empty our storage unit at the end of January, we will be saving 4D over $2,000 per year---see report below. Robin is using a new accounting software program and will add some summary charts to the report to illustrate our revenue and expense sources. His report will be posted on the 4D members web site.

**Storage Unit:**

4D has now moved out of the Kent storage facility. Thanks to Jack, Al’s team, and Mike’s team. Audio/visual equipment is stored in my house as well as lantern and padlock.

We need a home for the ex-Omni Rail drapes. Jack Hamilton asked Ed Ives to share the distribution of items removed from the storage unit.

**Office Manager:** Ed Liesse reported PNR membership-1444 and 4D Membership-454 including 22 MMRs in the 4th Division.

**Communications:** Jack Hamilton reported WAZZ-UP goes out on Sunday and covers a 10-day period, going to all 4D members.

**Modular Groups:**

**Hi Railers:** Woody-a Hi Rail member-passed away in January-wanted no funeral and no memorial services. He did wish for his ashes to be scattered on railroad tracks at a specific location in the Cascades. When the snow abates, we will invite a small party to conduct that. More info to come. His trains and stuff to be donated to NMRA library. He was also a collector of guns. The trains, guns, ammo, and black powder were intermingled. Gun dealer has removed all the guns. Trains put in rented storage. Snoqualmie museum - the museum is now open for 4- or 5-day weekends for 7 hours a day. The O gauge trains run all day without attention (no operator). A heavy toll on the trains. Need an effective remedy to avoid repeated failure.

**4DNTRAK:** One member is building two modules and several others are building new modules in the extra time at home.

**Bremerton Northern:** The mall has rented their space, so mall is looking for another space. They can have a limited number of members working on their modules in their existing workspace.

**HO Modular:** They have been holding Zoom meetings for some time with 15-20 attendees and a presentation. They may have new modules, but no shows scheduled yet. Have 28 members with about 70% active in the shows/modules. Evaluating use of Layout Command Control for use by the group.

**On30:** No report.

**Clinics:**

**Mt. Vernon:** They are having regular Zoom presentations although their February 15 clinic had to be delayed due to loss of wi-fi at presenter’s home. Have presenters scheduled through June and hope to restart meeting in person in September.

**Whidbey Island:** Rich B. is hosting Zoom clinics with about 10 regular participants. Not sure when they will be able to meet again in person.

**Eastside:** Is doing well—have been meeting via Zoom since June with 25-30 people on average. Have clinics lined up through May this year.

**Tacoma:** No report.

**Olympia:** Zoom presentation held Friday February 19 had 33 attendees.

**Westside:** Last Zoom meet had 15-20 attendees.

**New Business:** Jack is still hoping to hold a Make & Take clinic via Zoom in the future but needs feedback from the clinics whether such an offering is of interest to the membership. Jack also suggested the clinic chairs build an email list of their members to use for contacts. Russ asked the BOD if an on-line 4D spring meet on weekends in June or July was of interest and plans to discuss at the April BOD meeting. Russ also mentioned that the Newcastle Historical Society will give a presentation on the PNWRR archives in Burien on May 12 at 7pm via Zoom. Russ will work up announcement for the Grab Iron.

Next meeting 10:00am Saturday April 17, 2021 via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Messecar MMR,

Secretary