**MINUTES**

**Board of Directors’ Meeting**

4th Division, PNR, NMRA January 15, 2022

**Attendees:** Russ Segner, Ed Ives, Bill Messecar, Robin Peel, Al Lowe, Alex Brikoff, Dennis Terpstra,

Ted Becker, Jack Hamilton, Ed Liesse, Burr Stewart, Kurt Laidlaw, Greg Wright, Lisa Murray

Supt. Russ Segner called the meeting to order via Zoom at 10:05am. November minutes approved as written.

**Officers’ Reports**

**Superintendent**: Russ stated that the 4D BOD meetings will remain virtual for the next 4-5 months. The PNR convention is coming in Eugene, OR on May 2022, and the NMRA convention in St. Louis July 2022. Russ reminded the BOD he is still looking for a manager of membership.

**Treasurer:** 4D received $6,200 from the Washington State History Museum (WSHM) for participation by the HO and NTRAK modular groups. There will be no Pacific Science Center show this year so no 4D funds from PSC; however, with virtually no expenses for clinics our finances are in good shape. Robin reminded the Board that 4D has a debit card which can be used for expenses such as trailer license renewals. Discussion of disposition of remaining PSX 2004 funds which Jack Hamilton reminded the BOD are there to support future NMRA conventions.

**Office Manager:** Ed Liesse was in attendance after spending a month in the hospital. We gained 3 new 4D members and membership in 4D stands at 455 with 1,401 members in PNR.

**Modular Groups**

**Hi-Railers:** The group will not be attending GATS due to limited space for modular groups. Their next show is in the fall at Lynden, WA. They currently have 20 members with five members being the most active. Their two layouts are stored in four trailers, but this may be a problem due to aging membership.

**4DNTRAK:** Went to the WSHM show over Christmas.Plan to participate in the GATS January 2022 show and will use a new set up for their modules. Also plan to appear at the Foss Waterways Museum show March 15. They are building a railcar ferry to use at this show.

**HO Modular:** Attended the WSHM Christmas Show and recruited a new member. Will also attend GATS next weekend and the ELMA show in February.

**Bremerton Northern:**

They now have a permanent location in the Kitsap mall which is good for recruiting. Russ asked Jack for photos and an article about the group in the Grab Iron.

**On30:** Planning on going to the GATS show in Puyallup January 2022.

**Clinics**

**North Seattle:** Virtual meetings are being held for foreseeable future.

**Mt. Vernon:** Plan to stay with virtual meetings. May try and do in person Saturday event in the spring.

**Eastside:** Alex reported attendance is averaging about 20-25 per month. Plan to stay virtual for the time being. January clinic will be on South Seattle industries by Russ Segner.

**Whitby Island:**

Doing in person clinic usually attended by 10-12 persons. They are meeting at the BN modular club location.

**Old Business**

**Layout Tours:** Bill Messecar reported on the latest tours were given last Saturday January 8 and are posted to the 4D web site by Burr Stewart. They may transition to a single presenter later this spring.

Board discussed various methods of communication by PNR. Russ will host a virtual meeting on this topic at a future date. Robin reported that the September 2022 National Narrow-Gauge convention will be in Tacoma. Jack H will publicize in WAZZUP if provided information. Russ Segner reported having 30 of 38 clinic spots filled. Russ asked for help in Marketing items on EBay donated to 4D. Items include 4-5 new air brushes, tools and 7 rolls of backdrops and buildings.

Next meeting 10:00am Saturday March 12, 2022, via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Messecar MMR, Secretary