**MINUTES**

**Board of Directors’ Meeting**

4th Division, PNR, NMRA April 23, 2022

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

Ed Liesse, Kurt Laidlaw, Nathan Rich, Alan Murray, Burr Stewart

Supt. Russ Segner called the meeting to order via Zoom at 10:00am. March minutes approved as written.

**Officers’ Reports**

**Superintendent**: Russ is planning to attend the PNR convention in Eugene, OR next month. The 4th Division of PNR is scheduled to hold the PNR Convention in 2023. It will be discussed under new business later in the meeting. We continue to need a leader for both Membership and Education.

**Asst. Superintendent:** Al Lowe said the 4D Spring meet will be held June 4, 2022, at Everett Community College. A Golden Grab Iron award will be given at the meeting. Most clinics positions are filled and when the list is complete the convention information will go live on our web site for registration.

**Treasurer:** Robin presented his report which will be posted on the 4D web site. The financial situation for 4D in 2022 is better than expected.

**Office Manager:** Ed Liesse reported 4D has 452 members out of 1400 members in PNR, including 7 rail pass and 65 life members. We have 24 MMR's out of 43 in PNR, or 55.8%.

**Modular Groups**

**Hi-Railers:** Nothing to report.

**4DNTRAK:** Group had a fun time at the Foss Waterways Museum show March 17-20. The railcar ferry and two docks were used at the show. Next show will be Lynden in October 2022.

**HO Modular:** No report.

**HO Freemo:** Nathan Rich reported the group had their first in person meeting concerning internal business. Their new name will be Tacoma HO Free-Mo group. Their next event will be November at the Tacoma Holiday Gift Festival in the Tacoma dome.

**Bremerton No.:** They are up and running at the Kitsap Mall with both their HO and N scale modules. They plan to add additional N scale modules. They will hold a swap meet in June.

**On30:** Their next show will be in July at Ilwaco, WA.

**Clinics**

**No. Seattle :** Dennis reported their April clinic was “Car Chatter” which turned out quite well.

**Mt. Vernon** No report.

**Skagit Valley & Whidbey Clinic:** April clinic by Rich Blake on modeling rust. May clinic will be layout tour

of Jon Bentz’s On30 scale Rio Como Railroad.

**Eastside:** Alex B reported he has been running the clinic for the past five years and thinks it is time to step back and let someone else run the clinic. Twenty four attended the April meeting which talked about the giant HO layout Miniatur Wunderland in Hamburg, Germany.

**Westside:** They are holding in person clinics focused on using JMRI to set up locomotive consists.

**Tacoma/Olympia:** No report.

**Old Business:** The 4D web site overhaul has slowed. Anton is working hard on doing the update. Jack Hamilton reminded everyone that he needs input by Friday to send updates in WAZZUP by the following Monday.

**New Business:** Nominating committee report. Burr Stewart reported that Bill Messecar MMR has agreed to run for the Superintendent two-year term. Ed Ives has agreed to run for and serve another two-year term as 4D Director.

Kurt Laidlaw gave a report on the proposed 2023 PNR convention which will be held May 18-21, 2023 in the Tacoma area. It will be called the Prairie Line Experience to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the NP Prairie Line. Kurt has some volunteer positions lined up but needs to fill other, ASAP. He and Russ intend to also visit places in South Center as possible sites. More discussion on our interest in hosting a NMRA National convention in 2025 or more likely 2026. Discussion to be continued.

Next meeting 10:00am Saturday June 11 2pm via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted, Bill Messecar MMR Secretary 4D