**MINUTES**

**Board of Directors’ Meeting**

4th Division, PNR, NMRA June 11, 2022

**Attendees:** Russ Segner, Ed Ives, Bill Messecar, Robin Peel, Al Lowe, Alex Brikoff, Dennis Terpstra, Ed Liesse, Kurt Laidlaw, Alan Murray

Supt. Russ Segner called the meeting to order via Zoom at 2:00 PM. The March minutes were approved as written.

**Officers’ Reports**

**Superintendent**: Russ gave the results of the 4D Board elections conducted in May 2022. William Messecar was elected to a two-year term as Superintendent and Ed Ives was elected to a two-year term as Director.

**Asst. Superintendent:** Al Lowe reported that the 4D Spring Meet held Saturday June 4 at Everett Community college came out quite well with 55 paid in attendance. Russ thanked Al for his leadership of this event.

**Treasurer:** Robin Peel reported that 4D may close the fiscal year with a gain of $7,500 due to less expenses and an increase in donations to 4D. The spring meet lost around $1,300 due to event rental, lunch expenses and below average attendance. Robin is working with the clinics and modular groups to finalize a budget for 2022-2023. The key assumptions are there will be a Washington State History Museum show but no shows at MOHAI or Pacific Science Center.

**PNR Convention 2023:** Kurt Laidlaw chair of the PNR convention in spring 2023 (hosted by the 4th Division) requested 4D to provide $2,000 in seed money for the 2023 PNR convention. The request was approved by the BOD. Kurt has the convention hotel contract in hand. The convention will be held May 10-14, 2023, at the Comfort Inn in Tacoma. The room rates are $119 for a double bed and $129 for a king size bed. Hopes to have the banquet at no more than $45 per person. Our break-even is 100 paid attendees.

**Office Manager:** Ed Liesse reported 4D has 449 members out of 1390 members of PNR. Of our 449 4D members, 341 are regular memberships, 8 are Rail Pass, 2 are student, 31 are family, 6 are life and 1 is sustaining. We have 24 MMRs out of 44 in PNR.

**Modular Groups**

**Hi-Railers:** They have been invited by the Snoqualmie Valley RR to repair and operate their O Gauge layout during Thomas the Tank engine days in July. Their trailer (#6) is in storage in Roy, WA and needs to have the registration changed. The state wants to charge sales tax if registration changed. The treasurer may have time to handle this transfer to 4D and will review the status of all 4D trailers.

**4DNTRAK:** Plan to participate in the Lynden show this fall. They are building additional modules.

**HO Modular:** No report.

**HO Free-mo:** No report.

**On30:** Alan reported they are planning to be at Ilwaco July 16-17(Columbia Park Music Festival

**Clinics**

**Mt. Vernon:** Swap meet held on April 30 in Mt. Vernon went well and may repeat later this year.

**Eastside:** Virtual meetings are being held currently. They may go live in the fall. Attendance averaging in the 20s. Alex is stepping down as leader to take on other duties in 4D and Russ will fill in as leader in the fall.

**Tacoma:** They met on June 9th with Burr Stewart giving a clinic titled ”Why Operations”.

**New Business**

William Messecar—the newly elected 4D Superintendent—proposed Alex Brikoff to replace him as Secretary effect September 1, 2022. This was approved by the BOD.

Next meeting will be a BOD Retreat held virtually Saturday August 20 at 10am.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Messecar, MMR

Secretary 4D