**MINUTES**

**Board of Directors’ Meeting**

4th Division, PNR, NMRA, August 20, 2022

**Attendees:** Russ Segner, Ed Ives, Bill Messecar, Robin Peel, Al Lowe, Alex Brikoff, Dennis Terpstra, Ed Liesse, Kurt Laidlaw, Alan Murray, Magnus Christerson, Lee Marsh, Jack Hamilton

Superintendent Russ Segner called the meeting to order via Zoom at 10:03 AM. The June minutes were approved as written.

**Officers’ Reports and Comments**

**Superintendent**: Russ started the meeting by welcoming the newly elected Superintendent, Bill Messecar. Russ then led an overview of the key areas of focus for the 4th Division.

The key areas discussed are:

 **Clinics:**

**Mt. Vernon Clinic:** Al Carter will take over for Ted Becker, who had to step away due to personal health issues. Al Carter will start this fall with in-person clinics.

**Whidbey Island Clinic:** This clinic is in limbo currently due to lack of meeting space. They might merge with the Mt. Vernon clinic.

**North Seattle Clinic:** Lisa Murray has family related issues and is uncertain about being able to continue chairing the clinic.

**Eastside Clinic:** Alex Brikoff has stepped down from chairing the Eastside Clinic to pursue other assignments within the 4th Division. Russ Segner will take over the Eastside Clinic for the interim.

**General Discussion Summary:**

* Many opinions were presented about how clinics should be presented going forward. Most favored either a purely in-person or hybrid type of clinic format.
* Live Mini-Clinics are proposed for the BEMRC Swap Meet this coming November 12, 2022. Unique, attention grabbing clinics suggested to supplement the Swap Meet and draw additional attendees. Bill Messecar with contact Byron Osborn to finalize logistics and location of the live Mini-Clinics at the Swap Meet. Robin Peel and Alan Murray have test tracks to use at Swap Meet clinics.

**Modular Groups:** Gary Tarbox, a volunteer at the Foss Maritime Museum, contacted Bill Messecar regarding a modular layout group that would like to work with the museum to display their model railroad and maintain it at the museum. To be discussed with the 4DNTRAK, Larry Sloan and Mike Slease about possible participation.

**Hi-Rail Group:** Ed Ives is concerned that the Hi-Rail group is becoming smaller due to the number of people less actively participating and those passing away.

**Monthly Virtual Layout Tours:** Lee Marsh and Burr Stewart are building a list of participants for the Virtual Monthly Layout Tours. They would like to have new participants from both Washington State and other states, especially the layouts in Alaska. The tours will continue this season on the second Saturday of each month. They will also look at the Narrow Gauge group for layouts. The Monthly Virtual Layout Tours scheduled thus far will be September 10 and October 8. There will not be a Monthly Virtual Layout Tour on November 12 due to a conflict with the BEMRC Swap Meet on the same day.

**Train Shows:**

**Boeing Employee Model Railroad Club Swap Meet:** Will be held on November 12 at Kent Commons in Kent, WA.

 **Lynden Train Show:** Hi-Railers will participate.

 **Maple Valley Train Show:** Will be on the third weekend in October.

 **MOHAI Train Show:** No show there this year in 2022.

 **Monroe Train Show:** The show will be on the last weekend in February.

 **Pacific Science Center:** No show there in 2023 during MLK weekend.

**Great American Train Show:** Will be on January 21 – 22, 2023 at Washington State Fairgrounds in Puyallup, WA.

**Regional Events - PNR:** Kurt Laidlaw reported on the 2023 PNR Regional Convention scheduled for May 10 through May 14 in Tacoma, WA. It is now advertised in the NMRA Magazine. Many local 4th Division people are working on this convention. A speaker is still needed for the banquet.

**Sale of Donated Items:** Russ Segner is currently storing many of these items at his home garage. These items really need to be marketed and sold.as they are a great source of income for the 4th Division. Russ will get tables to market these items at the Swap Meet in November.

**Board Officers and Programs:** The 4th Division Board of Directors welcomes these new Board Officers:

**Bill Messecar –** Superintendent

**Alex Brikoff –** Secretary

**Byron Osborn –** Membership Chair

**Budget:** A motion was brought before the Board to approve the 4th Division Budget for 2022 – 2023 as presented. It was so moved, seconded and passed.

**Membership:** Ed Liesse reported 4D has 447 total members out of 1391 members of PNR. Of our 447 4D members, 4 are 30 days behind in dues, 9 are 60 days behind in dues, 2 are new members, 1 member is deceased – Dave Cook. We have 25 MMRs. There are 1608 inactive 4D members (many of these are probably deceased, moved away, just dropped their dues or other reasons).

**Education:** We need to recruit an Education Chair. Jack Hamilton will send the PNR Education Document. The role of an Education Chair needs to be well defined and spelled out.

**MMR Program:** David Yadock needs the current membership list.

**Future Leadership:** Russ’ final remarks about his vision for leadership of the 4th Division.

Supt. Russ Segner adjourned the meeting via Zoom at 11:56 AM.

The next BOD meeting will be held virtually Saturday, October 29 at 10:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Alex Brikoff

Secretary 4th Division