

MINUTES
Special Board of Directors' Meeting
4th Division, PNR, NMRA, November 5, 2022

Attendees: Russ Segner, Ed Ives, Bill Messecar, Robin Peel, Al Lowe, Alex Brikoff, Kurt Laidlaw, Mike Sleese, David Yadock, Dennis Terpstra

Superintendent Bill Messecar called the meeting to order via Zoom at 09:32 AM on November 5, 2022.

Introduction:

This was a special meeting of the 4th Division Board of Directors called by Russ Segner to discuss an offer made by the Pacific Science Center for the 4th Division to participate in a Model Railroad show over President's Day weekend in February 2023. The following is a summary of the conversation regarding this offer.

Russ Segner presented the background for this meeting:

This special meeting of the 4th Division BOD was called to have a discussion regarding an offer from Megan Husby at the Pacific Science Center for the 4th Division to participate in a Model Railroad show during President's Day weekend in February. The dates are February 18 through 20, 2023. There are other questions to be answered such as: What is our expected compensation for this show? Also, whether the Science Center is prepared to contract with other vendors which usually are part of our shows, such as Baby Gramps? This show is proposed to be in Building 4 at the Science Center. Building 4 has a dedicated loading dock with space for two trailers to be loaded and unloaded simultaneously. The space inside of Building 4 is about 120 feet by 50 feet with a couple of pillars along one side of the usable space. Also, we don't want to be overly isolated from the regular traffic flow through the area.

Mike Sleese:

Doesn't think that the HO Modular Group would be interested in participating during President's Day weekend because of the close time proximity to the Monroe show at the end of February. He will present this idea to his group next week to see how the group feels about the offer and proposal.

Al Lowe:

Doesn't think the 4DNTRAK would be very interested in participating for the same reasons.

Ed Ives:

The Hi-Railers would be very interested in participating even though they might be participating in the Monroe Show the very next weekend. At this point, they haven't been invited to Monroe yet. **Ed Ives has volunteered to co-chair this show with Russ Segner.**

Bill Messecar:

Wanted to know how many groups participated in the last show in 2019? From the 2019 minutes, there were three groups: HO Modular, Hi-Railers and 4DNTRAK. That show gave the 4th Division \$11,026.00.

Kurt Laidlaw:

Kurt asked, "Is the Science Center expecting just layouts or additional displays such as clinics and switching layouts as well?" Russ said that he would address these questions in future conversations with the Science Center. Al Lowe proposed and Russ agreed that we be proactive in presenting a proposal to the Science Center of what we could provide in terms of a show.

Russ Segner:

Since groups represented were unsure about participating, perhaps some of the other groups would be interested? Such as the On30 or Free-Mo group. Russ also asked about suggestions for other alternate three day weekends such as Memorial Day and Labor Day. However, those weekends also have possible conflicts with other events, both family and railroad oriented. Al Lowe proposed that Memorial Day weekend might be better because it would stretch out our train show season.

Robin Peel:

Robin commented that this is a big money raiser for the 4D and we should certainly take advantage of it. He predicted that the show would be worth about \$10,000 - \$15,000 for three days. That represents a significant part of the annual income.

“Outside the Box” Ideas:

David Yadock: Layouts in any of the other buildings?

Bill Messecar: BEMRC might be interested in participating with a modular layout?

Kurt Laidlaw: Bremerton Northern might want to participate?

Bill Messecar: Approach Science Center with 4D bringing 3 – 4 layouts but would they be open to any other dates? Also, start price negotiation with Robin’s proposed price \$10K - \$15K and go from there.

Mike Slease: Perhaps Easter weekend is another possibility? HO Group’s “traveling layout” might be another possibility? Arrange with the Science Center to have stanchions around the layouts for viewers safety and layout safety.

Russ Segner:

Russ Segner and Ed Ives will arrange a meeting with Megan Husby at the Pacific Science Center as soon as possible to discuss the offer and present alternatives.

Superintendent Bill Messecar adjourned the meeting via Zoom at 10:12 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Alex Brikoff
Secretary, 4th Division