

4D PNR Executive Committee Meeting Feb. 1, 2025

Location: Bahama Breeze Restaurant

Present:

Mike Stepner

Lee Marsh

Dennis Terpstra

Chris Woodruff – Guest

Edwin Ives

Bob Kenworthy

Magnus Christerson – Guest

Kurt Laidlaw

Purposes of the meeting were to discuss the revised proposal by the European Train Enthusiast (ETE) modular group to become a supported group of the 4th Division, PNR as detailed in the Bylaws. (See attached proposal)

The board also wanted a report on the final outcome of meetings with the National Model Railroad Association board at the Amherst Train Show.

Discussion and Actions:

There were several questions by board members to clarify how the ETE group is organized at the national and local levels. Chris Woodruff and Magnus Christerson provided details on the organization and how their finances work. The proposal in question is only for the modular sub-group of the local ETE chapter. The discussion centered around whether the ETE modular group's needs would work under the current bylaws as a supported group. The basic answer was yes.

There was some lengthy discussions about shared assets. Everyone agreed that shared assets are not an acceptable option for capital expenditure items provided to the ETE modular group by the 4th Division. One solution for a current issue is for the ETE to request funds for work already accomplished on a yard module and then request additional funds to finish the module. The yard module would then become the property of the 4th Division as is the case with modules paid for by the 4th Division to support modular groups. The board agreed to bring up the matter at the next scheduled board meeting in March for formal approval.

Action 1: ETE will provide a proposed budget to the 4D board NLT July 1 so it can be considered for next year's fiscal budget discussions.

Action 2: Superintendent needs to organize a committee to review and revise Section 3 of the Policies and Procedures. Currently the document does not specify what types of funds can be requested by a supported group in terms of capital items and consumables. Any revision needs to establish a maximum amount of funds that the 4th Division would provide to a supported group in a year. Supported groups maintain their own financial records and retain any funds they receive from train shows and other non-NMRA sponsored events.

Discussion of the 2027 National convention in Tacoma was cursory. Magnus reported the NMRA board approved our proposal without further questions or concerns. The convention will be held at the Tacoma Convention Center 11 – 14 August 2027. The National Train Show will be held at the Tacoma Convention Center on 14 – 15 August 2027. The convention is planned with a break even cost of 470 people at \$170 per person. The convention is looking at 1200 room nights divided between the Marriott Hotel, the Courtyard by Marriott and the Murano Hotel. The National Convention will be presented to PNR at the upcoming regional convention in Pasco.

Action 3: Magnus and Robin will present a formal report on the convention at the next scheduled board meeting in March.