

# TUCSON GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY

## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 5, 2016

President Glenn Mitchell called the meeting to order. He thanked Gary and Peggy Martin for hosting.

March minutes were approved as posted noting that there had been no meeting in April because of the fair.

Ruth Taylor reported that there was \$7,858 in the checking and \$17,238 in savings for a total of \$25,096. Revenues collected since 3/20/16 were \$921, expenses \$567 for a net of \$103. Year to date recap for 2015/2016 revenues \$6916, expenses \$6900 for a net gain of \$16. Dues paid 2014/2015 \$2475, Dues paid 2015/2016 \$2110.

Calendar of upcoming events - Dennis Mahar reporting.

Challenger Little League May 7<sup>th</sup>. Set up 4pm Run trains at 5:30.

General Meeting at Mitchell's May 14<sup>th</sup>.

May 19<sup>th</sup> Social Luncheon, Red Garter

Swap Meet June 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. Glenn Mitchell will drive trailer.

June 9<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

June 11<sup>th</sup> General Meeting at the Fagg's.

No meetings in July or August.

September General Meeting at Forgas'.

October General Meeting at Clark's

November General Meeting after Gary's open house at the Martin's.

December General Meeting and Christmas Lunch at the Golden Corral.

The County Fair was discussed. Everyone thought it went well. They felt that Julia, the new manager was easy to work with. Steve Brown won the drawing for the train..

Claudia Nelson stated she will be putting Steve Brown's picture and article in the newsletter.

### Committee Reports

Membership - Jerry Tulino reported 78 members.

Website - Jerry reported some problems, but under control.

Clinics - May there will be a program on miniatures. She will be presenting her works for sale. Gary Martin will be working on a clinic on lighting for a later meeting.

Maintenance - It was reported there was a lot of repairs, etc. to the equipment and modules after the fair. The trolley track was discussed.

Social Activities - Luncheon will be May 19<sup>th</sup> at the Red Garter Inn.

#### Old Business - Public Layouts

Tucson Children's Museum - Jerry Tulane has taken on the responsibility of project manager. The museum has purchased the program which will do various layouts for the train set up. Gary has gotten the cars for each gauge to display. Ken Karrels donated a train lantern and the Rodeo Parade Museum is providing other artifacts for the museum to use during the season they are closed.

Tucson Botanical Garden - has new Director of Operations.

Diamond Children's - Toy store gift shop might disappear. Question about where the trains are standing. Do we want to continue with them?

Under the Transportation Museum the question of the coloring books for the kids came up. Maybe we should do something else. Nothing resolved.

Rodeo Parade Museum - Gary will take on the task of building a new railroad station to fit the period better than the one we have.

#### Modular Layout

Glenn thanked Claudia for doing the inside skirts to the layout. David Nelson helped with the Velcro. Much time was spent on how to make the trains more functional and the trolley better. Questions between Revolution or DCC came up. Some members are interested in running two trains per track. On the trolley system "new" town modules may need new track. More discussion to come. Glenn also suggested having the ABTO round-about the week after RITG. He is still working on proposing that to them.

#### New Business

Rich Hull is planning a European trip for next May. Anyone interested needs to get in touch with him.

Respectfully Submitted

Pat Somerhalder, Secretary