

TUCSON GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY
Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday February 9, 2017 at 2:00 pm

The meeting was called to order by President Glenn Mitchell.

The minutes of the November and January BoD meetings were approved.

Treasurer Ruth Taylor Reported that the checking account balance as of 2/9/17 was \$7593 and the savings account balance was \$17,246, for a total on deposit of \$24,839. There were no receipts from 1/12/17 and expenses were \$497, for a total of (\$497.) Year to date recap: receipts \$1,822, expenses \$2,375, for a total net revenue of (\$553.)

Ruth reported that she had purchased 2500 coloring books at \$.48 each to be handed out at the fair. She suggested that we order pencils to hand out to the older children with the club name and web site on them. She will order 500 at \$.25 each.

Vice President Willis Fagg reported that the June meeting will be at Dennis Mahar's either May 10th or 17th at 10 am. Vail Pride Day is February 18th at the Pima County Fairgrounds. Willis suggested we have a table there to advertise Rails in the Garden. Gary volunteered to provide support. Willis will get information about setting up a table. We will be serving lunch at Ronald McDonald House on May 10th from 10 am to 2 pm. We will be preparing a taco bar. We considered using the linear layout instead of the children's layout. Signups for the fair are going slowly. Willis will put out another request at the February general meeting and will follow up with emails.

Newsletter: Claudia reported that she will put an article about the Port of Tucson tour in the newsletter. She also said that she will set up a table at the Heritage Farmers Market next Sunday to advertise Rails in the Garden.

Membership and Website: Jerry Tulino reported that we now have 62 families with new members Edward and Darlene Butchart. The website is averaging 80 views a day for Rails in the Garden.

Clinics: Glenn stated that he had two videos created by the people at the Rodeo Parade Museum. One is about the coming of the railroad to Tucson and the other is about the history of the rodeo. He will show them after the general meeting. Gary volunteered to do a clinic on engine maintenance at the March meeting. We will ask Bob Murphy to do a presentation on buildings at the May meeting at his house.

Maintenance: One trolley needs a new motor. Gary will decide if it is worth fixing. He has fixed two engines and has three more to fix.

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Mentor program: Our new member has requested a mentor. Gary will work with him.

Social Activities: The Port of Tucson tour was very interesting. Chuck Cook had suggested that we give the tour guide Mike Levine a restaurant gift card in the amount of \$50-\$75 dollars as a thank you. It was also suggested that we give him a 2008 convention car. Glenn will run it by Chuck. The next social is February 22nd at the Red Garter and at Tiny's in March.

Old Business

Rails in the Garden: Signs and packets will be available at the general meeting. We still need a few more volunteers. Willis will send out another email request and try to get more signups at the general meeting. Chuck Cook has a few more media outlets to contact and will do that this week.

BoD Elections: Ruth will continue as treasurer and Pat will continue as secretary. Dennis Mahar will take over the Vice President's job and Glenn Mitchell is willing to stay on as President. Bob Averill, Jack Forges, Gary Martin and Willis Fagg are willing to be members-at-large. We need the slate by the April meeting, elections will be held at the May meeting, and new officers take over July 1 for a two year term.

ABTO visit in March: The layouts open for the tour will be Carmichael, Blackwell, Mahar, RCW, and the Rodeo Parade Museum. Lunch will be served at the Rodeo Parade Museum and the meal will be catered by Little Mexico. Chuck Cook is working with ABTO to get a head count. If we have less than 100, we will need to provide servers. If we have less than 50, they will charge for delivery and the warmers. Cost will be \$6-\$7 dollars per person. We feel we should order for 50 and can get volunteers to serve the food. Janet will get a cake from Costco and will get the drinks. The board approved a motion to approve the expense not to exceed \$600.

Modular layout, town modules. We have the rails and ties. Glenn volunteered to get the plywood for Nick, but ran into a problem with Nick's specifications versus what is available. Glenn will work with Nick to resolve the problem.

Public Layout Status: The layouts at Tucson Children's Museum, The Transportation Museum, and the Rodeo Parade Museum are doing fine. Gary is changing engines at the Tucson Botanical Gardens. Glenn noted that the TV monitor quality at the Diamond Children's Hospital has degraded. He needs to ask our contact at the hospital about replacing it, as new monitors will not fit in the existing cabinet.

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Other old business: Herb Hoffmann had bought an MTS system from the club for \$200. This system had originally had been donated to the club,. Glenn has been working with him unsuccessfully to try to get it to work. One module seems to be the problem. Gary said George Pfitzner used the same system and may be

willing to sell it. If it can't be resolved, the board feels that we should refund Herb's money.

New Business: none

Next meetings: BOD meeting March 9th at 2:00 pm at the Mitchell's. General meetings February 11th at 2:15 pm at RCW with trains at noon. March 18th meeting will be at the Blackwell's.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted

Dottie Fagg

Interim Secretary