

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

The meeting was called to order by President Glenn Mitchell.

The minutes of the February BOD meetings were approved.

Treasurer Ruth Taylor Reported that the checking account balance as of 3/9/17 was \$5,577 and the savings account balance was \$17,254, for a total on deposit of \$22,830. Receipts from 2/10/17 were \$67 and expenses were \$2,073, for a total of (\$2,006.) Year to date recap: receipts \$1,890, expenses \$4,451, for a total net revenue of (\$2,561.)

Vice President Willis Fagg reported that the next meeting will be March 18th at the Blackwell's. The May meeting will be May 20th at the Murphy's with lunch being served. The Board of Directors meeting will be May 11th at 2:00 pm at the Mitchell's. The June meeting will be June 10th at 10:00 am at the Mahar's.

Rails in the Garden: We had a total attendance of 5,770 and an approximate donation amount of \$2,900. We will have a firm amount once all the money is turned in and counted. Willis suggested that the club only take enough to cover our expenses and donate the rest to the food bank. This proposal was approved by the board. Ruth will email all the hosts to find out if they had any expenses and we will wait a few months to ensure that all expenses are turned in before making the donation.

The ABTO tour is March 11.

March 16 is a tour of the Dwarf Car Museum.

The social lunch will be held at Tiny's on April 12.

The Pima County Fair is April 20-30. Setup will begin April 6th. Teardown will either be Monday, May 1st, or Wednesday, May 3rd. Signups for the fair are going better. Willis will compile a list for badges and tickets and have them available at the March meeting. Janet will have 5,000 Rails in the Garden cards printed up to hand out at the fair.

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. Ruth will bring the big sign with pictures and information about the club to display.

Willis suggested that we do something at the Children's Museum to honor Dick Izen, as he was one of the leaders of the project. Glenn and Jerry will talk to the museum staff to decide on something appropriate.

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The swap meet is June 2-3.

The summer Christmas is June 26th.

Newsletter: Claudia requested that someone take pictures at the Dwarf Car Museum, or better yet, write an article for the newsletter.

Clinics: Gary will do a short clinic on engine maintenance at the March meeting.

Old Business

ABTO visit: A total of 39 people have signed up. We will be serving lunch at the Rodeo Parade Museum. Janet is handling the food, drinks and dessert. The food order was increased from 50 to 60 to accommodate all the ABTO people as well as the hosts and volunteers.

BOD Elections: Glenn had no response to his email from the club membership so we will go with the slate we have. 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. The slate will be presented at the April meeting, elections will be held at the May meeting, and new officers take over July 1 for a two-year term.

Modular layout, town modules. Glenn has looked at several options for making the existing trolley work better. One option is to just repair the piece with the dogleg. Another is to use plastic ties on the rails and replace the whole track. Nothing has yet been decided.

Public Layout Status: The layouts at Tucson Children's Museum, The Transportation Museum, and the Rodeo Parade Museum are doing fine. Jerry suggested that we get a backup engine for the Rodeo Parade Museum. Gary said that he had spare engines that he could provide.

New Business: none

Next meetings: General meeting March 18, 10:00 am at the Blackwell's. BOD meeting May 11th at 2:00 pm at the Mitchell's. Willis will bring cookies. General meetings May 20th at 10:00 am at the Murphy's.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted
Dottie Fagg
Interim Secretary