

**TUCSON GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING**

21-SEP-2017

Gary & Peggy Martin's Home

Members present were: Dennis Mahar, Willis Fagg, Ruth Taylor, Claudia and David Nelson, Gary Martin, Jack Forgues, and Gina Blackwell. Dennis chaired the meeting.

The minutes of the last Board of Directors' meeting were approved as published in the Newsletter.

The Treasurer's Report was approved as read. Ruth mentioned that the taxes for the non-profit had been filed – nothing owed. (See September General Meeting minutes for full report.)

Vice-President's Report – Calendar of Upcoming Events on the Website has been updated through March, 2018. The events include:

- 09/23 General Meeting – D. Temple
- 10/19 Board of Directors (BOD) – Mitchells
- 10/21 General Meeting – Forgues
- 10/21 Light the Night event at Park Place Mall by LA Fitness: setup children's layout between 2 and 4pm, run trains from 4-8pm.
- 11/04 Open House – Carmichael-Pappas
- 11/09 BOD – Mitchells
- 11/10-11 Gadsden-Pacific Swap Meet – same info/setup instructions as last event: setup on Friday begins at 11am, trains run 1-6pm; Saturday trains run 9am to 2pm then teardown.
- 11/11 Martins' Open House and General Meeting
- 11/30 Clean up setup prep at Tucson Botanical Gardens (TBG) for Luminaria Nights
- 12/01-03 & 12/08-10 TBG Luminaria Nights 4:30-8pm
- 12/02 General Meeting and Holiday Party at Golden Corral
- 12/11 Teardown at TBG
- 12/26 Setup at Tucson VA
- 12/27-28 Run trains at VA
- 12/29 Run trains at VA until 2pm, then teardown
- 01/05-06 Gadsden-Pacific swap meet
- 01/18 BOD – Mitchells
- 01/20 General Meeting – Averills
- 03/03-04 Rails in the Garden (RITG)
- 03/15 BOD – Mitchells
- 03/17 General Meeting – Mitchells

There was some discussion regarding needing a second A-frame sign for the patio at the VA. Dennis is pursuing this.

The Newsletter Editor's Report: Need articles and topic suggestions; photos too!

Committee Reports

Membership/Website: Jerry Tulino was absent but according to Ruth we have 39 paid members, 22 as yet unpaid for the current fiscal year, and 7 life members.

Education: Nothing new to report.

Clinics/Maintenance/Mentors: Gary wants ideas for clinics/workshops from the members. Jack suggested a birdhouse modification clinic and Gary is willing to do another clinic with Styrofoam if enough members are interested.

The Conrads' maintenance work at TBG is very much needed and appreciated.

Gary (with a little help from Dennis and Barry Blackwell) has been helping/mentoring Diane Temple in readying her layout for the upcoming meeting. There was some discussion regarding bringing items to sell at a reduced rate or to donate to new members to help them get started with their layouts. This will be discussed further at the General Meeting.

Social Activities: There was an impressive number at today's social luncheon at the Red Garter. Next social luncheon TBA.

OLD BUSINESS:

RITG 2018 – Layouts scheduled to date are: Martin, Blackwell, Carmichael-Pappas, Averill, Forgues, Koehler, and Mitchell. Gary is planning to reach out to Rincon Country West, the Rodeo Parade Museum, and a couple of other club members. Dennis reported that the posters and flyers are done. He plans to work with David Nelson, Ken Karrels and Chuck Cook about print and radio advertising. It was suggested that information be placed on the club's FaceBook page as well.

It was suggested that some type of flyer/information sheet or poster is needed at the TBG for those interested in learning more about TGRS. Gary agreed to check with the management about what might be allowed.

A notice about club regalia and pins in the Newsletter may be helpful in letting members know of their availability. Claudia agreed to add this.

NEW BUSINESS:

Norm Ulmer would like to resign as Awards Chairman by the end of the year. A volunteer will be sought at the next meeting.

The next General Meeting is to be at the Temple home on September 23rd.

The next BOD is October 19, 2pm at the Mitchells' home (Gina to bring the cookies).

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Gina Blackwell, Secretary