

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

09-NOV-2017

Glenn and Janet Mitchell's Home

Members present were: Glenn and Janet, Dennis Mahar, Ruth Taylor, Claudia and David Nelson, Jerry Tulino, Bob Averill, Jack Forgues, John Fennema and Gina Blackwell.

The minutes of the last Board of Directors' meeting were approved as published on the Website.

The Treasurer's Report was approved as read. (See November General Meeting Minutes in the Newsletter for the full report.) Ruth stated that she had sent emails to members who have yet to pay their 2017-18 dues. To date, 47 member families have paid.

Vice-President's Report – upcoming events:

- 11/10-11 Gadsden-Pacific Swap Meet – is fully staffed and ready for setup on Friday at 11am, trains run 1-6pm; Saturday trains run 9am to 2pm then teardown.
- 11/11 Martins' Open House; General Meeting to follow at 4pm
- 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 Noon, General Meeting & Holiday Party – Golden Corral on Thornydale
- 12/11 Teardown and cleanup at TBG
- 12/26 Setup at Tucson VA
- 12/27-28 Run trains at VA – will have two A-frame signs; one for each entry point
- 12/29 Run trains at VA until ~1pm, then tear down
- 01/05-06 Gadsden-Pacific swap meet (tentative)
- 01/18 BOD – Mitchells
- 01/20 General Meeting – Averills
- 02/15 BOD – Mitchells
- 02/17 General Meeting – Taylor
- 03/03-04 Rails in the Garden (RITG)
- 03/15 BOD – Mitchells
- 03/17 General Meeting – Mitchells
- 04/02-03 Setup for Pima County Fair (tentative)
- 04/19-29 Pima County Fair
- 05/17 BOD – Mitchells
- 05/19 General Meeting – Mahers

The Light the Night event went very well and seemed to be appreciated by the attendees.

The Newsletter Editor's Report: Need articles and photos!

**Committee Reports**

Membership/Website: Jerry Tulino reported that he would be changing the website after the first of the year to include a direct link for the RITG. This is in response to reported difficulty in locating the maps, etc., last year via Google. (See Treasurer's Report above for membership update).

Education: Nothing new to report.

Clinics: A clinic in decal work for beginners (and others) has been suggested.

Maintenance: No new issues reported.

Mentors: More new members have requested help/mentoring. Glenn will follow-up.

Social Activities: The Socials at the Red Garter continue on (or about) the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month with much success.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

RITG 2018 – Dennis will be scheduling a meeting for those interested in helping with RITG signs, kits, Etc. He is hoping for a volunteer to keep track of those members willing to help the host families that weekend (03/03 and 03/04). Layouts scheduled to date are: Rincon Country West, Averill, Blackwell, Carmichael-Pappas, Forgues, Koehler, Mitchell and (tentatively) Somerhalder.

The train shed from the TMC layout has been sold. There is also a bridge as well as a portion of a bridge left over from TMC available to sell. There is a surplus of rolling stock, especially circus cars. It was suggested that a list of surplus items for sale be published for the membership and/or on the website. The old TV/VCR and DVD player have not been used in some time. There was some discussion about setting up a cart to make them easier to use, unless a use can be found, they may be sold or donated.

The new station is ready to install at the Rodeo Parade Museum.

The potential ABTO visit details are still pending.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

In accordance with the TGRS mission, the need to support and mentor other members should be a primary focus. Suggestions on how to improve this support will be welcomed and discussed at the next BOD meeting.

There was general discussion on ways to “get the club and club members out there” more: A permanent layout? Go back to roundabouts? Etc. Suggestions are welcome.

The next General Meeting is to be at the Martins on November 11<sup>th</sup>.

There is no BOD meeting set for December. The next scheduled BOD is January 18, 2pm at the Mitchells’ home.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Gina Blackwell, Secretary