

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

18-JAN-2018

Glenn and Janet Mitchell's Home

Members present were: Glenn and Janet, Dennis Mahar, Ruth Taylor, Claudia and David Nelson, Jerry Tulino, Bob Averill, 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 January General Meeting Minutes in the Newsletter for the full report.)

Vice-President's Report: The Swap Meet went fine – no reported problems. He has scheduled a Rails in the Garden meeting to take place after the general meeting on Saturday. Layouts included in this year's event: Averill, Carmichael/Pappas, Forgues, Koehler, Mitchell, Somerhalder, Fennema, Maher, Gadsden-Pacific, Rodeo Parade Museum, Transportation Museum, Rincon Country West. A sign-up sheet for volunteers will be passed at the meeting.

Upcoming events:

- 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 (tear down details to follow)
- 05/17 BOD – Mitchells
- 05/19 General Meeting – Mahers

The ABTO tour of the Phoenix metro area is tentatively scheduled for 04/07. More information will follow when available.

The issue of whether or not the children's layout will run at the County Fair will depend on the number of volunteers signing up to make it possible. The hours to man the layout have also changed: 10:30am to 4pm and 3:30pm to 9pm.

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

Committee Reports

Membership: To date, 53 member families have paid their FY2018 dues.

Website: Direct link for the RITG is operational. A section for classified ads for members selling or wishing to purchase was discussed. More discussion on the ads section was tabled until the General Meeting.

Education: Nothing new to report.

Clinics: Some ideas are in the works, but not yet finalized.

Maintenance: Extra volunteer help may be needed for the Botanical Gardens maintenance.

Mentors: Need to organize to match requests with mentors.

Social Activities: The Socials at the Red Garter continue. An upcoming luncheon (February?) is likely to be on a weekend.

OLD BUSINESS:

RITG 2018 – Packets and crossbucks are almost ready to deliver to hosts. Some discussion took place on splitting donations with the Community Food Bank. For the website, a change to the directions/maps was discussed and it was decided to add more detailed directions in the layout description and to remove the small maps as they were difficult for some people to see/read.

Pima County Fair – Planning to have a TV and DVD player.

Some old, unused/no longer used club equipment has been sold in an effort to clean up and clear out the storage unit.

Tucson Children’s Museum – David Nelson has volunteered to do a write-up for the box of model train gauges.

Tucson Botanical Gardens – Need an equipment maintenance guru/volunteer as backup for Gary Martin.

Diamond Children’s Center – cleaned up the track and replaced the engine. We will need to get one from storage as a backup.

Transportation Museum – no new issues.

Rodeo Parade Museum – The new station has been installed.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no “club tub” with all of the flyers, handouts, Etc. available at the VA display (packed with the children’s layout). A second “club tub” was proposed for a large trailer. Janet and Claudia volunteered to update the contents.

Bob Averill wanted to alert the club members that the electronic emitters he was using for pest control also discontinued the sound system on his trains.

Ruth Taylor was thanked for donating a southwestern village to the Botanical Gardens and figures for the Rodeo Parade Museum. The Board voted to purchase a power supply from her for the Gardens for \$200.

Whether or not we have a raffle at the Pima County Fair will depend upon whether there are enough volunteers signed up to make it feasible.

The next Board of Directors Meeting is February 15, 2pm at the Mitchells’ home. Ruth has volunteered to bring the cookies.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Gina Blackwell, Secretary