

TUCSON GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

15-FEB-2018

Glenn and Janet Mitchell's Home

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

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

The Treasurer's Report was approved as read. (See February General Meeting Minutes in the Newsletter for the full report.)

OLD BUSINESS: (A) Volunteers are set for Rails in the Garden (RITG). Claudia is looking for someone to take over the coordination of materials for the 2019 RITG. Chuck Cook emailed that the public relations contacts are all set as well. There is to be an Arizona Daily Star article on the Mitchells' layout – reportedly from a before (several years ago) and after (a major redo) perspective. There was some discussion of possibly moving the RITG date due to other event conflicts in Tucson (e.g., golf tournament). The email list for RITG has grown considerably. Gina noted a problem with the club's Facebook access and Ruth said she would work on this with Sue Averill. The Community Food Bank has added a link to TGRS and RITG on their website.

(B) Trailers will have entry into Old Pueblo Hall on Monday, April 2 at 9 AM – setup will begin on 4/03. The 4H kids will have access on Saturday, April 7. Dennis was told that we will have the OK to park the trailers on site. Signup has been lagging. He hopes to finalize the volunteer list at the upcoming General Meeting in order to have the passes and badges request ready to turn in.

(C) Public Layouts Status:

Tucson Children's Museum – David Nelson has researched and written a narrative on the different scales in railroad modeling. It has been suggested that an actual size outline of a boxcar be painted on a wall at the Museum to make it more real and understandable for the children (and adults). Jerry Tulino is going to check into whether or not the Oracle branch of the Museum may now be interested in something train-related there.

Tucson Botanical Gardens – A workgroup and presentation for a redo for the layout is needed and will take place after RITG.

Diamond Children's Center – Glenn changed out an engine. A camera is needed on the backup engine.

Transportation Museum – Glenn proposed giving Ken Karrels an engine to replace one that has worn out from use by the visiting children. The Board approved an expense of up to \$300 to purchase a Thomas the Tank engine and to also give the Museum an engine that had been donated to the club as backup.

Rodeo Parade Museum – A backup engine (a Mogul) is needed for them. Glenn is willing to sell his to the club, but it has a snowplow on it (cowcatcher replacement is available online). The Board approved the expense of \$375 plus the cost of a cowcatcher for the engine.

NEW BUSINESS: The ABTO tour of the Phoenix metro area is still tentatively scheduled for 04/07. There has been no new information made available since the last meeting.

Dennis mentioned the Million-Dollar layout seen on Strange Inheritance program. He has emailed the club members. He will check to see if the show is to be repeated?

Vice-President's Report: Christmas in June date at the Diamond Children's Center is pending. There may be another club swap meet at the May meeting. An April date for the Board of Directors' meeting has not been determined as yet.

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

Committee Reports

Membership: To date, 54 member families have paid their FY2018 dues. We have only one member requiring the newsletter by snail mail. All others are by email.

Website: There were 13 new email signups for RITG and 200 map downloads to date.

Education: Nothing new to report.

Clinics: Nothing new reported.

Maintenance: The modular layout power cable needs repair – Willis has volunteered.

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Social Activities: The Socials at the Red Garter continue. The next is scheduled for 2/21.

The next Board of Directors Meeting is February 15, 2pm at the Mitchells' home. They have volunteered to provide the cookies.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Gina Blackwell, Secretary