

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

March 15, 2017

Glenn and Janet Mitchell's Home

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

The minutes of the February Board of Directors meeting were approved as published on the website.

The Treasurer's Report was approved as read:

Checking (as of 03/15/18):	\$ 3,739.
Savings (as of 03/15/18):	<u>17,282.</u>
Total on Deposit:	\$21,021.

Receipts (as of 03/15/18):	\$ 203.
Expenses (as of 03/15/18):	<u>702.</u>
Net Revenue:	\$ (499.)

Year to Date Recap

Receipts:	\$ 2,110.
Expenses:	<u>3,459.</u>
Net Revenue:	(1,323.)

OLD BUSINESS: The Rails in the Garden event (RITG) was successful. The north side sites had over 800 visitors over the 2 days. Visitors inquiring about membership were invited to attend meetings and were also directed to the Website for signup.

Pima County Fair entry tickets and parking passes are ready for pickup. Old Pueblo Hall, where the layout will be located, is the only building that opens early during the Fair.

ABTO Round-About will include seven layouts. They are located in San Tan Valley, Apache Junction, and Mesa and there is one in Casa Grande. A signup sheet for carpooling and a luncheon head count will be distributed at the General Meeting.

Public Layouts Status:

Tucson Children's Museum: Nothing new to report.

Tucson Botanical Gardens: Gary Martin and Bob and Jackie Conrad have been doing a lot of cleanup. There are lots of leaves still falling onto the layout requiring near constant maintenance. Will need to redo roadbed and/or consider redesigning the entire layout for easier maintenance.

Diamond Children's Center: Doing OK. Still need to install a camera in the backup engine.

Transportation Museum: Outside engines were replaced.

Rodeo Parade Museum: The backup engine has been delivered.

Awards Chairperson: The current chair, Ed Butchart, is ill and is looking for someone willing to help him.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

Vice-President's Report:

The Diamond Children's Center Christmas in June is set for the 25th. Setup should begin at 8 AM with trains running 10 to Noon.

A host is needed for the June meeting.

Status of a June swap meet is currently unknown.

Newsletter Editor's Report: Claudia reported that John Carmichael has found a supplier of live miniature cacti that work beautifully for a G scale layout. She would like to do an article on the most-visited website sections. Jerry Tulino said that there were about 500 maps and 400 directions pages downloaded for RITG.

Committee Reports:

Membership: There are currently 65 member families.

Website: There was only one telephone call about RITG directions difficulties reported to Jerry. It was suggested that maps be included in the host packets next year as many were requested from the hosts and some printed them out at their own expense. There were, however, many compliments regarding the maps themselves. Jerry will delete the old RITG info on the website.

Education, Clinics and Mentor Program: No new information.

Maintenance: As above under Public Layout Status.

Social Activities: The next Red Garter social is set for 03/21. Although the Red Garter lunches are generally well attended, it was suggested that more outings (like the Marana Stock Yards event) be sought out.

The next Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for May 17th.

Respectfully submitted,
Gina Blackwell, Secretary