

TUCSON GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

May 17, 2018

Glenn and Janet Mitchell's Home

Members present were: Glenn and Janet, Ruth Taylor, Claudia and David Nelson, Jack Forgues, John Fennema, Barry and Gina Blackwell.

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

An email vote of Board members was taken, and it was decided unanimously that Rails in the Garden (RITG) proceeds of \$1,500 be donated to the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona. The net proceeds from RITG for the club, after expenses, amounted to \$602.

The Treasurer's Report was approved as read:

Checking (as of 05/17/18): \$ 3,656.

Savings (as of 05/17/18): 17,283.

Total on Deposit: \$20,939.

Receipts (from 03/18/18): \$ 2,304.

Expenses (from 03/18/18): 1,654.

Net Revenue: \$ 650.

Year to Date Recap

Receipts: \$ 4,436.

Expenses: 5,841.

Net Revenue: (1,405.)

OLD BUSINESS: Pima County Fair attendance seemed to be down. There is word that an astronomy club may get space in the Old Pueblo Hall next year. John Fennema's video of the layout that was posted on the website was a hit.

The ABTO Round-About was well attended by our club members and everyone seemed to have a good time. We will need to start rounding up hosts for our turn next year and there was discussion about making the luncheon a potluck with all club members invited.

Public Layouts Status:

Tucson Children's Museum: Nothing new to report.

Tucson Botanical Gardens: Near constant maintenance of the layout suggests that we will need to redo roadbed and/or consider redesigning the entire layout for easier maintenance. Gary Martin is working on a new design that may include raised track and new buildings.

Diamond Children's Center: Nothing new to report.

Transportation Museum: A back-and-forth (ping pong) line was donated by Phyllis Dirksen.

Rodeo Parade Museum: Closed until next year.

NEW BUSINESS: Acquiring a doodlebug (a self-powered oddity) for the modular layout was discussed. There was some question as to whether parts for it are available if needed and it was pointed out that it is becoming more and more difficult to get parts for all rolling stock and engines. The Board approved offering \$150 for the doodlebug.

The club has acquired a special needs admirer of the modular layout and trains in general. He/his family has asked for help in obtaining a replacement power supply. Glenn will contact them for more information.

Vice-President's Report (given by Glenn Mitchell in Dennis' absence):

The Diamond Children's Center Christmas in June is all set as well as Light the Night.

The next swap meet will be in November.

It was suggested that Dennis needs additional help for major events and members to volunteer to take on smaller events. Those requesting the club for an event close to their hearts will hopefully be willing to take on the coordination of the club's involvement in that event.

There was discussion of putting on more clinics to hopefully increase meeting attendance. Suggestions for clinics included: decaling, painting, stuccoing, and weathering.

Newsletter Editor's Report: Claudia is looking for material to include. She will have a story on Ken Karrels' receipt of the Arlene Dunlap Smith and Paul Smith Award for his dedicated work in historic preservation for the Southern Arizona Transportation Museum in the next edition.

Committee Reports:

Membership: There are currently 65 member families.

Website: No report.

Education, Clinics and Mentor Program: No new information.

Maintenance: As above under Public Layout Status.

Social Activities: No information as to when or where the next gathering will be.

The next Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for September 20th unless a specific need arises.

Respectfully submitted,
Gina Blackwell, Secretary