

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

January 17, 2019

Glenn & Janet Mitchell's Home

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

The November 2018 Board of Directors meeting minutes were approved as published. The December 2018 Board of Directors meeting had been cancelled; therefore, no minutes available.

The Treasurer's Report was read by Ruth Taylor:

Checking (as of 01/17/19): \$ 1,602.

Savings (as of 01/17/19): 17,299.

Total on Deposit: \$18,901.

Receipts (from 12/01/18): \$ 330. (Christmas luncheon, shirts, donation, dues)

Expenses (from 12/01/18): 1,081. (trailer insurance, office supplies, Etc.)

Net Revenue: \$ **-751.**

Fiscal Year to Date Recap (2018/2019)

Receipts: \$ 1,785.

Expenses: 4,004.

Net Revenue: \$ **-2,219.**

Dues paid 2018-19: \$1,493 (46 renewals and 4 new member families; 15 from last year's roster are unpaid.)

Newsletter Editor's Report: All is going well and Claudia is always looking for new articles and pictures.

Rails in the Garden (RITG) Update:

Sally Jacunski, chair, reported that the website looks ready to go. She pointed out that the Karrels are planning to be open only on Saturday. She also had questions about whether the Transportation Museum would be open on Sunday. She will check with the Museum volunteers. She plans to distribute the host packets at the February general meeting. Dennis will retrieve the signs and crossbucks from storage. The volunteer list for helping the hosts is complete, although more help is always welcome.

In order to print the cards for RITG 2019 in time to hand out at this year's event, a decision needs to be made on the dates. There will be a conflict with the Book Festival again if we choose the first weekend in March. The second weekend is the 13th and 14th and this will be brought up at the general meeting for a vote.

Vice-President's Report:

The Ocotillo Learning Center display was cancelled due to a mechanical malfunction at the school.

The VA hospital display was well received. Attendance on day 2 was much better – probably a result of the media coverage.

The meeting at the Gadsden Pacific Division Toy Train Operating Museum will be on the 19th. We have been asked not to arrive before 10am in order to give them time to set everything up. An email will be sent to the members to let them know the meeting won't start until 10:30am. We will provide snacks, water, coffee, cookies, hot tea and cocoa.

There was some discussion regarding whether to take the children's layout to the TTOM swap meet due to the fact that we will have already set up at the County Fair. This has been tabled for now.

It was decided that we would give away the remainder of the coloring books as scavenger hunt prizes at the Pima County Fair (April 18-28, 2019). An order will be placed for pencils to be given when we run out of books. Volunteer signup sheets for the Fair will be passed at the next two general meetings with a push to get the list finalized by March 1st in order to get badges and parking permit requests in on time.

The March general meeting will take place at Bob and Sue Averill's on the 16th. Dennis is still looking for a host for the May meeting.

The June general meeting will take place at the Golden Corral on Thornydale Road.

Old Business:

Public Layout Status:

Tucson Children's Museum – wheels were donated by Maryann Eberbach.

Tucson Botanical Garden – a small work group replaced some track.

Diamond Children's Medical Center – going well with the small engine (no camera).

Transportation Museum – no problems reported.

Rodeo Parade Museum – some people, animals, wagons, Etc. were added from the Dorgans' donation.

New Business:

- A. There was some discussion as to how to encourage candidates for the Board. Elections are in May and the slate needs to be finalized for publication in the April Newsletter. This will be brought up at the next general meetings.
- B. There is no provision in the by-laws for appointing officers or at-large members in the event of a death. There was also some discussion about the necessity of at least 35 members to be present for any major change to the by-laws. Because the club membership has been declining in recent years, this could become a problem. As there is currently no concrete proof as to how many members are attending the general meetings, a sign-in sheet for attendance will be distributed at each meeting.

Committee Reports:

- A. The website link for RITG is ready to go as soon as Sally's questions listed above have been answered.
- B. John Carmichael will have a roadbed clinic on 2/2 and Gary Martin is planning a clinic on Styrofoam buildings in April.
- C. Social – no report.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for February 7 at the Mitchell residence.

Respectfully submitted,
Gina Blackwell
Secretary

