

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

May 09, 2019

Glenn and Janet Mitchell's Home

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

The February and March 2019 Board of Directors meeting minutes were approved as published on the website.

The Treasurer's Report:

Checking (as of 05/9/19):	\$ 2,590.
Savings (as of 05/9/19):	<u>17,300.</u>
Total on Deposit:	\$19,890.

Receipts (from 03/16/19):	\$ 41. (Dues and interest earned)
RITG 2019:	<u>1,970.</u>
	\$ 2,011

(The official receipts tally from Rails in the Garden [RITG] 2019 by the Treasurer was less than previously reported. \$1,000 was donated to the Southern AZ Community Food Bank.)

Expenses (from 03/16/19):	\$ <u>582.</u>
Net Revenue:	\$ 1,428.

(Expenses included: postage, internet domain fee, ABTO lunch, Co. Fair setup, trailer repairs, timer kit for Transportation Museum)

Fiscal Year to Date Recap (2018/2019)	
Receipts:	\$ 4,152.
Expenses:	<u>5,282.</u>
Net Revenue:	\$ -1,130.

Dues paid 2018-19: \$1,532 (47 renewals/5 new member families)

Newsletter Editor's Report:

The club is in need of a new "historian" to update photos and layout information in the scrapbook and for RITG. There is a need to continually update the website history section. The possibility of creating a subcommittee for this will be discussed at a later general meeting.

Vice-President's Report:

Attendance was down at the Toy Train Operators swap meet, but the kids that were there seemed to have a great time.

Attendance was also down at the County Fair. Julia is working to make sure the school children attendance goes up next year, especially for Old Pueblo Hall. Dennis is also exploring the possibility of storing the larger club trailers on site at the Fairgrounds for \$0. The Blackwells may be able to store the children's layout trailer at their home near Broadway and Alvernon.

They will let the club know as soon as possible. Being able to store at these sites would save the club more than \$1300/year.

The Christmas in June part at the Diamond Children's Center will be on June 24th. Time TBA.

The club is in need of general meeting venues! Dennis will explore having the September meeting at the Tucson Botanical Gardens. We were asked to check out other sites (libraries, restaurants, Etc.) that may work as well.

The next general meeting is 5/11 at the Pearson's. The next club social is 5/15 at the Red Garter Saloon. The June Board of Directors and General Meetings will take place at the Golden Corral on Thornydale on the 8th at 11 and Noon respectively. Members will need to check in and pay the cashier instead of Ruth Taylor.

Old Business:

It was noted that the slate of officers for the upcoming election has been filled with one person for each open spot and that person is unopposed. If there are no changes before the upcoming meeting, there will most likely be a vote by acclamation.

The Board approved the \$500-\$700 purchase of a new Revolution control system for the outside loop of the modular layout: a transmitter and 3 receivers.

Jerry Tulino is working to update the website security with a new password.

The layout at the Tucson Botanical Gardens needs help. Work sessions are being planned (hopefully 1 day/month) and we will need to work with the Gardens staff on putting in some new plants and irrigation. A chairperson is needed to oversee this task.

The notes regarding the public layouts included a statement that the Safari Trail at the Diamond Children's Center is working fine and that cards for RITG 2020 will be given out by Steve Anderson at the Transportation Museum during the Train Days celebration.

Jerry noted that the number of red badge holders that we had been giving out to new members is down to 3. As these are rather expensive (>\$2 each) and you needed to order a large amount at a time, he agreed to explore using a simple lanyard with a badge holder clip.

New Business:

There was discussion regarding service award issues; e.g., what constitutes a shift? Some shifts are less than 4 hours and others are 6 or more. It was decided that a shift = whatever time was required at the signup.

Jim Ellsworth had requested club information to hand out at events in Anthem at the Merrill Ranch. RITG 2020 cards will be given to him at the General Meeting for handout.

Committee Reports:

See notations included above for the Website and Social Activities – there was no report for the Clinics Committee.

The next Board meeting will take place at 11AM at the Golden Corral, just prior to the General Meeting. There will be a cake to celebrate the club's 25th anniversary.

Respectfully submitted,
Gina Blackwell
Secretary