

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

September 14, 2019  
Tucson Botanical Gardens

Members present when the meeting was called to order included: Jim and Elain Miller, Claudia and David Nelson, Jerry Tulino, John Fennema, Wally and Julie Gazdzik, Jim Ellsworth, Sally & Conrad Jacunski, Gary Martin, and Barry & Gina Blackwell.

The June 2019 Board of Directors meeting minutes were approved as published on the website.

The Treasurer's Report (as read by Jim Miller):

Checking (as of 09/14/19):	\$ 1,927
Savings (as of 09/14/19):	<u>17,306</u>
Total on Deposit:	\$19,233
Receipts (from 06/07/19):	\$ 300 (club equipment sold)
	10 (donation)
	780 (dues/renewals)
	1 (interest earned)
	<u>525</u> (trailer storage refund)
	\$ 1,616
Expenses (from 07/07/19):	\$ 60 (insurance for trailers)
	10 (annual report filing fee: State of AZ)
	566 (modules: receivers & transmitters)
	136 (2 months' rent for storage unit)
	<u>15</u> (trailer replacement license plates)
	\$ 787
Net Revenues from 6/07/19:	\$ 829
Fiscal Year to Date Recap (2018/2019)	
Receipts:	\$ 4,328
Expenses:	<u>6,923</u>
Net Revenue:	\$ -2,595
Fiscal Year to Date Recap (2019/2020)	
Receipts:	\$ 1,496
Expenses:	<u>787</u>
Net Revenue:	\$ 708

Dues paid 2019-20: \$1,020 (34 paid renewals) plus 1 new member: \$30 = \$1,050 to date

Vice-President's Report:

The Gadsden-Pacific Toy Train Museum swap meet is scheduled for November 8-9. A driver for the small trailer is needed. The swap meet ends at 2 and the meeting at the Martins' will begin about 4pm.

The VA hospital setup is planned for 12/23. Trains will run 12/24, 12/26-12/28. Tear down will begin the afternoon of the 28<sup>th</sup>.

Rails in the Garden 2020 (RITG) will keep the date originally scheduled, March 14 & 15. Sally will need extra help in January due to anticipating having surgery in December. More Save-the-Date cards need to be ordered for distribution at the swap meet, Luminaria Nights, the VA, Etc.

The Pima Co. Fair is 4/16 to 4/26. Load-in and setup dates are pending. Claudia is working with Fair personnel to get a large club logo sign (free!) to hang from the rafters over the layout.

Although the volunteers enjoyed helping at "It's a Summer Christmas" at Diamond Children's Center, they were surprised that no lunch sandwiches offered to them. We will have to plan accordingly next year if we participate.

The next general meeting is 10/19 at the Mitchells'.

November 09 meeting will be at the Martins'.

December 07 meeting will be the annual luncheon at the Golden Corral.

January at the Averills' (date TBD)

February meeting will be at Rincon Country West on 2/15. We are still looking for hosts/venues for the other meetings.

The new online signup program is going well – Claudia was asked to include the event date(s) in the email header and she agreed.

#### Newsletter Editor's Report:

Sally is working out email problems with Jerry. She will have plenty of space for National Garden Railway Convention 2019 photos and stories. She is also looking for pictures and stories about the Big Boy visit to Tucson.

#### Committee Reports:

Membership – 59

Website – working on minor glitches as they're reported.

Clinics – Gary has a clinic session scheduled after today's general meeting and plans to make these after-meeting clinics a more regular event. The plan is that these sessions be recorded and uploaded to the website.

#### Old Business:

Claudia has been in touch with Tori West, VP of the Tucson Miniatures Society. The Society would like us to add a link to their club's web page on our website. They are planning to announce an event in October. Jerry said he could add it to the Links of Interest section.

Valerie Golembiewski has volunteered to become the Club Historian.

#### New Business:

Model train enthusiasts who wish to sell their garden railway items have been contacting the club. It was decided that descriptive lists with prices could be sent on to the general membership via email. It was also noted that Ken and Mary Karrels are downsizing their layout and have many items for sale. An email notice with pictures had already been sent to the membership.

The sponsor of the "It's a Summer Christmas" at the Diamond Children's Center this past June sent Jimmy Johns gift cards as a thank you to the volunteers. These will be given out at the General Meeting.

Ruth Taylor reported that she had obtained replacement license plates for the trailers. The originals were so faded they were barely legible. She also laminated the registrations and asked that they be posted inside the trailer doors. She also mentioned that, due to the decreased revenue over the past 2 years, it would probably be wise to transfer \$1,000 from savings to checking. This was approved.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for 10/19, 9am at the Mitchells'.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Gina Blackwell*  
Secretary