

TUCSON GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
January 18, 2020 at Bob & Sue Averill's home

Members present when the meeting was called to order included: Jim Miller, Claudia Nelson, Jerry Tulino, John Fennema, Wally Gazdzik, Jim Ellsworth, Glenn Mitchell and Gina Blackwell.

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

The Treasurer's Report: Briefly discussed in Ruth Taylor's absence.

Vice-President's Report: Tires on the small trailer had to be replaced; Dennis Maher took care of it. He and John Fennema are refurbishing the children's layout.

The *ABTO Roundabout* is scheduled for February 22.

The Rodeo Parade Museum is up and running. Gary Martin has agreed to follow on any engine issues.

Willis Fagg has procured a Percy train set for \$165. Sally Jacunski has agreed to do a poster for the raffle.

Rails in the Garden (RITG) 2020 update – Carmichael/Pappas needs additional help as well as the Koehlers on Sunday. John Fennema needs 2 more volunteers. The Rodeo Parade Museum needs help on Sunday. It was suggested and the Board agreed that we make cards for the RITG 2021 without the date to hand out at the Fair. We will wait until we know exactly when the University will have the Book Festival to make the next ones with a date. Glenn stated that there are approximately 1200 names on the email list and that he is trying to update it.

The next meeting is at Rincon Country West (RCW). The trains will run at noon and the Board will meet outside near the layout. The General Meeting will take place in another building and we are asked to bring chairs. It is hoped that one of the RCW members will give a history of their layout at the meeting. The County Fair signup sheet is available and Claudia needs the information by March 1 in order to get the badges and parking passes. We are scheduled to unload the trailers on 4/2 and 4/3; the Fair will run 4/16 through 4/26. Claudia will follow-up with the information on the school field trips for scheduling.

Committee Reports:

Website: Jerry has set up the RITG maps, Etc. and it is ready to. The Board agreed that he should go ahead and publish it.

Maintenance: Glenn has been documenting the electrical setups for the public layouts and will leave the pertinent information at each layout and/or the website. This will hopefully facilitate getting repairs made by other club members when necessary. The locomotive at the Children's Museum needs to be replaced. He also repaired a circuit at the Transportation Museum. He was asked if the control box for the children's layout could be made lighter and he said he would look into it. The signal bridges and the lights on the yellow trolley have been repaired. He reported that the iMac worked great at the VA.

Old Business:

There was a lengthy discussion about the use of the new small layout and the children's layout for school and charity events (i.e., Light the Night, Christmas in June, swap meets) as well as the Fair. The Board approved expanding the new small layout and going ahead with the repairs on the children's layout.

New Business:

Due to the weight of the iMac, it was proposed that some sort of cart be found for ease of transporting it to events like the VA and the Fair. Expense may be an issue.

It was proposed and discussed that Jerry be made an official member of the Board. This would require an amendment to the By-laws. More information is required and will be discussed at the next Board meeting.

John Coinman, a local and well-known musician, is making a music video and he filmed the Tucson Botanical Gardens layout for background. Gary Martin helped to keep the engines running. He is in touch with him and will keep us informed.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Noon, February 8, at RCW.

Respectfully submitted,

Gina Blackwell

Secretary