

TUCSON GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
February 8, 2020 at Rincon Country West

Members present included: Jim Miller, Ruth Taylor, Claudia Nelson, Sally Jacunski, Jerry Tulino, John Fennema, Wally Gazdzik, Bob Averill, and Gina Blackwell.

The January 2020 Board of Directors meeting minutes were approved as published on the website.

The Treasurer's Report (accepted as read):

Checking Acct. balance 2/8/20: \$ 2,051
Savings Acct. balance 2/8/20: 15,808
\$17,858 (sic)

From 1/19/2020

Receipts: \$106 (regalia, dues, Etc.)
Expenses: 452 (Percy set; tires)
Net: \$-347

FY to date recap:

Receipts: \$2,442
Expenses: 3,356
Net: \$ -914

Vice-President's Report:

ABTO (per Jim Miller) – to start at 9am and waiting for route. It will be on the East side of the Phoenix metro area, beginning in Apache Junction. There are 15 signed up so far. There are plans to host on the West side in 2 years.

Jim also reported that batteries and transmitter were dead at the Rodeo Parade Museum. Glenn Mitchell repaired the transmitter.

Sally reported that the top half of the Rails in the Garden (RITG) posters (without raffle info) are ready to print for distribution to students approximately 1 week prior to the event. Volunteers are still needed for a couple of layouts. She will need to purchase more raffle tickets to distribute to the RITG hosts. Cards and host bags are ready to hand out and Dennis will have the crossbucks to hand out or deliver today. Jerry has been sent all of the layout descriptions for posting on the website.

Claudia has signup sheets for the County Fair – she will need to know who will be working 4 or more shifts in order to obtain badges and parking permits. She noted that there would be no raffle ticket sales during the school field trip mornings.

Newsletter Editor:

Sally is still looking for articles and pictures but, for now until after RITG, the smaller edition is fine.

Committees:

Website: Downloads are working. Three people have signed up for next year's RITG email. He needs to reconcile the membership numbers with Ruth.

Clinics: There will be a presentation/clinic after the general meeting today. Gary is reportedly planning one for the March meeting.

Mentor: Bob said that he has had no requests for help.

Social: Per Jim Miller, February 19th is the next date for lunch at the Red Garter Saloon.

Old Business:

The Children's Layout has been repaired. There are new dowels in place and caution is needed for setting up and tearing it down. Because of the size and transportation of this layout, there was some thought and discussion about enlarging the small layout but still of a size to fit in an SUV. Claudia will look at design and expense figures for this.

There was some discussion about having an intra-membership only swap meet.

Jerry agreed to check out the possibility of using something like Skype for Board members when out of town or unable to travel to the meeting site.

A review of the By-Laws by all Board members is requested in anticipation of making the webmaster (Jerry) a voting member.

It was suggested that we start the Board Meeting about ½ hour prior to the General Meeting and to reconvene afterwards, if necessary. This would, hopefully, ease the burden on the host family.

New Business:

RITG 2021 – will there be enough layouts? It was suggested that the cards to hand out at this year's RITG reference "Activities All Year" with the logo and website. Sally agreed to work on a design.

Wally stated that he would be willing to lend his property to set up the smaller layouts for event(s). Maybe have a 1-day Train Fair in lieu of RITG? This topic has been tabled until after RITG 2020.

Announcements:

Rincon Country West will be celebrating the 15th anniversary of their railroad on March 18 with an open house – details to follow.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for 9:30 at the Fennemas on March 21.

Respectfully submitted,
Gina Blackwell
Secretary