

TUCSON GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING/TELECONFERENCE
March 21, 2020 via ZOOM

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

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

The Treasurer's Report: Per an email from Ruth Taylor, there have been no deposits or withdrawals and therefore the balances are the same as last month. She has not yet received the donations from Rails in the Garden (RITG-2020), or any new expense reimbursement requests.

Vice-President's Report:

Claudia officially proposed pursuing making the Webmaster a voting member of the Board and this was approved. She will work with Ruth and Jim on this issue.

RITG-2020: There were VERY positive responses from all of the attendees and the hosts appreciated the better than expected attendance numbers. The final donation tabulation is pending. The Board approved donating the proceeds (after expenses) to the Community Food Bank.

The Pima County Fair has been canceled. An official notice to the membership will be sent out.

The IMac needs a storage box, a storage facility (will probably take Byron Skinner up on his offer), and possibly a cart to transport it and its accessories. Claudia has said she will follow up.

There is nothing new on expansion of the mini layout. Claudia will get estimates before proceeding. Jerry has proposed that we consider using the mini layout for the Buddy Walk in November. Claudia reminded us that the controllers need to be changed in order for any children to be able to run it. This expense will be part of the estimates that Claudia will compile for the mini layout.

Bob stated that he still has the signs used for RITG-2020 and is willing to store them over the summer. Claudia (or Dennis) will contact the other hosts to see if they can store them or would like them picked up.

Wally has the raffle prize stored at his home until needed.

Committee Reports:

Website: Jerry stated that he has 46 new email sign-ups from RITG-2020.

Mentor: Bob has possibly 2 new members coming in. He has had no new requests for help from anyone.

Social: It is assumed by the Board that all social activities are on hold for the time being.

Old Business: None was brought before the Board other than that covered in the above reports.

New Business:

Bob would like to initiate/schedule a cleanup and clean-out of our storage locker. An inventory of the stored items is also needed. We are considering a members-only swap meet in the fall to help clear out unused items. Claudia mentioned that she has many books on trains that were donated to us and would like to downsize the collection by offering them at the proposed swap meet. Any leftover books could be possibly donated to a library. With an inventory, we could list the items ahead of time for posting by the Webmaster. Any inquiries to the club about items for sale (or to purchase) should be sent to our Webmaster to post.

As it has become clear that our Webmaster is responsible for getting important and valuable information to club members, it is all the more reasonable for us to consider making the position a voting Board member. The By-Laws will be reviewed by the Board members with hoped-for input from Ruth Taylor, Sally Jacunski, and past-president Glenn Mitchell. Jim will contact Glenn about the particulars of changing the By-Laws and report back at the next Board meeting.

The next Board meeting will again be a teleconference on April 18th at 10:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Gina Blackwell
Secretary