

TUCSON GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING/TELECONFERENCE
September 19, 2020 via ZOOM

Board members present: Jim Miller, Claudia Nelson, Ruth Taylor, Jerry Tulino, John Fennema, Wally Gazdzik, Bob Averill and Gina Blackwell.

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

Treasurer's Report: As of 09/19/2020,

Checking Acct. Balance	\$ 2,658
Savings Acct. Balance	<u>15,827</u>
Total on Deposit	\$18,486 (sic)

From 06/21/2020:

Receipts	\$366 (dues, donation, Amazon Smile rebate)
Expenses	<u>113</u> (storage fee, trailer insurance)
Net	\$253

FY 2020-21 to date recap:

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Dues paid for 2020-2021: \$710 (23 renewals and 1 new)

Membership total – September 2020: 61

Ruth was given the go-ahead to pay the storage facility fee for another year (instead of month-to-month).

Vice-President's Report: Due to the current social restrictions, there are no events planned for the foreseeable future. Jim is going to poll the general membership to see if any are willing to attend an outdoor event such as a short meeting in someone's yard. Ruth Taylor has offered her backyard.

Gary and Peggy Martin will be hosting their annual open house on 11/07, but with restrictions. There will be no TGRS meeting there and no meal will be served to the members.

Deborah McGeary was on the meeting and updated us on the possible re-opening of the Gadsden-Pacific Toy Train Museum in January.

There was some discussion about restarting round-about for the membership, if enough are willing to open their layouts and practice social distancing guidelines.

Newsletter: Due to circumstances beyond her control, Sally Jacunski has been unable to publish the Newsletter. Claudia and Jerry have agreed to try and get a smaller version out to the membership that would include these minutes and items of general interest and importance.

Committee Reports:

Website: A hardware upgrade seems to have gone fine. Jerry has not had any issues.

Clinics: There are some videos on the website of clinic events. Gary Martin has said that he is willing to do another one or two.

Maintenance: John Fennema and Glenn Mitchell reported on the repairs and upgrades to the Tucson Botanical Gardens layout. The layout was also a feature in a KOLD report on the Gardens and looked really good in the video.

Mentor Coordinator: Jim Averill has been helping someone with an N scale layout, but has had no requests for assistance with G scale.

Social Activities: All social events are canceled at present – see above for possible future events.

Old Business:

Glenn is preparing to refurbish a large building on the Gardens layout – he researched the Gardens preferred colors. There is no update for the Diamond Children’s Center layout status.

Because there is no immediate need, building the travel/storage case for the iMac has been put on hold.

Jim Miller will follow up with the Children’s Museum about their request for a wind-powered train.

Claudia noted that, for a hefty fee, you can rent the Children’s Museum for several hours for your family to enjoy exclusively.

New Business:

Jim Ellsworth has resigned as a member-at-large (moved to Kansas). It was decided that we not replace him on the Board at the present time.

A get-together practicing social distancing will be explored by Jim Miller.

The next scheduled Board Meeting is October 17th at 10am – via ZOOM.

Respectfully submitted,
Gina Blackwell
Secretary