

TUCSON GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING/TELECONFERENCE
October 17, 2020 via ZOOM

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

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

Treasurer's Report: As of 10/17/2020,

Checking Acct. Balance \$ 1,924

Savings Acct. Balance 15,827

Total on Deposit \$17,751

From 09/20/2020:

Receipts \$ 30 (dues)

Expenses 750 (storage fee x11 mos.)

Net **(\$720)**

Dues paid for 2020-2021: \$740 (24 renewals and 1 new)

Membership total – October 2020: 61

Vice-President's Report: Due to the current social restrictions, there are still no events planned for the foreseeable future.

Newsletter: Claudia is working on a smaller version to send out to the membership that would include these minutes and other items of general interest and importance such as dues being overdue.

Committee Reports:

Website: Jerry has no issues to report.

Education & Clinics: There are some videos on the website of clinic events.

Maintenance: John Fennema reported the Tucson Botanical Gardens layout needed new engines. Gary Martin took care of it.

Mentor Coordinator: No report.

Social Activities: No report; all social events are canceled at present.

Old Business:

Glenn Mitchell has been trying to follow-up on the Diamond Children's Center toy store layout without much success. He noted that ductwork has been installed over the track and takes that as a sign that the store, if it reopens, won't be using the layout. We will wait and see as there is apparently nothing else we can do at present.

We are still waiting for more information about the Children's Museum request for a solar- and/or wind-powered train for an outdoor layout.

New Business:

Jim Miller is looking into having an outdoor, bring-your-own picnic to a parking lot that has solar panels to park under. Possibly at a library? He will contact Chuck Cook about the feasibility of such an

event. Ruth reported that the Transportation Museum is now open Friday through Sunday. As they have a large patio and ample parking, maybe have an outdoor meeting there?

John Fennema reported that the Tucson Botanical Gardens is not sponsoring a major Luminaria Nights event (i.e., no food trucks, vendors) but they will be open Thursday through Sunday and have luminarias on display. Gary Martin has said that he would like to have one night that club members would work there. This brought up the fact that we usually pass out Rails in the Garden flyers and cards at this event. As the Rails in the Garden 2021 event is still very much up in the air, the Board has decided to take a wait and see attitude for now. The general membership will be asked if they would like to participate in the one-night event.

Jim received very positive feedback about the eNewsletter and will follow up with their editors.

John stated that the awards expenses for this year are very minimal due to the cancellations of events: one vest and a few pins.

The next scheduled Board Meeting is November 21st at 10am – via ZOOM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gina Blackwell

Secretary