

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

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

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

In Ruth Taylor's absence, Claudia read an abbreviated Treasurer's Report as follows,

Treasurer's Report: As of 12/19/2020,

Checking Acct. Balance \$ 2,111

Savings Acct. Balance 15,836

Total on Deposit \$17,974

Receipts \$ 300 (dues)

Expenses 114 (member awards, web, Gardens upkeep)

Net revenues \$ 186

Paid up (35) + honorary (6) membership total: 41

Vice-President's Report: Due to the pandemic there will be no county fair and no VA setup. It was noted that ABTO is having socially distant meetings but our group is having difficulty finding a large enough venue for such. It was noted that the last attempt for a social-distancing social gathering was cancelled.

Newsletter Editor's Report: There have been no submissions for the Newsletter. Sally is still waiting for some that had been promised. (Elaine is working on an article about Marty Hart.) There have been no events to report on except for John Fennema's Christmas train open house – pictures to go to Sally. Sally said that she is going to look through old Newsletters to see if there are any articles that can be re-visited.

Committee Reports:

Website: Jerry has no issues to report.

Education & Clinics: No report.

Maintenance: No report.

Mentor Coordinator: Nothing new to report.

Social Activities: No report.

Old Business: Again, the issue of whether or not to hold Rails in the Garden 2021 (RITG 2021) was discussed at length. If (1) enough club members are willing to open their layouts, (2) enough volunteer helpers are willing to sign up, and (3) all involved are willing to adhere to CDC, state and local health restriction guidelines, we may be able to proceed with the event the weekend of March 13-14, 2021. Sally agreed to poll the membership for volunteers, focusing on the volunteers for the last two RITG events. We have typically needed 6 volunteers per layout as a minimum.

New Business: The hope is to at least have a meeting, outside, by June, 2021 at a restaurant to be determined.

John has videos of the Botanical Gardens nighttime event and will send to Jerry to upload.

There was some discussion as to whether to suspend membership dues but because of ongoing expenses (insurance, new tires for the trailers, Etc.) a proposal to make no changes to the dues structure and membership at this time was approved by the Board.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for January 16, 2021 at 10am via ZOOM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gina Blackwell

Secretary