

TUCSON GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING/TELECONFERENCE
January 16, 2021 Via ZOOM

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

Announcements: Byron Skinner is in the hospital (coronavirus) and Betty Hagt has a brain tumor. Jim Miller is recovering from back surgery.

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

Treasurer's Report: As of 01/15/21,
Checking Acct. Balance \$ 2,179
Savings Acct. Balance 15,836
Total on Deposit \$18,015

Receipts from 12/19/2020 \$ 75 (dues)
Expenses from 12/19/2020 402 (insurance, office supplies)
Net revenues ~~-\$327~~

Paid up (37) + honorary (6) membership total: 43

Vice-President's Report: There is nothing new to report. The question of Board elections came up and Claudia will check into this. She agreed to contact Willis Fagg about trying to put together a list of candidates.

Newsletter Editor's Report: Due to her TUSD commitments, Sally has been unable to work on the Newsletter.

Committee Reports:

Website/Membership: No issues with the website. The membership is as reported above.

Mentor: No new requests to date. John Fennema reported that he gave Bob's contact information to a woman who lives in Sun City Vistoso. She told John that she had all the equipment and wanted to install a layout in her yard. John volunteered to help Bob if she does contact him or the club for help.

Old Business:

According to John, the Tucson Botanical Gardens layout now has a permanent trolley line installed. He's just waiting for a rheostat that's on order to complete the setup and get it running.

Rails in the Garden 2021 is cancelled. There are not enough volunteers at this time to hold the event. Notice of the cancellation will be added to the website and the Facebook page. It is believed that Glenn Mitchell has the Rails email list and he will be contacted about getting the word out to those folks. There was discussion about inviting members to feel free to host their own open house if they wish with limitations on attendance: club members, friends, family and neighbors, Etc. Jim will send an email to the membership.

New Business: We have been contacted by Robin Motzer with an invitation to participate in the restoration of a property in the Sam Hughes Neighborhood, the historic well house. Per her email of

01/08, it is being presented as an educational community project and will be getting media attention. The plans currently include creating a community pollinator garden and they would like to explore that possibility of adding a garden railroad. Her credentials include accreditation in Organic Land Care through NOFA/Organic Farming Association and she leads a Habitat Restoration group through Sustainable Tucson. This would be done in cooperation with the Sam Hughes Neighborhood Association and has the backing of City Council Ward 6. The Board members are very interested in participating, provided all requirements for security, operations and maintenance can be met. Jim will contact Robin to obtain more information and several Board members are planning to drive by and check out the property. The property is located near Himmel Park. We hope that several Board members may be able to attend one of their virtual planning meetings because much more information is needed before a decision can be made.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for February 20, 2021 at 10am via ZOOM.

There being no further business brought before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Gina Blackwell
Secretary