

TUCSON GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
September 18, 2021 – via ZOOM

Board members present: Jim Miller, Claudia Nelson, Margaret Nelson Torres, Wally Gazdzik, Charles Weesner, Ron Koehler, John Fennema, and Gina Blackwell.

The June 2021 Board of Directors meeting minutes were approved as published on the website.

Treasurer's Report: Margaret reported that she is in the process of setting up AutoPay for the club account and has put "dues are due" notices in the Newsletter and Bulletin.

Vice-President's Report: The PlayMobile train set has been donated to the Oracle Community Garden Layout as the Board approved. We will retain the track in the storage building for the Gardens and for the Christmas train setup at the Gardens during Luminaria Nights. Unneeded buildings will be taken to the swap meet on Nov. 13. Of note, we aren't being charged a fee for the swap meet table because we will be taking the mini-layout to set up there.

Jerry Wilson no longer needs to borrow the Children's Layout. He and his son built their own.

John Fennema announced that he and Audrie will be hosting an open house for their train layout on Oct. 2.

The Community Garden Layout in Oracle will be hosting an open house on October 24. All are invited.

The 4th Wednesday of the month Social at the Red Garter continues - next one is October 27th.

The next general meeting is scheduled for October 23 at the Koehlers, 9am to 12pm; meeting starting at 10. Ron requested a reminder be sent for members to bring their own chairs. He has 3 mainlines to run and encourages members to bring their own. He suggested that pictures of the event could be posted to the online magazine with a write up.

The Martins have postponed hosting a club meeting so Claudia will contact the Gardens to see if the pavilion is available for a November meeting. A December meeting is also up in the air.

The Averills are tentatively scheduled for January, RCW is set for February, the Blackwells are a maybe for March and, of course, we're hoping to set up for the Pima County Fair in April. We have no takers yet for May and June of next year.

Rails in the Garden 2021 (RITG) is still tentatively scheduled for March 5-6 and we are awaiting word on the VA setup for the week between Christmas and New Year's – COVID precautions are still very much in place at the VA. The Book Festival is the following weekend.

Claudia reminded us that elections are scheduled for next year and that we shouldn't wait too long to get a slate of candidates together.

Other Reports: Due to absences, there were no reports from the Newsletter Editor, the Webmaster, or the Education, Clinics, Mentor or Social Activities Committees. Charlie and John reported on the repairs being made on equipment and at the Gardens, respectively. John has requested a cleanup event for the Gardens prior to Luminaria Nights. If the November meeting can be set there, it would be a good time to also put together a work crew.

Old Business: Check the website for the RITG 2021 website. It is still not definite that it will take place. Masks may be required. The Board agreed that no advertising dollars will be spent until all is set to go. It will then also be added to our FaceBook page.

New Business: We are waiting to hear if we will be participating in Luminaria Nights at the Gardens and/or the annual Light the Night event.

Ron asked about reimbursement for items purchased for hosting a meeting. Claudia agreed to bring plates and utensils from the storage building and the Board agreed to cover reasonable expenses.

The next Board Meeting will be Tuesday, October 19th, 7pm via ZOOM.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Gina Blackwell

Secretary