

TUCSON GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
February 15, 2022 – via ZOOM

Board members present: Jim Miller, Margaret Torres Nelson, Claudia Nelson (also filling in for Gina Blackwell), Jerry Tulino, John Fennema, Bob Averill, and Charles Weesner.

The January 2022 Board of Directors meeting minutes were approved as published.

Treasurer's Report: Margaret reported that any members not paying their dues before the end of February would be removed from the roster. We currently have 44 paid (including 3 new members) and 5 unpaid. Our membership total is 49 regular and 6 honorary, for a total of 55 members. 3 members have paid for 2022-23.

As of 2/15/2022:

|                          |                    |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Checking account balance | \$2,828.31         |
| Savings account balance  | <u>\$15,859.42</u> |
| Balance total            | \$18,687.73        |

*Fiscal Year to Date Recap:*

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|-------------------|--|
| Receipts/deposits | \$2,100.00 (dues, regalia, track sales, etc.)      |
| Expenses          | <u>\$1,312.64</u> (insurance, RITG cards, storage) |
| Net revenue       | \$787.36   |

The board had asked for a breakdown of maintenance cost over the past several years. Margaret stated that since there was no actual approved budget, she was not able to compare budget to actuals, but she had compiled the maintenance costs by layout for the last five years and would send it to the board.

Over the past 5 years, we have spent the following by layout:

|                             |                |
|-----------------------------|----------------|
| Modules/fair                | \$1,988.29     |
| TBG                         | \$1,638.86     |
| Rodeo Parade Museum         | \$400.00       |
| Children's Museum           | \$222.60       |
| Transportation Museum       | \$135.64       |
| Diamond Children's Hospital | <u>\$32.54</u> |
| Total                       | \$4,417.93     |

Vice-President's Report: Upcoming events include the February meeting at RCW on 2/19, the social luncheon on 2/23, Martin's open house on 2/26 (with no general meeting, but maybe a plea to sign up for the fair), Rails in the Garden 3/5 – 3/6, and the Pima County fair in late April. We will have enough volunteers to staff RITG, although most sites didn't get as many volunteers as they requested.

We will have the March BOD (ZOOM) meeting on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. It was decided (after some discussion) to have a March meeting on March 26<sup>th</sup>. John has offered to host, but Claudia will check with Phil Pappas and John Carmichael, since they were originally going to host in March. Based on the Tucson weather, we may not have a May or June meeting. If that's the case, we may need electronic board elections.

Claudia has also contacted TBG to arrange for the Thorneville sign to get replaced. The gardens are willing to do that but need the new wording we want. John will spearhead the wording and send to Claudia.

Newsletter: No report. Claudia is sending out bulletins in lieu of the newsletter.

#### Committee Reports

*Website/Membership*: RITG is up on the website and Jerry has received several email addresses to add to our RITG announcement list. He also noted that we are getting about 40 hits/day vs. over 70 in past years. Claudia noted that the Instagram and Facebook posts are getting over 100 people reached per posting.

*Maintenance*: Charlie says the trains at TBG are running currently after much work was done, and he's not sure why.

*Mentor Coordinator*: Bob says he hasn't mentored anyone recently.

Old Business: We don't have anyone volunteering to be on a nominating committee for the May board elections.

New Business: (addressed above). Also, a reminder about Barry Blackwell's party at Viscount Suites on Broadway.

The next board meeting will take place via ZOOM on 3/22 at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Claudia Nelson (for Gina Blackwell)*

Secretary