

TUCSON GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
May 10, 2023
Nelson Residence

Board Members Present: John Fennema, Claudia Nelson, Margaret Torres Nelson, Charlie Weesner, Jerry Tulino

Visitors: Glenn Mitchell, David Nelson

Treasurer's Report Summary – Margaret Torres-Nelson

All Acct Balance	\$ 21,431.50
YTD Income	\$ 5,874.76
YTD Expense	\$ 4,080.38

- Filed Az Corp Commission to maintain 501(c)3 status with Dennis Mahar as president. Will modify this filing when we have a new president.

Newsletter Report – Claudia Nelson

- Some requests for links to other newsletters – mostly supplied by Thomas Preisner.

Webmaster Report – Jerry Tulino

- Email list converted to paid customer and suspended until next January (as planned).
- Looking for a better way to collect emails than the hand-written sheet from county fair. He's implemented SignMeUp@tucsongrs.org to receive an email to add to our list – avoiding hand-written email addresses.

VP Report – John Fennema

- Need a new president – Glenn Mitchell has accepted the draft and was unanimously approved by the board.
- Pima County fair discussion
 - 4 people per session would be “ideal” staffing. Members talking with other members when we have more. One person to supervise the children's layout. Five hour shifts seem to be OK. Still having trouble staffing evening shifts because of driving in the dark.
 - How to overhaul the 3-ring binder of layout photos? Resurrect the slide show video next year?
 - Need a way to hide the children's layout when it's not available due to staffing. Perhaps cover it with a sheet?
 - Review inventory in storage unit this fall? John reports there's blank space because we got more stuff in the trailers during tear-down this year.
 - Should we have a display of someone modeling during the fair? Note the success of the wood-carver and ship modeler. Run a 3D printer? Have some electrical project?
- Ronald McDonald house canceled because we don't have enough people.
- Peggy Martin sale for both tools and railways - \$3400 the first day, about \$1000 the second. There's a couple engines left and a variety of buildings that they plan to take to a swap meet in Prescott with Gina.

New Business Discussions

- TBG trains – Wear showing in the roadbed and sheds. We need to decide how much effort to put in if it's only intended for another year and a half.
- TCM – Failed LGB diesel swapped out. Charlie needs to assess and repair.
- The board approved Ann Winters as member-at-large and social director.
- Board approves writing Ann a check for \$100 printing the scavenger hunt and candy rewards as she has not submitted receipts.

- Robert Coburn has asked to donate his train collection to the club. The board approved, conditional on getting a more-complete inventory of equipment, buildings.
- Discussion on offering “one year free membership” to bring in new people. Decided to offer it “as a promotion” during RITG and county fair. It applies to the following year since it’s late in our fiscal year by the time these events come up.
- One visitor at the fair (works at VA) was dismayed to hear of reduced interest in the Christmas layout display. Claudia has contacted Luke Johnson who will bring it up with management.
- Meeting dates and hosts are updated in the calendar on the website. Tentative social lunches are listed, as well.

Sept 23	Fennema
Oct 23	Mitchell
Nov 18	Kohlers
Dec 9	Christmas Party
Jan 20	Averill
Feb 24	Rincon West
Mar ??	RITG
Apr 13	Charmichael

- Claudia tallied old membership list to find we’ve had 204 families in the club over the years. This is part of developing a memorial page for lost members on our website.
- Claudia has built a list of past technical presentations which have been summarized in newsletters. There’s an open question of what technical clinics we should offer.
- The board agreed to offer the gutted GP40 to Craig Anderson for his Oracle push layout, if he can use it.

Next board meeting June 7, Nelson’s place
 No club meeting for June