

TUCSON GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
June 7, 2023  
Nelson Residence

Board Members Present: Glenn Mitchell, John Fennema, Claudia Nelson, Charlie Weesner, Jerry Tulino, Jim Miller, and Ann Winter via teleconference

Approved minutes from May board meeting

Treasurer's Report Summary – Margaret Torres-Nelson in absentia

All Acct Balance	\$ 19,791.17
YTD Income	\$ 6,137.00
YTD Expense	\$ 5,983.08

50 paid dues, 6 honorary members

VP Report – John Fennema

- Grant Collins (not a member) wants club to buy his 20 yr old Bachmann train set. Glenn will tell him we are not interested.
- Checking tires on the trailers at the fairgrounds once a month – one is leaking badly. Consensus that it's OK to replace tires on the big trailer. John and Glenn will plan to move them in the fall, when it's cooler.

Newsletter Report – Claudia Nelson

- Link to Garden Railway News: Jerry to adjust so it goes to webmaster, not president. Claudia still getting the link from Thomas Priesner.

Committee reports passed thru quickly

- Maintenance: motor replace at TCM, gear replace for TBG
- Social activities on website – next social lunch is Red Garter on June 28, 4<sup>th</sup> Weds alternating The Depot and Red Garter following months.

Old business

- Attracting members discussion – should we change the general meeting format? Even intermittently?
  - Much discussion of workshop or clinic held as the general meeting
    - Consider Xerocraft, a maker space in downtown. They encourage you to arrange classes at their facility.
    - Repairing fair modules?
    - Building a “modern train” fair module?
    - Scenery for kids layout
    - Meeting at TBG and contest for “how many trains can we run?”
  - Teaming with other groups
    - Wood carver's group at fair
    - Tucson Miniaturist Society
    - Temporary display layout at Tohono Chul? Perhaps at a garden center?
  - Demonstration of model building during Pima County fair? Aim for Saturday because that's when more people are likely to attend.
- Helping members dispose of equipment:
  - Coburn equipment donated to club, stored in shed.
  - Marvin Clark – Seems overwhelmed, no clear path forward.
  - Martin & Blackwell talking about going to the Prescott swap meet July 29.

- We have not heard back from VA about Christmas display. Presume it won't happen.

New Business Discussions

- The iMac in the storage shed is not functional and old enough it's not worth repair. To permit video presentation at any place we're showing trains, Glenn suggests we get a smart TV and arrange a memory stick or DVD player for a video file. He suggests we could build a frame and rollers to make it easier to move into a venue like the county fair.
- Christmas lunch meeting options – Jerry Tulino reported on Hungry Fox as an option in place of Golden Corral this year. Ann Winter took on the assignment to identify alternate venues.
- 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

Next board meeting – open depending on topics above

Next club meeting – September 23