

TUCSON GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
October 18, 2023
Nelson Residence

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

Called to order at 1 PM, approved minutes from September board meeting.

Treasurer's Report Summary – Margaret Torres Nelson

All Acct Balance	\$ 19,915.73
YTD Income	\$ 710.00
YTD Expense	\$ 631.96

- Upcoming spending for the new tires on the trailer(s) at the fairgrounds.

VP Report – John Fennema

- Expect to support Ken Karrels at Southern Arizona Transportation Museum on Dec 16 for their Christmas open-house. The museum will be open 10 AM to 3 PM, but we should be there about 9 AM to set up the children's layout.
- Need an insert (foam board) to fill the center of the layout.
- Rails in the Garden confirmed for March 2-3.
- Christmas party currently scheduled for Dec 2 at Rodeo Parade museum. Glenn has been asked to see if we can move it back to Dec 9. We propose pizza for the meal. Suggest a \$5 fee to commit each member to register, but funds from the club cover the meal. The fees to be donated to the Rodeo Parade Museum.
- Staffing for the Gadsden Pacific swap meet is marginal (Nov 12). Suggest a direct request to Bert and Anne.

Newsletter Report – Claudia Nelson

Committee reports

- Maintenance/Displays
 - up to 168 button presses in a week while schools are out for fall break.
 - TBG has listed May, 2024 for their new "permanent" train layout. We have had no contact from the museum about schedule or removal of the current display.

Old business

- TV for our "media presentations" donated by Clarks – a 40 inch model. Suggested that we get a "monitor carrying case" for it rather than build a cabinet. Details after we have the TV in-hand to assess mounting, size.
- Willis Fagg has agreed to help with the RITG coordination. We have not identified someone to take the lead on the fair display.
- Repairing modules for fair train will be in the display hall after it's set up, before the fair opens. Plan to split the set-up schedule to allow us to re-paint, repair modules.
- Reviewed bylaws for rules awarding honorary memberships. Plan to ask members to change bylaws to make the decision "majority of members present" at a meeting rather than "majority of members of the club." Wording to be submitted in November newsletter for discussion and vote at the November meeting.
- We hope to nominate Ruth Taylor, Bruce Somerhalder, Gina Blackwell, and Peggy Martin for honorable membership, possibly following the rule change vote in November?

New Business Discussions

- Charlie suggested a “modern train” of double-stack containers, modern diesels and a “Port of Tucson” model in place of present spa modules. He’s been asked to develop a plan for such a model and we will request a \$2000 budget at the October general meeting to purchase cars and locomotives in support of this.
- “Modeling activity” demo during the fair is proposed to be building containers for this display.
- PTO contacts – Ask for member to volunteer at October general meeting.

Upcoming meetings

Oct 21	Mitchell
Nov 18	Kohlers
Dec 2 (9)	Christmas Party
Jan 20	Averill

Feb 24	Rincon West
Mar ??	RITG
Apr 13	Charmichael

Next board meeting – Nov 15

Upcoming Activities

Nov 12	Gadsden Pacific Swap Meet
Dec 16	SATM Open House
Dec 21	Ocotillo Learning Center
Mar 2-3	Rails in the Garden
Apr 18-28	Pima County Fair