

TUCSON GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

January 17, 2023
Nelson Residence

Board Members Present:

Glenn Mitchell
John Fennema
Claudia Nelson
Margaret Torres Nelson
Ann Winters
Jim Miller
Charlie Weesner
Jerry Tulino
Bob Averill

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

Treasurer's Report Summary – Margaret Torres Nelson

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| All Acct Balance | \$ 17,724.46 |
| YTD Net | \$ (2113.,62) |

- 57 members, 6 of whom are honorary – new member is Klaus
- BofA new rules for business accounts – We expected to avoid a charge due to combined checking and savings balances. Margaret will ask why we got charged and may look into moving our accounts to a local credit union.
- Especially if moving the accounts – We may consider putting some of the savings into a CD to earn some interest.
- HostDyne – our web provider – seems not to have billed us. Suggest we give their accounting a couple more months to see if there's a pending invoice coming.
- Storage shed fees from January will be \$83/month up from \$75/month

VP Report – John Fennema

- Rails in the Garden March 2-3 –
 - Ten layouts
 - Short on sign-ups for volunteers to staff layouts
 - Working on publicity to include PSA at KXCI and Daily Star article.
 - Will start sending email reminders to sign up.
- Pima County Fair
 - John attended scout meetings about the merit badge. Tom says 9 other troops have heard about the plans and may be interested in trying to offer the merit badge.
 - John plans to ask Rillito Nursery about supplying potted plants for a backdrop to the layout.

Newsletter Report – Claudia reports no issues.

Committee reports

- Membership & Website – now RITG website, re-activated email list for a couple months.
- Maintenance/Displays
 - TCM and Rodeo museum are running with two locomotives each.
 - TBG layout will be taken down in March. After RITG, before the county fair setup.
- Social Activities
 - Luncheon at The Depot next Wednesday

- Xerocraft Tour – Proposed for Feb 10. A general tour with some added time for questions from our members? Ann will confirm with them and announce the date at our meeting Saturday.

Old business

- Modular layout changes – planning an inter-modal facility in place of the spa (next to the steps over the mainline). Mitchell has suggested that he may swap some leftover buildings from his removed layout. Plan is to set up the track and do maintenance and updates in the 2-3 weeks between getting our trailers in there and the opening of the fair.
- Discussion about contacting Port of Tucson: Suggested the email be in the form of “We’re building this model to display at Pima County Fair. May we use your logo to give it a local theme.
- Tucson Botanical Gardens plans a new layout from Applied Imagination, opening on Mother’s Day. Michelle suggests that our members may volunteer to help run it. Consensus is against club participation.
- Nominating lifetime members – publish these in the February newsletter for membership vote at the general meeting
 - Ruth Taylor
 - Gina Blackwell
 - Peggy Martin
 - Bruce Somerhalder
 - Norm Ulmer
 - Chuck Haight

New Business Discussions

- 2024 club elections
 - Charlie, Claudia, Margaret, Ann, Jerry volunteer to continue their positions.
 - Need people willing to be president, vice president, and board members at-large.
- Willis Fagg forwarded an email about a class action lawsuit payout based on credit card interchange fees we paid during the 2008 national convention we co-sponsored. Board feels the amount we might be awarded is not worth the effort digging up any records (that we probably don’t have from 15 years ago).
- Community share – A registry of intellectual resources for Pima county schools to draw on for projects. We think our club would have trouble staffing that.

Upcoming meetings

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| Jan 20 | Rodeo Museum |
| Feb 17 | Rincon West |
| Mar 16 | Weesner |
| Apr 13 | Charmichael |
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Next board meeting – February 14, 1PM @ Nelson’s

Upcoming Activities

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| Mar 2-3 | Rails in the Garden |
| Mar 30 | Setup modular layout |
| Apr 18-28 | Pima County Fair |
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