

TUCSON GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

April 10, 2023
Nelson Residence

Board Members Present:

Glenn Mitchell	John Fennema
Claudia Nelson	Jim Miller
Charlie Weesner	Jerry Tulino
Margaret Torres Nelson	Willis Fagg

Glenn called the meeting to order at 1:03 PM, and we approved minutes from the March board meeting.

Treasurer's Report Summary – Margaret Torres Nelson

All Acct Balance	\$ 17,907
YTD Net	\$ (1933)

- RITG donation – decided to total ~\$1000 to defer the “higher than normal” expenses for 2024. The board approved a \$700 donation to the food bank, along with the \$320 in checks written directly to the food bank.
- Discussed putting some savings into a CD – suggested \$8k for 10 months based on website CD's listed.

VP Report – John Fennema

- Pima County Fair
 - Setup mostly done, need the netting around the children's layout.
 - Scout Troop 157 is slated to run trains before the fair opens on April 20. Working to get information about their plans to finish the module they're decorating.
 - Any youth who announces they are a scout from Troop 157 will be allowed to run trains throughout the fair.
 - Container printing – adjust to the length/width for the three-pack. We are considering moving the intermodal facility to the back – the yard tracks – so there's space for the train to pull in.

Newsletter Report – Suggested having a profile of a member posted in the newsletter each month – a back-story for the members.

Committee reports

- Membership – 70 families, since one of the RITG recruits asked to resign. Two of the new members have signed up for staffing the fair.
- Website – nothing to report
- Maintenance/Displays
 - TBG layout was removed Mar 20 and buildings distributed to members.
 - We now support displays at Wagon & History Museum, Tucson Children's Museum, and Southern Arizona Transport Museum.
 - No further contact with Steam Pump Ranch. It seems this is a loosely organized group.

Old Business

- Elections – list of candidates for the board
 - Willis Fagg – President
 - Claudia Nelson – Vice President
 - Jim Miller – Newsletter

- Margaret Torres Nelson – Treasurer
- Charlie Weesner – Secretary
- Jerry Tulino – Membership/Webmaster
- John Fennma – member at large
- Ann Winter – member at large
- Ron Kohler – member at large
- Glenn will put out an email announcing this, publish in the May newsletter, and vote at the May general meeting. .

New Business

- Email response from Port of Tucson “will forward to the right person” and haven’t heard anything further.
- Got a donation of 9 DVD’s on model RR that are currently at the fair to play on the monitor. Seven are “how to,” mostly for smaller scales, and two are convention tour-like videos.
- Claudia has arranged to visit Benson RV park in February, 2025 to publicize RITG, and encourage a group
- Some discussion about publicizing small layouts, especially to ease new members into starting one.

Upcoming meetings

Apr 13	Charmichael
May 11	Tucson Botanical Gardens

Next board meeting – May 8, 1PM @ Nelson’s

Next luncheon – during your session(s) at the Pima County Fair

Upcoming Activities

Apr 18-28	Pima County Fair
Apr 29	Tear down fair layout