

TUCSON GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

May 8, 2024
Nelson Residence

Board Members Present:

Glenn Mitchell	John Fennema
Claudia Nelson	Jerry Tulino
Charlie Weesner	Margaret Torres Nelson

Glenn called the meeting to order at 1:09 PM with 6 members, just meeting a quorum. We approved minutes from the April board meeting.

Treasurer's Report Summary – Margaret Torres Nelson

- Still have to get the check to the Community Food Bank - \$700 approved last month will show up as an expense when paid.
- Need to visit Vantage West in-person to set up the CD that we approved last month.
- David Nelson will charge the club \$200 for all the containers he printed for the fair intermodal yard and loads.
- Our balance is net down about (\$2400) for the year, but we are currently up 17 members including two families that helped with the fair and two from the scouts.

VP Report – John Fennema

- We had a great fair. Julia (Pima County Fair director) wants us back and the scouts want to do it next year. Eight other troops are interested in offering the Railroad Merit Badge.
- We have dates and locations for all the meetings for 2024-2025 established.
- Willis has ordered a replacement for the ferris wheel in the Blackwell fair display.
- Willis has mused about having a “garden layout” on one of the modules at the fair.
- Discussion about whether to have a board meeting in June – decided there was not much to cover and canceled for the summer until September.

Newsletter Report – One more issue planned from Claudia. Included John's profile and Thomas' “A Short History of G-Scale.”

Committee reports

- Membership – 74 families now with 4 signing up during the fair. O'Dells helped with tear-down, showing special interest in the circus display. .
- Website – Emails from cox.net bouncing. Charlie noted Cox has discontinued their email server and handed it to Yahoo. He presumes a different spam-detection algorithm is causing the bounces.
- Maintenance/Displays – Repairs & lubricate for diesels at Tucson Children's Museum display. They currently have 4 to keep 1 running – but we have no better use for that equipment.
- Social activities – May 22, Red Garter lunch this month.

Old Business

- Elections – publicized. Likely to ask for “acclimation” vote at May general meeting since there's only one candidate for each position.

New Business

- Charlie brought up the excess locomotives, mostly from the county fair.

- General agreement that we would sell at a discount to a member who would use the locomotive(s).
- General agreement to ask about selling pieces on commission for those that do not interest our members.
- Charlie will develop an estimate of market value for the 4 “better” engines.
- Veterans Administration – We have a contact to return for the Christmas modular layout display at the VA. Started discussing the logistics of setting up at the VA. Claudia will work with VA on choosing dates for the display.

Upcoming meetings

May 11	Tucson Botanical Gardens
May 22	Lunch at Red Garter saloon
Sept 18	Board meeting
Sept 21	Club meeting at Cap Pearson’s layout