

TUCSON GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

October 16, 2024
Nelson Residence

Board Members Present:

Willis Fagg	John Fennema
Jim Miller	Ron Koehler
Claudia Nelson	Jerry Tulino
Charlie Weesner	Margaret Torres Nelson

Willis called the meeting to order at 12:57 PM with 8 board members. We approved minutes from the September board meeting.

Treasurer's Report Summary – Margaret Torres Nelson

- Spending entry for storage unit went up as we are now being taxed on the rental.
- Generally, the storage unit should be in the treasurer's name, not Willis.
- Will send reminders for late dues this week and cull names that have moved away.

VP Report – Claudia Nelson

- St Paul's Oct 24 – Halloween display: Preschool kids will do a walk-thru look at the layout. Ask Ken Karrels if SATM has more train safety coloring books to hand out.
- Ocotillo Learning Center Christmas display is slated for Dec 19. Currently have 3 volunteers, could use one or two more.
- VA Hospital – Call to Orlando Ford got bumped to Jason Bloom (his boss). Arrange a visit for Claudia, John, and Willis Oct 17, 2PM to review the auditorium in which we set up. Setup is planned for Dec 21, tear-down Dec 28. Run every day except Christmas. There's some concern about adequate staff to set up the layout.
- Ken Karrels has invited us to host a table for "Santa Claus Days" at Southern Arizona Transportation Museum on Dec 21. That's set-up for VA, so we will decline.
- 2025 RITG planned for 2nd weekend in March: 8th and 9th. Expected layouts to show:
 - Ron Koehler
 - John Charmichael and Phil Pappas
 - Willis Fagg
 - John Fennema
 - Rodeo Museum
 - Rincon West
 - Charlie Weesner
- Gadsden Pacific is changing the swap meet format to "open your trunk and sell" instead of tables. TGRS display table and tent format doesn't appear to fit well. We are passing on participating in "sell from your trunk."

Newsletter Report – Jim Miller

- Will return to MS Word as he's been struggling with Canva.

Committee reports

- Membership – Jerry Tulino – How to communicate with free members about renewing? Treasurer will send a separate email to encourage them to pay at normal renewal date in June, 2025.
- Website – Jerry Tulino – Will put up a "save the date" for RITG.
- Maintenance/Displays – Charlie Weesner
 - Children's Museum rail worn to the webbing. We need to replace the turns. At most 2-3 volunteers can help on a Monday when TCM is closed to the public. Extra track sections from Charlie Weesner available for most of the 360° turns at 8 ft diameter, AristoCraft track.

- Charlie will contact Stan Martin at about when Tucson Wagon and History Museum opens for the season so we can check lubricant in the engine and see whether the layout needs cleaning, again.
- Social activities
 - Luncheon this month @ The Depot, October 23 .
 - Discussion about Christmas party. Jerry is reserving The Hungry Fox for 7th or 14th of December. Ask at meeting Saturday to choose.

Old Business

- nothing covered

New Business

- Access to storage unit
 - Looking to get a list of who has which key to the lock on the storage unit.
 - A Family Storage is moving towards an app on the phone instead of the keypad for access thru the gate. Margaret has started distributing access thru the “noke smart entry” app.

Upcoming meetings

Oct 19	Club meeting at Ron Koehler’s layout: trains @ 10, meeting @ 11 Blunami clinic after the meeting
Oct 23	Luncheon at The Depot 11:15
Nov 13	Board meeting @ Nelson’s 1PM
Nov 16	Club meeting at John Fennema’s layout