

# TUCSON GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

February 12, 2025  
Nelson Residence

## Board Members Present:

Willis Fagg	John Fennema
Wally Gadzick	Charlie Weesner
Claudia Nelson	Jerry Tulino
Jim Miller	

Willis called the meeting to order at 1:03 PM with 7 board members. We approved minutes from the January board meeting.

## Treasurer's Report Summary – Claudia Nelson for Margaret (absent)

- January expenses for the storage unit rental and email list promoting RITG.

## VP Report – Claudia Nelson

- History Relived Showcase – Claudia reports not that many people, but the general manager of Old Tucson asked about having us set up a display there.
- We've been working with Summer Wilson-Hawking, Attractions Supervisor, at Old Tucson. We've talked about setting up a very small, indoor layout behind the ticket counter of the SP Amado depot that they've transported to Old Tucson. This exhibit would be part of a poster-board display of rail history from southern Arizona and would be "open" through Mother's Day. We have equipment, track, and a throttle left over from the Botanical Gardens display, and Claudia and John are looking at setting up building flats and a couple small structures.
- 2025 Rails in the Garden
  - Adding Oracle Community Garden to list of displays. Placing this on the map will make the map less useful because of the distance to Oracle – so add a separate sheet listing the address to hand out at the other open houses.
  - John will be handing out packets and signage at the meeting Saturday.

## Committee reports

- Membership – nothing special
- Website
  - now devoted to RITG, 450 visits this month, about the same as a year ago
  - Email to list – 50.3% opened it, 13.3% clicked the link to see the website. Statistics are quite consistent over the past 3 years.
  - Email list to Comcast – For now, Jerry is just re-sending those emails to get around their block.
- Maintenance/Displays
  - Thomas Preisner has offered \$200 for the shay – the board approved unanimously.
  - Ron Koehler expressed interest in the Bachmann Connie. The board has approved a sale price of \$100 as-is. Charlie will present this to Ron.
- Social activities
  - John will send a "request for comment" to the general membership about the luncheons.

## Old Business

- Business card stickers – guessing 10 at each site. Greeter will hand these out on the basis of conversation at each RITG location.

- Raffle at PCF – Greeter circles one item from scavenger hunt. Person writes the location they found the item, their name and phone number on the back of the sheet. Dropped into a raffle bucket. Willis is getting info about starter set(s) from Upland Trains.

#### New Business

- Old Tucson -discussed above.
- List of contacts to be updated
  - Peggy Martin for “education” – taken off the list
  - Valerie Golembieski for “history” - taken off the list
  - Charlie Weesner for “maintenance” – added to the list
  - Ken Karrels for “publicity” – taken off the list
  - Bring this up on Saturday asking for people to step up.
- Email from Thomas about marketing the club. Claudia has drafted a response telling him to recruit “ambassadors.”
- Mini Time Machine Museum has an area in which they would place a display related to model trains. Willis is looking to forward a Madeline Cook display and will brainstorm with them about a connection.
- Golembieski collection – Willis has asked for a list of equipment.

#### Upcoming meetings

Feb 15	Club meeting at Rincon West– trains at 11 AM, meeting at noon
Mar 12	Board meeting @ Nelson’s 1PM
Mar 15	Club meeting at Weesner’s.