

TUCSON GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

February 25, 2026  
Nelson Residence

Board Members Present:

Claudia Nelson	John Fennema
Charlie Weesner	Wally Gadzick
Ron Koehler	Ann Winter
Willis Fagg	Jerry Tulino
Jim Miller	

Willis called the meeting to order at 1 PM with 9 Board members. We approved minutes from the January board meeting.

Treasurer's Report Summary

- Statement sent to board shows routine payments in January, only interest income since dues were months ago.

VP Report – Claudia Nelson defers to the topics below.

Committee reports

- Newsletter – appreciate articles: two more from Steve Debord.
- Membership – nothing changed in the past month.
- Website – RITG email activity report and 10 more people have signed up for the reminder email list.
- Maintenance/Displays – SATM rail cleaner for repair. I have Peter Firos material to distribute.
- Social activities – luncheons thru Jerry continue. March 11 is slated to be the English pub, Canyon's Crown, at Tanque Verde and Sabino Canyon/Kolb.

Old Business

- 2026 RITG – KGUN and KOLD contacts are cold. Ann is getting walk-by publicity at Voyager. Posters at several RV parks. Garden Railroad News will be here that weekend. Willis hopes to meet him for dinner during the visit.
- 2026 Pima County Fair – Trailer unload on the 27<sup>th</sup> (Friday) at 9 AM. Lay modules out. Scouts help set up on 28<sup>th</sup> to the point of “run a train.” Repairs to the modules during that week and buildings slated for April 4<sup>th</sup> after the meeting.
- Zoo lights display – Ann, Willis, and John walked through the options. If we can get the indoor space at the cafeteria, we can do this. Willis observes that we have many of these small displays that rely on the same people and worries that we are not getting a wider range of members involved.
- Old Tucson – Our plan last May involved a small loop of track, push-button operation taken from TBG, and portable tables with plywood pieces over the top. At the moment, our “small active group” is occupied with RITG and PCF and it seems a stretch to get a display into Old Tucson. Claudia will respond “We'd like an earlier notice, next year.”
- Bylaws – Traditionally we have brought candidates for the board before the membership for a specific office. A close read of Article VII of the Bylaws only says “nominating sufficient members,” so the board, this year, will meet after the election to assign roles. We need at least 9 people to run. Wally moves and the board approves “Members will be elected to a generic board of directors and will decide among themselves who will fill which of the offices at their first meeting of the coming fiscal year.”

- Elections – Need to recruit members (especially new members) to the board. Claudia, Jim, Jerry, John, and Charlie will stand for another term. Presume Margaret will also. We need two more and hope to recruit Dennis Maher (returning from Texas) and one of the newer members.

#### New Business

- John and Phil have proposed cross-publicity between their open house and the general club RITG sites. Claudia has photo-posters of John & Phil's layout from the Mini Time Machine display
- Ann wants to follow-up on the offer for us to put in an elevated track at Voyager to start showing interest in a garden railway there similar to the one at Rincon West. Willis asks if they will do the structure for the track, and Ann will arrange a review with board members between RITG and the start of the Pima County Fair.

#### Upcoming Events

Mar 7,8	Rails in the Garden tour – 10 AM
Mar 11	Social lunch
Mar 18	TGRS Board meeting @ Nelson 1 PM
Mar 27	Trailers to Old Pueblo Hall
Mar 28	Fair set-up with Scouts
April 4	TGRS meeting @ Weesner 9 AM
April 4	Buildings & scenery at fair ~12 PM after club meeting @ Weesner