

TUCSON GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

March 18, 2026  
Nelson Residence

Board Members Present:

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

Willis called the meeting to order at 1 PM with 7 Board members. We approved corrected minutes from the February board meeting.

Treasurer's Report Summary

- Statement sent to board shows February status. Some discussion of the the entry "3 new members" with \$30 dues attributed.

VP Report – Claudia Nelson defers to the topics below.

Committee reports

- Newsletter – working on Canva with Claudia.
- Membership – Jeff Larkin is our newest member. Discussion about annual dues covering thru the 2026-2027 year, effectively giving people a free membership for the last couple months of the current fiscal year.
- Website – no updates.
- Maintenance/Displays
  - Rail wear noted at Rodeo Museum adapted by spreading tender wheels.
  - Peter Firos material to distribute to members. Jeff Larkin and Charles Burgis have each indicated they are expanding their track.

Old Business

- 2026 RITG – Lots of discussion of results at our three layouts. John indicated he got most referrals from NextDoor. Using the newly acquired A frames to draw in passing traffic worked for Ron. Charlie's layout emphasized having visitors run the trains and do casual assignments. We collected a total of \$660 and had 1283 layout-visitors across both days.
- 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 – Claudia to follow up with Jeb whether we can use the location in the cafeteria.
- Old Tucson – Scratch for this year, hope to get earlier contact and start for next year.
- Elections – Mark Marine has agreed to stand. We need "at least two more" to run for the general board which will then assign duties.

New Business

- Claudia to follow up with Annie about talking to Voyager.

## Upcoming Events

Mar 27	Trailers to Old Pueblo Hall
Mar 28	Fair set-up with Scouts
April 4	TGRS meeting @ Weesner 9 AM / 10 AM meeting
April 4	Buildings & scenery at fair ~12 PM after club meeting @ Weesner