

## Board Meeting of the First Division, PNR, NMRA

The meeting was called to order by Superintendent Rich Pitter at 1:27 on October 25, 2014 at the Gainsborough Community club house in Eugene, OR.

Board members present were Gene Neville, Chris Jones, Bruce McGarvey, Dirk Kruysman, Elaine Crueger, Nick Lehrbach, Charlie Hutto and Ed Schaenzer as proxy for Glen Edmison. Also present were guests Jim Dougal, Jim Crueger & Jim Van Gelden.

### Committee Reports:

Secretary; The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as amended.

Treasurer; There was no activity in the checking account since the last report and our bank balance is #29,311.35 at present.

Webmaster; Charlie reported that our site was in good shape.

Education; Rich reported that he needs help getting clinics for the mini-meets.

Newsletter; Rich would like modelling ideas and club news.

Contests; Chris reported that the contests were doing well.

Member of the year; Dirk Kruysman is the new member and will chair the committee this year.

### Old Business:

During the mini-meet, Gene Neville announced that Dirk Kruysman had been selected as First Division Member of the Year and was presented the travelling plaque.

### New Business:

Tunnel Country Grants; The only request for funds was from the Atlantic & Pacific N-gineers. Dirk reported that there was no interest income on the CD's and recommended that no funds be awarded this year. A motion to that effect was made by Bruce with a second by Nick and the motion was approved.

Future Mini-meets; The Spring meet will be in Myrtle Point during May or June at the Fairgrounds with Ed & Chris being the contact people. Gene Neville said the Corvallis club can host the Fall meet. Rich will poll the board members to pick a date where most board members can attend. Rich added that we can always use more door prizes.

Membership; Rich brought up that there is no membership chair person in First Division. A discussion followed bringing up ideas of how to encourage new members to join. A suggestion was made that a table be set up and manned at area swap meets with active or inter-active displays. Also mentioned was to make the NMRA visible at club meetings and make new members of First Division welcome. The

NMRA Rail Pass is a good tool to encourage new members and it was pointed out that there was \$40 donated to the treasury by Ed Schaenzer to award to prospective members. A motion was by Bruce that the entity sponsoring a mini-meet may select a prospective member at their discretion from the attendees to award them a Rail Pass.

Newsletter: Rich asked the board to notify him of events such as open houses or swap meets for 2015.

Meeting adjourned at 2:32

Respectfully, Nick Lehrbach, Secretary