



Pacific Northwest Region, National Model Railroad Association



Board of Directors Meeting: VIA ZOOM

Saturday, January 7, 2023

12:00 noon PDT

Meeting Minutes

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| Attendees | | | |
| Jeff Hermann | Kurt Laidlaw | Stirling Millar | Peter Armstrong |
| ED Molenkamp | Shelley Shelstad | Bob Parrish | Greg Kujawa |
| Christopher Jones | Shirley Sample | Jeff Schultz | Richard Kurchner |
| Rich Pitter | Rick Martin | Larry Sebelley | Bill Fassett |
| Ed Liesse | | | |

1. (5 minutes) Opening Comments from Region President: Jeff Herrmann
 - a. Introduce new PNR Office Manager: James Keena
 - a. Ed Retired as office manager, James jumped in. Old colleagues from Southern California
 - i. Since July in ID
 - ii. Coldwell MRC
 - iii. HO Scale
 - iv. New reports received
 - b. PNR President's Award
 - a. Nominations for award
 - b. Description of award - Given annually for service primarily to region, but NMRA in general. Nominations from anyone. One nominations form each division is the target. Cumulative award. Not eligible for last three winners years. Carried over for three years.
 - c. Deadline: March 31, 2023
 - c. Modeling with the Masters: 2022 Convention Kit (HO Scale MOW Shed- Motrak Models # 83004) available \$30 plus shipping
 - a. 28-29 Kits available
 - d. NMRA Interchange: new social media platform
 - a. calendar@nmra.org for events to get exposure
2. (2 minutes) Secretary's Report: Stirling Millar
 - a. Moved - Richard Kurschner, Ed Molenkamp
 - b. Approval of Minutes: November 5, 2022
3. (5 minutes) Vice President's Report: Richard Kurschner, PNR VP
 - a. No Report
4. (20 minutes) Treasurers Report: Rick Martin, Treasurer

- a. Current financial status
 - b. FY2023 Budget Proposal
 - c. Transition Complete form Old Bank to New - Into CD
 - d. Reporting form Spreadsheets instead of through QB or other software
 - e. Accept Report: Moved: Richard Kurschner, Second: Bill Messcecar
 - f. Motion: Stop member allocations effective immediately - Richard Kurschner
 - a. Discussion:
 - i. Dave Liesse: Regions and divisions can't charge dues - Reimbursement to cover costs of AP and Elections. Mandated to fund mandatory expenses.
 - ii. Bob Parrish: Multiple options for income - On Surface is accurate. Divisions are responsible for retaining members. Divisions are under pressure for gateway methods.
 - 1. 25-30 members show up
 - 2. Income is about \$75/event
 - 3. Same financial pressures as region
 - iii. Bill Fassett: Division doesn't have a number of opportunities to raise/spend money. Everything starts at division, revenues should come to division. Short-term need to generate revenue. NRHS get insurance - Premium negotiated by NRHS
 - iv. Rick Martin: Liability insurance: \$1700 Don't want to charge people/lose money
 - 1. If allocated Loss of \$2500.
 - v. Jeff Shultz: Can National cover officers' liability
 - 1. Total membership: 1500
 - 2. Total American: 2/member/year
 - vi. Bill Messcecar: Calendar year basis vs Fiscal year basis
 - 1. What is rebate
 - 2. Need informed consent before building
 - vii. Larry Sebelley - Can NMRA stop that without going against NMRA
 - viii. Jim Rice: Continue for next two years
 - ix. Richard K; Double allocations- Continue for the next two years
 - 1. Double allocations ended in 2022
 - x. Ed - Table for next meeting - Shutting down prematurely
 - xi. Motion: Richard/Victor to assign to committee -Div SUPTs, ED to chair
 - 1. Rick, Larry, Richard, Dave
5. (20 minutes) Education Team Update: Jim Rice, Education Team Chair
 - a. Questionnaire - More professional looking
 - b. Changes from some of the questions
 - c. Video/month subject interest - appropriate
 - d. Feedback - Follow up with member.
 - e. Size of new member group. ~100
 - a. AP - Must be shared
 - b. Obligation to get more involved
 - c. Alias
6. (10 minutes) 2023 PNR Convention Update: Kurt Laidlaw, Convention Co-Chair
 - a. Interim Progress Report: Registration

- b. Meeting with hotel - Major Gotcha - Lost food service/beverage service
 - c. Layout tours in good shape
 - d. Clinics - Around 65 - May have 4 clinic rooms.
 - e. Head Tax Questions
 - f. Raffle - During Banquet - non-budgeted item
 - g. Budget needs to be revisited
 - h. Provide update to Switchlist, New article
7. (5 minutes) PNR Achievement Program: Bill Fassett, PNR AP Manager
- a. Report Distributed
 - b. Direction to SUPT's for AP Manager.
 - c. Deadline for AP Team Member
 - d. Public Services Committee - work on display at museum
 - a. Engage members through transitions
 - b. Volunteer points
8. (5 minutes) Switchlist update and articles needed: Greg Kujawa, Switchlist Editor
- a. Phone Number - for officers
 - b. Tally of membership changes
 - c. Feb 1 for reports, articles
 - d. Additional features
9. (10 minutes) Division Reports: Updates on "Pathfinder" and Division Leadership Recruiting progress, "best practices," and mutual support as necessary
- a. Rich Pitter: Mini meet - date not set - QP RHS Port Orchard hosting it, attendees for 1-2 nights - not large number of attendance
 - b. Jeff Shultz: Meets schedule for Jan, Feb, Mar, April - Winter Rail
 - c. Shelly Shelstad: No Report
 - d. Bill Messcar: 2 Shows - GATS, and Munro End of February
 - e. Peter Armstrong: No Report
 - f. Ed Molenkamp: New show announcements in 6th div
 - g. Victor Gilbert: Slow Winter, Not much going on - May Show end of May. 2024 PNR convention
10. Closing Comments: Jeff Herrmann
- a. Next Meeting: March 11, 2023 VIA Zoom
 - b. Adjourned - 1:57