

MINUTES

Board of Directors' Meeting
PNR, NMRA
May 2, 2012

Attendees:

Walt Huston, President; Dave Liesse, Vice President; Jeannie Melvin, Secretary; Dirk Kruysman, Treasurer; Larry Sebelley; Shirley Sample; Gary Thurow; Russ Watson; Gay Liesse; Ed Liesse; I Shoma "Skip" Dautel (proxy for Warren Smith).

Pres. Walt Huston called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. by ringing the PNR bell. He explained that a former president recently found the bell when he was moving. The label on the bell reads 'Bell off B.C.E.R. #1206 presented to National Model Railroaders Ass'n by PGE "Boosters".' PGE stands for Pacific Great Eastern, a Canadian fallen flag railroad. Dick Sutcliffe said he thought Ross Herriott probably presented the bell. The bell will reside with the secretary, Jeannie Melvin.

The minutes of the last meeting were not read as they are on the PNR website.

Bill Kaufman, Vice President of Special Projects for the NMRA was a guest at the meeting, he gave a brief view of what he does, and then took questions from the attendees and the audience.

New Business—

Dave Liesse presented a report on the By-laws revisions and the Policy and Procedures Manual (PPM) revisions. He said besides cleaning them up and simplifying them, he also moved several items from the By-laws and moved them to the PPM. He also is trying to format them for print and the web. In summary he asked for general approval to continue the way he is going. When the revisions are complete, he will submit both documents to the board for approval, after which they will be presented to the membership to vote on. He hopes to have them on the next ballot. It was agreed by the board that Dave is on track and should continue with the update.

Dick Sutcliffe is relinquishing his position organizing the President's Award. The position asks for nominations from the Division superintendents, and then presents the information to the President for him/her to choose the recipient. Walt said the award will continue. We will need a new volunteer for the position.

Also vacant is the position of editor of the Switchlist. We will be looking for volunteers for this position also.

Treasurer Dirk Kruysman presented the budget and told us that expenses are exceeding income. There was extended discussion about the region's newsletter, the Switchlist and the cost of publishing a hard copy. It was agreed that the Switchlist will be all electronic within a few years, but meanwhile the Region's life members are entitled to a hard copy of each issue. Dirk takes \$6 for each life member from the Life Membership fund to pay for the issues now. After comments by several board members a motion was made to raise that amount to \$10. *A Motion was made and seconded to raise the amount taken for each life member from the Life Membership fund to \$10 annually and transferred to the General Budget Income. The Motion passed.*

A Motion was made and seconded to approve the budget as it stands. The Motion passed.

Skip Dautel gave a report on the 2013 regional convention, which will be held in Boise, ID, June 24-30. It will be hosted by the Third Division. Walt explained that in order to get the usual \$1000 seed money for the convention, the region must have a contract with the organizers. He asked them to present a plan for the convention including a budget and when he had reviewed and approved it, Dirk could issue a check. *A Motion was made and seconded to have Dirk give a check for \$1000 to the division as soon as he received authorization from Walt. The Motion passed.*

A Motion was made and seconded to adjourn. The Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m. The next meeting will be at the convention in Boise in June of 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannie Melvin, Secretary