



Pacific Northwest Region, National Model Railroad Association



Board of Directors Meeting

Nov 14, 2020

MEETING HELD ELECTRONICALLY VIA ZOOM

ATTENDANCE:

Jeff Herrmann- President	Ed Liesse- Office manager	Russ Segner- Supt. Div. 4	Christopher Jones- Contest Chair	Greg Kujawa- Switchlist Editor
Kurt Laidlaw- Past President	Rich Pitter- Supt. Div 1	Dave Liesse- Award Chair	Mark Johnson- Webmaster	Joel Slagg 3 Div. Convention Co Chair
Bob Parrish- Vice President	Jeff Shultz- Supt. Div. 2	John Martin- Supt. Div. 7	Mike Chandler MMR- Guest	Shelly Shelstad- 3 Div. Convention Co Chair
Larry Sebelley- Asst. Treasurer	Jerry Thomas- Supt. Div. 3	Steve Loop- 2021 Convention Chair	Chris Mesa- 3 Div. Convention co Chair	Lori Sebelly-2021 Convention Registrar
Bill Fassett-Supt. Div. 5	Richard Sutcliffe- Ballot Chair- Canada			

1. **OPENING COMMENTS:** The meeting was called to order by President Jeff Herrmann at 1:00 pm PDT. A Quorum was confirmed by the Office Manager. Jeff Herrmann welcomed those in attendance and thanked them for their participation. He expressed concern for safety of our members and friends affected by COVID-19 and recognized that travel and in-person meeting restrictions was making it difficult for divisions and clubs to conduct business. No progress made on securing a new PNR Secretary. Mr. Herrmann stated that he has accepted with regret, the resignation of Jack Hamilton, MMR as PNR Achievement Program Chair. Mr. Hamilton is addressing health issues and has the full support and best wishes of the Board of Directors for a full and speedy recovery.

Jeff Herrmann also reminded the group that while he would encourage input from everyone on the call, only the Regional President, Vice President and Division Superintendents would be able to vote on issues coming before the board.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes of the September 12, 2020 PNR Board of Directors meeting were approved as distributed:

- a. **ACTION ITEM:** Motion to approve the minutes was made by Richard Pitter and seconded by Russ Segner.
3. **OLD BALLOTS:**
 - a. **ACTION ITEM:** A recommendation to destroy old ballots from PNR Elections prior to March 2020 was made by Rich Sutcliffe. Motion to destroy PNR Election Ballots for elections more than six months prior to this board meeting was made by Bill Fasset, seconded by Russ Segner and approved.
4. **DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS INSURANCE:** Bids for D & O insurance coverage for PNR were received from United States Liability Insurance Co. and Great American Insurance Co. and distributed to the board electronically in advance of the meeting.
 - a. **ACTION ITEM:** A motion to accept the bid from Great American Insurance Co. for Shared Limit Protection at the \$2 million coverage level was made by Bill Fasset, seconded by Russ Segner and approved.
 - b. **ACTION ITEM:** The board further directed the PNR Treasurer to pay the first-year premium of \$1,217 with reserve funds held by the region. Future year premiums will be included in budgets presented to the membership for their approval.
5. **REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT OF 3RD DIVISION SUPERINTENDENT:** 3rd Division submitted a proposal to have the Region President to appoint Tom Waters as interim Superintendent of their division until a new election can be held in 2021. 3rd Division was not able to conduct elections in 2019 as directed by region guidelines and current Division Superintendent, Jerry Thomas has served with distinction for a year beyond his elected term but will stepdown at the end of this year creating a vacancy. The division leadership believes that this appointment will help them get back on the prescribed election calendar and assure that full division leadership is in place during the 2021 Region Convention planning and execution period. After discussing the proposal with the board, Mr. Herrmann appointed Tom Waters to the position of 3rd Division Superintendent until an election can be held in 2021.
6. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Aaron Gibbens, PNR Treasurer, was not in attendance on the call but did share Treasurers Report electronically in advance of the meeting.
 - a. Balance Sheet shows that we are down \$2,678.45 since last this time last year
 - i. Total assets \$48,677 (-\$2,678 change over same period last year). There has been no income in FY 2020 other than dues allocation from NMRA
 - b. Two Division Treasures have been secured to review our financial records. A full report will be presented to the PNR Board at the January 2021 meeting.
 - c. **ACTION ITEM:** A motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented was made by John Martin and seconded by Rich Pitter and approved. The board further requested that PNR Treasurer, Aaron Gibbens, bring a revised budget forecast to the January Board Meeting that includes recommendations for income targets for revenues generated from the 2021 Convention.
7. **IDAHO RAILS 2021 PNR CONVENTION:** Jerry Thomas, Supt. 3rd Division and Steve Loop, General Chairman of the convention introduced several members of their convention Steering Committee and gave a brief overview of work in progress on the convention. Assisting in the presentation were: Chris Mesa, Joel Slagg, Shelly Shelstad, and Lori Sebelley. The committee is proposing that the convention be held on ZOOM on consecutive Saturdays in August. They anticipate having a full report on proposed dates, fares, registration process, program format,

AP/Contest procedures, and other critical issues to bring to the Board of Directors at the January meeting.

8. **DIVISION REPORTS:** A lively discussion was held about how our divisions are working diligently to provide programming and recruiting despite COVID related meeting and social distancing restrictions. Most are finding success with virtual gatherings on Zoom and having better participation than they normally would have with in person events. However, creating revenue is a problem for all the divisions. Of particular note in the discussion:
 - a. 1st Division has organized their 2022 Convention Steering Committee.
 - b. 4th Division offered some security advice on conducting Zoom meetings.
 - c. 5th Division made a \$750 donation to their 100% NMRA Club in Lewiston, ID for rent on the club's facility. The club has not been able to generate any income due to COVID gathering restrictions in their community.
 - d. 7th Division held their AGM on Zoom on November 12th and had their best attendance ever.

9. **ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING:** The meeting was adjourned at 2:33 pm PDT. The next meeting of the PNR Board of Directors will take place on Jan 9, 2021 at 1:00pm PDT via ZOOM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeff Herrmann, PNR President