

Meeting of the Executive Committee

5th Division of PNR, NMRA

September 15th, 2017

Superintendent Bill Fassett (chair), assistant Superintendent Bill Kleinert, Chief Clerk Dick Smith, and Paymaster Tim Bristow were present. Also present were Mrs. Smith, and Mrs. Kleinert. The meeting was called to order at 4:25PM at Applebee's restaurant in Missoula, Montana.

The first order of business was to change the official signers for banking. The motion was made by Bill Kleinert to revise the authorized signers on the 5th Division account with Numerica Credit Union, who would have full power and authority in the name of the Division to make deposits, sign checks, drafts, notes, and other orders. Authorized signers are William E. Fassett, and Tim Bristow. The mailing address for the account is to be:

Tim Bristow, Paymaster

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Motion was 2nd by Dick, and passed unanimously. The Chair will make the arrangements.

The Chair expressed the desire to hold monthly meetings of the Executive Committee and suggested this be done via Skype. The other members indicated that they have the equipment to do so. The Chair advised downloading the program again as it has been upgraded. It was decided to set the 2nd Monday of each month at 10AM, Pacific time for meetings. The Chair will email reminders.

The Chair noted that the bylaws state that the divisions annual business meeting be held in April. He recommended that the location of these meetings be rotated around the division. Places suggested were the Tri-Cities, Bitterroot Valley, Spokane, Lewiston, and Reardon because of its new railroad museum. It was agreed to start with Lewiston. Perhaps next year would be suitable for Pasco, as the club there will have a new building. The Chair will contact the Lewis-Clark

train club to discuss hosting and setting a date. Lunch would be provided. The Chair expressed the preference of door prizes being fewer and of high quality. The committee agreed.

The current balance in the Division bank account is approximately \$3500. The PNR 2017 convention committee will give the division \$1300 or more for hosting the convention. There was consensus that the funds be put to good use rather than sit idle.

The Division has set aside a budget for education, which includes public awareness of the hobby. The funds could be used to pay mileage for clinicians at min-meets or similar events.

The chair urged that a mini-meet be held. Bill Kleinert described the meet that was held in Lewiston several years ago. It was agreed that the Division would set a goal of 3 mini-meets during 2018. The Chair noted that this project needs a committee.

This Division has several committees lacking members and chairmen, including the membership chair, the education chair, and the newsletter editor. Applicants will be sought for these committees and the AP chair.

One of the reasons many modelers have expressed for not joining the NMRA is that membership does not give them enough to warrant the fee, unless they join a club. A goal of the Division is to provide interesting activities and involvement opportunities for all Division members.

The Chair reported that Alan Ashton, Frank Wilhelm, and Mike Tietz have been asked to form a committee to produce The Goat, this Division's official publication. He had promised that the officers would provide something for each newsletter, which could include minutes of committee meetings. Bill Kleinert recommended having e-mail reminders to submit articles.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 PM.

Dick Smith

Chief Clerk

