

BAGRS Board Meeting 3/24/2013

7:07 p.m. meeting called to order via webcast

Board members and guests present:

- RDon Watters, Frank Lucas, Chip Gierhart, Nancy Norris, Bill Allen, Mike Paterson, Richard Murray, Jim Anthony, Steve Smith

Open House Report –

Mike Paterson will check in Santa Cruz area, as there is very low interest there right now. This could be tied in to their primary interest in bringing people down to their food drive?

The board discussed having mega weekend annual picnic on Peninsula and a social party at Don's Watter's house. Frank Lucas asked if we could add another attraction at the annual meeting like a car club.

Vice-President Report

Jim Anthony noted that we need new plan for archiving old members due to limit of 500 contacts in Wild Apricot. If we do a public mailing we will need special handling due to old members.

Outreach Trailer

Nancy Norris reported that the Roving Garden Railroad was shown at the train collectors association in March. She will be showing it again and giving a clinic on how the trailer is used as an outreach mechanism at the NMRA meeting.

Live Steam Report

Richard Murray reported that two steam ups have occurred already this year. He offered huge kudos to Bill Allen and David Wegmueller for working so hard on the new steam track, which is coming together well. Fifteen volunteers participated Saturday and 10 helped out today. The sale of the old track has been completed for \$500. The project should be on budget, including contingency.

Mike Paterson reported that the open house schedule has been sent to district supervisors. Mike wants one current photo for every railroad that has an open house coming up, which will be a teaser photo in the newsletter to try to get people to come to the railroad.

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Again Richard stressed the value of being inside for the annual meeting and noted the number of new members the steamers bring in.

Membership report – Frank reported:

Many members who did not renew will renew when it comes time to show their layout. Frank would like to send newsletter notice of availability to all folks, even if they have not renewed. There have been 18 new members since start of the year. There were 22 members for all of 2012, 242 new member families

Old Business – None.

New Business

Chip Gierhart said that he spoke to Rich Bachman, who produces train shows, to see if he can help us run the exhibition portion of 2016 national convention. Chip is the head of that committee.

Nancy suggested inviting more people into board meeting to elicit more participation in the meeting.

On April 20 there will be a talk on using computers to make scale figures at Ray Tuners by the person who runs scalehumans.com

Adjourned at 8:05 pm