

BAGRS Board Meeting 10/18/2014

Board members and guests present:

- Russ Miller, Richard Murray, Mike Paterson, Jim Goss, Bill Ralph, Nancy Norris, Pat LaTorres, Don Watters, Vince Vincent, Richard Sobel

Treasurer's Report

email report from Bob Evans

Cash position \$177,431.49 (not including approximately \$420 accrued interest due on 9/30/Luther CD statement)

Luther CD's 1 and 2 come up for renewal October 23rd. CD1 for \$24,506.33 to be put into checking account for use by NGRC Committee to cover upcoming expenses. CD2 for \$144,090.40 to be put back into a CD after review by Richard Murray of other expected expenses and when they are due.

Jim Goss has volunteered to assume the BAGRS Treasurer position when Bob Evans' term ends.

Membership Report

email report from Frank Lucas

225 members at the close of the 2014 annual meeting

We currently have 275 members (21 late renewals and 29 new or returning members. (At the close of 2013 we had 291 members but we still have 2 months to go in 2014)

Outreach Report

Nancy Norris reported that she and the trailer attended the JUST TRAINS event in Concord. Enjoyed event, attendance down. May be final JUST TRAINS event depending on new ownership.

Nancy is registering for participation at the San Francisco Flower and Garden Show.

She will also be registering for the Maker Faire in the spring.

Steamers Report

Richard Murray reported that new tires (and rims) for the steamers' trailer have been ordered for approx. \$400

The annual meeting will be next steamers event.

Richard would like to add an additional meet next year.

2105 Annual Meeting Report

Jim Anthony reported that the annual meeting is scheduled at Hiller Aircraft Museum on Saturday, February 28th, 2015

Jenifer Miller and Melinda Murray will handle food

Open Houses Report

Mike Paterson led a lively discussion regarding Saturday vs Sunday open houses, conflicting activities and events, effectiveness of socials, and advantages, disadvantages of redistricting. No agreement on changing current open house format. Mike will schedule a District Superintendents meeting.

Brief discussion of 2015 Annual Picnic with no decisions made

2016 GRR National Convention Report

Russ Miller then opened discussion on the 2016 convention.

1000 post cards printed for distribution. Bill Ralph will mail cards to 2015 Denver exhibitors as well as advertisers in Garden Railway Magazine and other related publications. Russ is dropping off cards at hobby shops and making personal phone calls to prime vendor candidates. Mike Patterson to supply Bill with file of current and former members.

Russ and others to attend 2015 Denver convention, staff booth, make contacts, wear matching shirts. Denver has 50 vendors registered to date @ \$370 even though they are getting free exhibit hall use by committing to entire available hotel rooms.

Primary positions still need to be filled: Convention Accountant, Convention Registrar, Convention Vendor Coordinator..

Russ is talking with Melinda from Exhibitor Services.

Russ is talking with Accucraft (Union City) regarding social event (Ice Cream Social/Hawaiian Luau) at their office and upstairs "Museum" tour. Other potential venues include Roaring Camp (BBQ), Niles Canyon Railway and Ardenwood.

Request for \$4000-\$5000 from Richard Sobel of Diablo Pacific for layout upgrades under

consideration by Board. Other potential layouts in Vendor Hall include BAGRS steamers, Del Oro and 1:32" Group