

## BAGRS Board Meeting

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Called to order at 10:04am

Mick, Colin, Sarah, Russ, Mike, John, Greg and Richard in attendance

### 1. Next Year:

-Announce elections no later than January. Mick will stay, Greg will join. Russ will put out a call in the next presidents letter for anyone interested. Maybe vote via SurveyMonkey (Mick to check)

-Annual meet, possibly doing an outdoor event later in the year. swap meet at Patti's house or BAGRS' members yard, maybe with live steamers. Hiller: Richard was asked to organize a steam up at Hiller between xmas and new years, rich declined. they can hold an event, but not a meeting. possibly hire Lainie back in March 2021

-Russ can't yet make the BAGRS schedule as well

Nashville is moving forward with the national convention. they have registration up.

Russ hasn't heard anything from Santa Clara

ordered 42 convention cars, remaining cars to be picked up at TAP plastics. Nashville is very happy.

Zooming: Mick announcing a BAGRS wide zoom session, limited to the first 40 people who sign up. zoom sessions have been happening with REGRS (they get about 15-18 people) and they have decided to continue.

instagram: 400 followers, running out of images, everyone dump them over to Mick in a google drive,

Facebook has introduced a schedule option for posts. Mick will not have to use the \$400. But will likely use \$100 of it for posting certain featured posts.

Garden Railways: 70 clubs have agreed to distribute the national newsletter. their website has had 2000 unique visitors. 300 visits from Canada, 300 from Australia, 200 from Germany, plus 22 countries. will include advertising, small ads are free, full page ads require a small fee. facebook group was made as well.

Colin make sure that our gmail suite has the BAGRS non-profit ID number.

Sunday, November 15, 2020

Mike: 1 new member, 1 renewed member, \$7279 in checking.

Renewals will be announced in December newsletter.

Greg will take over newsletter from Ray in December, talking with Carla re: design and formatting. Sitting down with Mick and David to make newsletter a bit more mobile friendly. Starting to use Indesign instead of Microsoft. Greg will also takeover sending out all of the emails, reminders for renewals, etc. Thank you Greg! feel free to change things, make it your own, make up your artwork, etc. just run it by the board. introduce yourself in the December T&T. and then more in depth intro in January.

something to thank Ray for his work with the newsletter? get a plaque or something made with years of service. Russ will look into something. Present it over zoom?

There are different addresses listed for BAGRS all over the place, on facebook, on the website, in the bylaws. can we rectify this?

Russ will add to presidents' letter that you can reorder a badge as necessary.

we will have a direct link to the national newsletter for everyone. next published will be in December. every two months released?

google meet up not that much better than zoom. we won't be using video, slideshows will be better.

Johanness on a ship in Richmond. russ will follow up with him.

Next board meeting scheduled: middle of January. Sunday 1/24 at 10am.

Adjourned at 11:06am