

BAGRS Board Meeting

Called to order at 10:01am - Mick Spilsbury, Colin Camarillo, Sarah Camarillo, Greg Hile, Mike Dibble, John Rhoadarmer, Richard Murray, Lynn Gerber, Larry , Russ Miller in attendance

Action Items:

Mick: send Lynn a “Why BAGRS” blurb; send member videos to Colin; Mick, Greg and David to meet about coordinating efforts. Add Colin.

Colin: change homepage to have a slideshow/rotating pictures from instagram (Mick to send Colin)

Lynn: take photos of Roving Railroad work and share with Mick; take over finding and ordering a plaque for Ray (and submit reimbursement)

John: update district maps; potential article for newsletter with John’s role and district updates; send out an email (CC Russ) to all supers in the next few days to reach out to their members about who wants to be open

Greg: Newsletter to ask members who want to be open and then determine the schedule: “Contact your superintendent by May 10”; send follow up email on May 10 to remind members;

Sarah: post minutes to website

Russ/Mick: Invite district superintendents to board meetings

Minutes:

1. Approve minutes of February 21, 2021 meeting: All in favor
2. Matters arising from minutes of Feb Meeting:

- A. Treasurer Change, all in favor of Larry becoming new treasurer:
Changes to signatures on record for Luther Burbank Savings (Account #XXXXXX6039) and Mechanics Bank (Account #XXXXXX6024):
Who is being removed from signatures: Mike Dibble (past Treasurer)
Who is being added to the signatures: Lawrence Silverman (current Treasurer)
Russell Miller (current President) and Sarah Hammond (current Secretary) will remain on record.

PayPal account (paypal@bagrs.org / treasurer@bagrs.org): Lawrence Silverman (current Treasurer) to replace Harry Gierhart (past Treasurer) as account manager. Email addresses will remain as paypal@bagrs.org and treasurer@bagrs.org

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- B. Upcoming Board Meeting dates: June 13, August 15, October 17, December 12, all at 10am PST.
 - C. Nashville Cars: all have been picked up, 2 remaining are Mick's. Steve Jungst was very grateful. We helped them afford their 2021 car.
 - D. "Why BAGRS" blurb: Mick still needs to send something to Lynn.
 - E. Roving RR storage: moved it to Ray Turner's site. It has water and electricity. Lynn will be installing an irrigation system next weekend. One of the bridges trestles are broken. Worried about some screws for future travel. Some wood damage as well. It needs work before we can continue to show/use it. All summer events have been cancelled though so we have a little time to fix it up before we run it. Lynn will take some photos to share.
 - F. Plaque for Ray: Lynn will take this on. Will include nice words, BAGRS logo, and years of service.
 - G. Ray interview: published in last month's newsletter!
 - H. Videos from members: Mick to send to Colin
 - I. Hats: Mick did some research. Found some for \$7-9 each. The embroiderer we used before lives in Sacramento. Needs to be a good quality hat.
 - J. Can we use PO Box for our 'corporate' address? Mick still to determine.
 - K. Zoom Session: had one last month. 35 people showed up! Really enthusiastic. Should be a regular thing that we continue to do. Mick sends out an email two days before in preparation.
 - L. Wild Apricot: renewed for another two years (\$1,836 with up to 500 contacts). Time to look for another site if we want. If we want to lessen the contacts number, we need to filter through and remove duplicates.
3. Financial Update: \$13,153 in checking, savings \$209,001. Insurance is coming up (\$2,000).
4. Membership updates: new badges are being made, waiting on one more address in order to be sent. We 9 new members! Vacaville, Santa Rosa, East Bay and Peninsula. Currently have 164 "non-members" listed in Wild Apricot. Need to purge this list to lessen the number of total contacts in the site. Determine who is current, and who needs to be removed for whatever reason.
5. District Superintendents' Liaison Update:
- New superintendents:
 - Golden Gate district- Ken Brody
 - Diablo Valley- Dave Mease TBD
 - Sunnyvale/Santa Clara: Mike Paterson nominated;
 - Members outside of districts: Nancy was owning this, need to find someone to take over. We have possibly 10 members in that group. Mick offered to take this on- will have a zoom session to discuss further.

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- Identified next actions with Mick and Russ. Will get the list together, identify needs and fill in the gaps
 - Next steps are to update the district maps and then potentially an article for the T&T about John's role and a little more detail about the district superintendents.
 - Need to decide on open houses, if they are happening, how many and who. Start in June? Greg has looked at other newsletters and they are listing guidelines for open houses in terms of COVID: masks required and maintain 6ft, no food, no use of restrooms. After that it is up to each individual open house (vaccinated or no, negative test or no). Newsletter to ask about those who want to be open and then determine the schedule. contact your super by May 10 and based on that feedback we figure out the schedule and then publish the schedule for the June newsletter. need to know who wants/is willing to be open. John to send out an email (CC Russ) to all supers in the next few days to reach out to their members about who wants to be open. Greg will send follow up email on May 10 to remind. Invite district supers to board meetings.
6. Live steam update: 2 weeks ago had a steam up with about a dozen people, only a handful to keep the numbers small per COVID. Richard had a steam up yesterday, 10-12 members invited to keep the numbers small. Schedule is a wash for the rest of the year. Roaring camp cancelled. Ardenwood cancelled. Los Altos still closed for construction, may not open again for train days. Concord is open in October but conflicts with steam up in Lodi. Events will be dependent on individual layout setups for now. Hiller will be August 3rd. Late September/early October in Lodi is confirmed.
 7. Latest Social Media Stats: 936 facebook, 627 instagram.
 8. Latest from GR News: 120 clubs now, more than 6500 views for Feb edition, 2nd edition coming out this week. Started correspondence around mission statement and in the process of developing a logo. Topic of a clinic in Nashville. Could GR News become the host of the national convention? It is a lot of work for one club to put on, GR News could help.
 9. Nashville: they had a lot of floods and damage, so we're not sure if the convention is moving forward. But it sounds like they are still planning on it happening. Some events may get cancelled but it looks like its still a go. No idea about attendance right now.
 10. 'Publishing' Board Minutes: bylaws say that the secretary posts them on the website. We do not need to redact anything since the minutes are in the members only section. Colin will help Sarah do this.
 11. Website: David still wants to be involved. Mick, Greg and David to meet about coordinating efforts. Add Colin. Colin to change homepage to have a slideshow/rotating pictures from instagram (Mick to send Colin). Russ updated the Links/Resources
 13. Other Business
 1. Swap Meet in October: let's see what happens with the open houses and then decide.
 2. Member Since. Need to figure this out. Commemorate membership years.

Next board meeting: Sunday June 13th @10:00am

Meeting adjourned at 11:33am