



BAGRS BOARD MEETING

February 26, 2024: Present: Mick Spilsbury, Roger Nicholson, Richard Murray, Larry Silverman & Ray Turner, Greg Hile & Lynn Gerber. Meeting commenced at 6 pm

MINUTES

1. Minutes of February 5, 2024, Meeting were approved.

2. ANNUAL MEETING

- 140 are registered with 30-34 as guests. Projected that attendance will be around 150. A question was raised on whether we need to find another venue. Richard reminded us that next year at Hiller has already been committed. He felt even if 175 attend we have enough room. A permit is needed if the total goes 300 and over.
- Speakers: Central California will not be attending. The Wandering Railroad and the Sacramento Convention folks will give presentations.
- Equipment: Brought up that due to the breakout sessions we will need laptops. Hiller has some, but not very good. Greg & Roger have laptops they can bring. Mick has a projector although so does Hiller.
- Ray asked about how we will present new districts (e.g., will there be maps?) at the meeting. Mick responded that there will be 24x36 posters for each district with the members names listed.
- Frank and Greg will man the Welcome Desk.
- There will be at least 15 door prizes.
- Jim Ralph is a late comer to the model contest. He will mail his item to Roger who will bring it in. Three tables provided for contest.
- A communication will go out today to the 160 memberships who are so far, not attending.

3. MEMBERSHIP

- Nine new members since last month.
- Richard mentioned Live Steamer (Rob Lenicheck) is still not getting new member names and information on people interested in the group. Ray stated he will work on providing the information.

4. OPEN RR & NEW AREAS

- Don Waters was asked to head a new Area but has declined. Plan is to ask Mike Dibble.
- Ray will pick dates for first three months of open railroads. None in April.
- A discussion on whether to allow a \$100 reimbursement for folks who hold Open Railroads was held. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to provide the \$100.00 reimbursement with receipts.
- It was mentioned that new member names will be moved higher in the T&T newsletter.

5. WEBSITE

- Replacing NGRC information with new information or graphics.
- Issues, concerns, etc.: Gallery missing the back and forth arrows; Video section and Resource pages will be put up later; Phone numbers will be eliminated on Contact Us section; Mick will check Mobile version as it may have some issues.

- Analytics will be discussed in another meeting.
- Roger will monitor the *Contact Us* page as it is communications.
- Discussion on what to put on *Public* page: Live Steamer event are a given. Decided unanimously to post other Non BAGR train related events.
- Discussion on the accepting of terms that is usually done on the website by new members. If member joins via paper application they will have to go to membership page and accept terms as the paper application terms are incomplete.
- Member new section: will have posts and content from communications.
- Mick will try to get changes done in time for the annual meeting.

NEXT MEETING: **Annual meeting March 9th, 2024**

Meeting concluded at 7:33

Respectfully Submitted by:

Lynn Gerber

Secretary