



BAGRS BOARD MEETING

April 29, 2024 Called to order at 6:00 pm. Present: Mick Spilsbury, Roger Nicholson, Larry Silverman, Greg Hile, Richard Murray, Rob Lenicheck

AGENDA AND MINUTES (agenda in black, minutes in red)

1. Approve minutes of April 8, 2024, Meeting **RM moved, RN seconded – APPROVED AS SUBMITTED**
2. FINANCIAL REPORT
 - Larry's report was attached to the April 28, 2024 email that accompanied this agenda **LS REPORTED. SOME QUESTIONS ASKED AND ANSWERED RT moved, RN seconded – APPROVED AS SUBMITTED**
3. MEMBERSHIP REPORT
 - Ray sent notes via email previously **RECEIVED AND MONTHLY REPORT TO FOLLOW**
4. SOCIAL MEDIA REPORT
 - See page 2 of this agenda **MS REPORTED**
5. ACCUCRAFT-SWAP MEET
 - Date set – Saturday September 28 **TO BE PUBLICIZED AS OPEN HOUSE AND SWAP MEET. RM HAD NO WORDS OF WISDOM**
6. NEW MEMBER PROFILE FIELD: INTERESTED IN HELPING TO RUN OTHER MEMBERS' RAILROADS
 - The new field approved at last BOD Meeting has been set up
 - It will be announced in the May T&T
 - See page 3 of this agenda **REPORT BY MS. RT SUGGESTED ADDING A NEW FIELD REGARDING HELP BUILDING A NEW RR AND TO BE ANNOUNCED IN JUNE T&T. GENERAL DISCUSSION ABOUT LOGISTICS OF ROLLING IT OUT. RL TO CHECK HOW IT WORKS FOR MEMBERS**
7. OPEN RR UPDATE
 - Communication to 20 open RR hosts also sent to all Directors on Sunday April 28
 - New Admin Field created to record open RRs in 2024 & to facilitate host communications **GENERAL DISCUSSION ABOUT LOGISTICS. RN DISCUSSED T&T PROCESS TO PROMINENTLY FEATURE THEM. RT SUGGESTED ADDING QR CODES.**
8. UPCOMING EVENTS
 - Saturday May 11: The Hennessey/Lavender Promontory 'Party'
 - Saturday May 18: Claude Leglise Workshop
 - May 29 – June 2: Mo-Kan Gathering (Mick attending)
9. CURRENT WEBSITE - UPDATES NEEDED
 - Board of Directors **GH TO UPDATE**
 - Board Minutes (2022 thru 2024 absent) and ancient history can be deleted (See image on page 2 of this agenda) **GH SUGGESTED WITH BOARD CONSENSUS WAITING UNTIL NEW WEB SITE TRANSITION**
10. NEW WEBSITE
 - Feedback from Ray & Greg **GH OFFERED HIS EXPERIENCE GETTING ACCESS TO MEMBERS-ONLY PAGES. GH AND MS TO CONFER**
 - Payment Due (See page 2 of this agenda) **RL moved, RN seconded -- APPROVED**
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11. NEXT MEETING DATE
 - Propose Monday May 20 **APPROVED BY CONSENSUS AFTER DISCUSSION**
12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS **DISCUSSION RE ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:00 PM **RM moved, RN seconded**

FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

1. Area Social Coordinators
2. Using text messaging via WA to communicate with members.
3. New Member Integration
4. RR Construction Support
5. Yardmaster role/Coordination of used equipment 'sales'
6. Promotion of auto pay for member dues (after new website is live)
7. Subscribers (How to store their info)

SOCIAL MEDIA REPORT

- BAGRS Instagram Followers - 2,074
- BAGRS Facebook Followers - 1,900
- GR News Instagram Followers - 1,698
- GR News Facebook Followers - 7,000+

MINUTES ON CURRENT WEBSITE

Home Page	BAGRS Board of Directors Consult the latest Trellis & Trestle for a list of the current Board of Directors and contact information. <p style="text-align: right;">Board Meeting Minutes</p> <p style="text-align: right;">2022</p> <p style="text-align: right;">2021</p> <p style="text-align: right;">2020</p> <p style="text-align: right;">2019</p> <p style="text-align: right;">2018</p> <p style="text-align: right;">2017</p> <p style="text-align: right;">2016</p> <p style="text-align: right;">2015-2008</p>
Members Section	
2024 T & T Newsletters	
2023 T & T Newsletters	
2022 T & T Newsletters	
2021 T & T Newsletters	
2020 T & T Newsletters	
Newsletter Archive	
Member Services	
Store	
Member Directory	
Local Areas for Social Activities	
Local Districts (no longer used)	
Members Photo Gallery	
Board of Directors Activity	

NEW WEBSITE

- Contract with MemberFix scheduled payments as follows:
 - Discovery Phase - \$1,000 - Paid
 - On start of development -\$4,000 - Paid
 - On completion of development - \$4,000 – Due
 - On the site going live - \$2,000
- Development is complete so we now owe MemberFix \$4,000
- During the 'going live' phase, we will get the following from MemberFix
 - A 'library' of 'how-to' update pages on the site (for example the image gallery)
 - Support the move of the site to the environment where:
 - The site will be hosted
 - The site will be kept current with WordPress updates

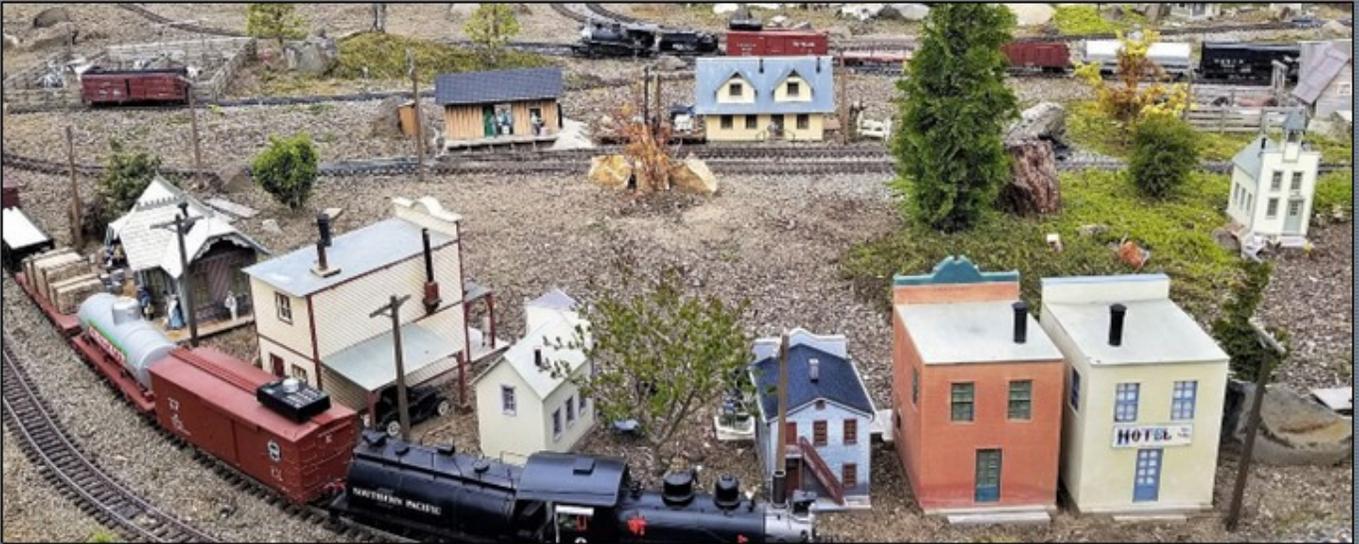
- Assistance to switch our URL from the old to the new site
- **Motion for approval:** Following BAGRS' review of the new BAGRS website developed by MemberFix, we have determined that site development is complete. Therefore, the amount to be paid to the developer, MemberFix, on development completion, of \$4,000, is now due, and payment is hereby authorized.

INTERESTED IN HELPING TO RUN OTHER MEMBERS RAILROADS?

Members with railroads often need help to run their railroads on open days. During an open day, railroad owners get asked lots of questions so it's really helpful if someone else is operating the railroad. Some railroads need multiple operators. Help doing test runs before visitors arrive is also appreciated.

Beyond open days, some railroad owners have operating days for their family and/or friends or simply to have fun seeing their railroad running, and need help then.

We also know that there are members who would enjoy helping to operate railroads.



To make it easier for members with railroads connect with members who would enjoy helping them operate their railroad, we have created a brand new field in member's profiles. The new field is in the 'Interests' section of your profile.

Interests

Would help to operate other members railroads?

[Clear selection](#)

Yes

No

Check YES if you are interested in helping to operate other members railroads.

Interested in the Live Steamer Group?

[Clear selection](#)

Yes

No

Interested in Modelling Group?

[Clear selection](#)

Yes

No

If you are interested in helping to run other members railroads, log in to the BAGRS website at www.BAGRS.org and check 'Yes' in the new field.