



BAGRS BOARD MEETING

April 8, 2024: Present: Mick Spilsbury, Roger Nicholson, Richard Murray, Larry Silverman, Rob Lenicheck & Ray Turner: Absent Greg Hile. Meeting commenced at 6 pm

MINUTES

1. Minutes of February 26, 2024 meeting were approved.
2. NEW PROFILE FIELD
 - Mick proposed a new profile field where members can indicate their interest in helping to run other members' railroads. Approved unanimously.
3. WEBSITE
 - Directors who had reviewed the site found no reason not to proceed with its roll out.
 - Hosting and roll out timeline will be discussed at the next Board Meeting.
4. OPEN RAILROAD UPDATE
 - Mick gave update.
 - With just 2 days remaining, 18 members had provided dates
 - Schedule is coming together. Committed to get it to responders by April 25 and aiming to beat that by a week or more.
 - Owners of scheduled RRs will be asked whether visitors can run locos at their open house.
5. ANNUAL MEETING REVIEW: LESSONS LEARNED FOR NEXT YEAR
 - One featured speaker and a variety of clinics sessions worked well.
 - Clinics need to be allocated a tad more time – a full 45 minutes.
 - Possible clinics topics: Battery/RC conversion: RR Construction: Trackside Sounds: 3D Printing: Getting into Live Steam: Plants for the Bay Area: Reducing RR Maintenance.
 - The meeting program should be given to attendees at the welcome desk.
 - Clinic locations need signage.
 - Welcome desk should open at 7:30 am (sharp!).
 - Model & photo contests will be discontinued, though members will be encouraged to display their work.
 - Door prizes will be awarded at 2 times: once after lunch and once at the end of the meeting.
 - In the event of rain (now less likely with the meeting scheduled in March) our Live Steamers would not set up. (Richard Murray was the one Director dissenting).
6. OTHER BUSINESS
 - Richard reminded the Board that we had agreed to distribute surplus convention cars to new members.
 - We have 19 new members this year. Directors are holding 6 surplus cars. The rest are still in the possession of Russ Miller. Mick will ascertain the number Russ has.

Meeting concluded at 6:55 pm: NEXT MEETING: **Monday April 29**

Respectfully Submitted by Mick Spilsbury