

2020 AGM Minutes

7th Division PNR, NMRA

At 19:00 Superintendent John Martin introduced honored guest Jeff Herrmann, President, Pacific Northwest Region of the National Model Railroad Association. Jeff brought greetings from the PNR Executive to the AGM. He spoke of his recent retirement and move to Coeur D'Alene Idaho from southern California where he'd been active in the Pacific Southwest Region for many years. He models HO and HOn3. He has been a member of NMRA for 20 years and is building a new home in Idaho with a 1200 sq. foot railroad room planned.

Jeff spoke of the efforts to increase member benefits of NMRA membership with the use of technology. He spoke of virtual conventions and how to work in this environment. He announced that the 2021 PNR Boise convention is to be held as a virtual convention.

Jeff spoke of efforts to recruit and retain members to the NMRA and the PNR, but he noted we are offering virtual tours and clinics for free and people are questioning why they should have pay for a membership with the information being readily available without membership. He encouraged members to pursue the AP awards.

Annual General Meeting

Called to order at 19:12 by John Martin. There were 33 participants in the Virtual meeting. Quorum requirements have been met (9 NMRA Members in good standing).

The current Board of Directors was introduced.

Agenda

Motion to accept the 2020 agenda by Randy Nussli, Seconded by John Green. CARRIED

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Motion to accept the 2019 minutes by Tom Carr, Seconded by Dick Sutcliffe. CARRIED

Treasurer's Report

Motion to receive 2020 Treasurer's Report by Russ Watson, Seconded by Dave Robinson. CARRIED

Discussion: Report is published online. Treasurer Larry Sebelley reports the Division is in good position. Currently, we received \$1609 from PNR rebates for memberships, we have \$17,660 in general cash account, \$1500 from surplus from RMMBC. No one is owed any money. The 2020 convention account gave a net zero return. In the convention account, \$4000 has been set aside to support RMMBC for the next time an actual meet is held.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Heritage Award:** the decision was taken in August to roll-over this new award (and all other divisional awards) until RMMBC in the spring of 2021 in the hope that a personal presentation can be made then. If presentation is not feasible at that time, efforts will be made to hand deliver the award to the recipient and appropriate mention will be made to participants during the virtual RMMBC event.
- **GNHS/ CPHA Meet:** Has been postponed until 2022. Organizing efforts are to happen in 2021, and the committee will be invited to share the plans at the 2021 AGM.
- **Knowledge Bank:** Superintendent assured us that this will be complete by Nov. 2021.
- **Directors' and Standing Committee Reports:** these reports are on-line.
- **Secretary Report:** An abbreviated summary was read by the secretary. He advised that he would not be seeking re-election.

- **RMMBC**: Rene Gourley reported that the 2020 virtual meet was a success according to the post conference survey. The biggest advantage was free parking (laughing) and ease of access. Rene shared what current plans are for the 2021 modellers meet. The RMMBC board is hoping for both a virtual and live portion of the meet in the spring of 2021 but the final decision about the format won't be made by the RMMBC board until early in the first quarter of 2021. Actual proposed key note speaker was not divulged but she/he is not from this continent.

Election of Officers

There are three positions open for election. This year's electable positions are for the Director at Large, the Treasurer and the Secretary. The current secretary has chosen to step down. Randy Nussli has offered to allow his name to stand for election in the secretary position. Incumbents Ken Rutherford and Larry Sebelley have both offered to allow their names to stand for re-election.

As there were no further nominations from the floor, all three candidates have been elected by acclamation.

Motion of Thanks

Motion of thanks for service to the division by Jim Guillaume and Russ Watson made by Lori Sebelley, Seconded by Dan Rowsell. CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

- The 7th Division is responsible for the 2024 PNR convention. Lori Sebelley is going to be the convention chair. Planning will commence shortly and volunteers are being sought to assist in the meet.
- It was announced that RMMBC in 2024 is not going to be held as it is felt that the principals in RMMBC will likely be involved with the PNR convention preparations and execution.
- 7th Division Exchange. Superintendent encouraged the membership to register and support this worthwhile communication medium. Dick Sutcliffe encourages other members to share their efforts on the Exchange platform. Currently, 64 members are registered. Contact Ass't. Superintendent Victor Gilbert to register.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting at 19:41 by Ken Rutherford. Seconded by Lori Sebelley. CARRIED