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7th Division PNR/NMRA Informal Meeting Held during the Gold Pan Express 2012 Spring Meet at the Curling Club in Quesnel BC Saturday April 7 at 1600 Hours

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Russ Watson called the meeting to order at 1615 hours. 17 members including 4 executive members signed in.

Russ stated in his opening comments that due to commitments of organising the Spring Meet, most of the issues raised at the 2011 AGM have not been addressed yet. As such, he did not have an agenda for this meeting, but wanted to give an update on what had been accomplished and provide an opportunity for members to give further input.

-Greg Madsen has taken over the 7th Webmaster duties from John Zuk. He has extensively rebuilt the site and members are reminded to revisit it, if they have not done so for a while. Greg has advised that he needs feedback from members - content that should be included or events you would like announced.

-Bob Leggett has created a 7th Division database in order to distribute electronically club information as the need arises. However, it has been noted that several addresses are being rejected as incorrect. Please make sure that the club is aware of any changes in your email addresses - contact Brian Clogg or Bob Leggett (email addresses are in the executive and appointed position list of the Bulletin Board)

-Advertising is still an issue for the Bulletin Board. A discussion took place on what to do to create some.

-Greg Kennelly gave an update on the project to scan the late Bill Hewlett's PGE slide collection for the 7th Div. Archive. He has found a format to do this that will give good results.

-Russ Watson announced that he would be attending the next Board of Directors Meeting to be held at the PNR convention in Medford in May.

- Russ Watson stated that due to an oversight, the winner of the 6x6 contest held at Trains 2011 last year had not been presented. Roy Zschiedrich of Quesnel would be given a \$25.00 cheque.

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-At this time, there are no commitments for a Spring Meet in 2013. Revelstoke has shown interest in hosting a future meet but has stated that the traditional Easter date is too early because of weather issues. In further discussion, it was decided that May would be a better month to hold the Spring Meet and Gary Hazell said that Salmon Arm could be interested in holding it in 2014 - May preferably.

-Gary Hazell also stated that Salmon Arm was still interested in hosting the PNR convention 2016 but they have not committed to it yet.

-Bill Dixon spoke extensively about the Trains meet in November. Plans are underway to hold Trains 2012. Any meet after that is uncertain. The current trains committee will be stepping down and no replacements have been found. Putting on a train show as well as a meet takes many volunteers and they are not stepping forward. In the event that the Trains committee is not replaced, the responsibility falls back on the 7th Division Executive.,

-Dick Sutcliffe spoke about the history of the 7th Division and the why and wherefore of the creation of the Trains Committee. Russ Watson asked him if he was willing to write about this for the Bulletin Board. Dick said he would and asked Russ to send him a reminding email to that effect.

-Dick Sutcliffe repeated his request to be replaced as Publicity Coordinator.

-John Green was unable to attend this meet, but had contacted Russ Watson to inform him that a recipient has been chosen to be given the Ross Heriot Golden Spike Award. This will be done at Trains 2012.

- He is looking for more nominees for future awards.

-He also needs more spikes to create future awards - Mike Barone said he would contact John to see if he could help.

-Larry Sebelley informed us that the current bank balance is \$4270.07.

Meeting closed at 1745 hours

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Leggett
7th Division Secretary