

**Feather River Rail Society
Board of Directors Meeting – May 15, 2021 – 4:30 PM
Conference Call due to COVID-19 Shelter Protocols**

President Greg Elems called the meeting to order at 4:39 PM. All attendance by phone.

Attendance

The following Directors were present:

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| Kerry Cochran | Charlie Spikes | Janet Steeper |
| Bob Sims | Greg Elems | |
| Steve Habeck | Eugene Vicknair | |

7 directors present at meeting start – Quorum achieved.

Guests present:

David Wallace
David Elems – Safety Officer, Asst. CMO

Correspondence

- *Habeck* – Latest tally on fundraiser. Received 71 slips, total of \$7,065.00 via mail. Got 2 for \$50 each in last couple days. Got \$500 donation toward 705 from David Wallace. Plus \$400 match.
- *G. Elems* – Life Member Ted Simmens is willing to come to museum and work. He is vaccinated. Wants to come up before we open.

Consent Calendar

Approval of the minutes of the April Regular Meeting.

Motion 21-05-01

Approve the minutes of the April 2021 Regular Meeting as presented.
Vicknair / G. Elems. Aye – 7, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

Old Business

COVID Reopening

Discuss needs and issues surrounding COVID-19 protection needed for museum reopening.

- Written report and information provided.
- Noted latest CDC recommendations.
- Recommendation by Kerry Cochran that we stick with current reopening plan.
- Concerns about how to tell who is or is not vaccinated.
- Steve Habeck noted that all stores are still requiring masks. Plumas County just reported 8 new cases on Thursday, 7 in eastern county.
- Washoe County reported over 400 cases.
- Lots of businesses are looking at masks required to end of summer.
- Bob Sims asked how to do volunteer training. Plan will be handed out and will be on website. There will be no formal training outside of crew training.
- Also asked about any updates from Association of Museum recommendations. Had question about frequency of surface cleaning. Kerry noted that both museum groups we belong to have given guidelines that cover all 50 states. There is stuff in recommendations that we probably don't need to do. Kerry feels we need to do cleaning of surfaces. We have masks, wipes, other cleaning materials that have been donated and should last us through the season.
- ARM and Heritage Rail have not updated their recommendations since end of January. Kerry recapped that committee considered all current recommendations.
- Eugene Vicknair asked if we want to consider idea of advance ticket sales currently or wait to June meeting to review.

- Expectation is that we will not get crowds large enough to be concern. Noted that we could exceed capacity if there is inclimate weather and everyone retreats into diesel shop.
- Discussion about shop and store limitations.

Motion 21-05-02

Approve the COVID reopening plan as presented.

Cochran / Vicknair. Aye – 7, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

- Need to make sure that we put out public notice that we plan to reopen and when.
- Kerry feels we should get notice out asap. Posted to Facebook.
- Eugene Vicknair will be printing signs for COVID notices. Also to include a banner announcing our reopening and updated gate sign graphic.
- Discussion about how to deal with people who reject masks.

New Business

none

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President's Report

- Written report provided.
- Question if Kerry followed up with RAL request from Arizona. Yes, he did.

Financial Reports

- Written reports provided.
- Reviewed finances.
- Mechanical will need about \$6,000 before July 1.
- Bob Sims reviewed numbers that he put together for special expenses before we reopen. Discussion.

Director's Reports

- *Habeck* – Director / VP: written report provided.
 - Discussion about safety barricades and safety signage.
 - Discussion about temporarily blocking access to the ramp and having no active public access. Noted that this will cause longer travel for moving archives materials.
 - Reviewed plan to order batteries.
 - Discussed graphics for UP DDA40X 6946.
 - Eugene Vicknair to get costs for 8X8 and 2X2 WP logos.
 - We have committed to have lean to on diesel shop roof coated. Repairs have been completed. It is currently raining hard in Portola and work spaces, board room and store are dry. No roof leaks.
 - Steve got PPE donated from county.
 - Discussion about vandalism restitution. Need contractor estimates.
- *Vicknair* – written report provided.
 - Reviewed items in report.

Event Reports

- *2021 Annual Meeting and Member Dinner*
 - Discussion about just doing Subway sandwich catering based on number of people staying for meeting. Send email blast notifying about member dinner and ask for RSVP. Need head count 2-3 days prior.
- *WP Historic Convention*
 - Not getting any response from Best Western. If no response by Monday, going to talk to Harrah's.
 - Discussion of possible special events.

Department Reports

- *General Superintendent* – written report provided.
- *Historical / Archives* – written report provided.

- Discussion about improvements to archives public access.
- Kerry is donating \$150 for some HO scale models that were donated to Society.
- *Signal* – written report provided.
 - New WiFi improvements are working well and big improvement.
 - Recently learned that AT&T has a line issue between Portola and Chico and the internet pipeline has serious limitations. Internet trunk comes from Chico to Portola area.
 - Kerry going to follow up with Bart on local utility that has fiber optic line to Portola.
- *Train Sheet* – written report provided.
- *Webmaster* – written report provided.
- *Funding* – written report provided. Centennial Go Fund Me almost ready to go. New numberboards done for 6946.
- *Mechanical*
 - Verbal report
 - No locomotives in operation. Forklifts need repairs, need parts. Ordering parts for repairs. Going to bring Schwab in for new tires on telehandler and forklift. Electric forklift needs brake work and new steering tire.
 - Been tied up with work.
 - Waiting on price quote for injectors on WP GP7 707.
 - Need to figure out what to do with load regulator. That was already approved and is in budget.
 - Steam work session coming up.
 - Switching to all in house forklift training.
- *Assistant Roadmaster Report* – written report provided.

Committee Reports

- *Advertising* – Kalmbach Trains Ads in three issues.

Legal / Insurance Report

none

Status of Surplus Property Report

none

Safety Report

- Most of the regular volunteers are vaccinated.
- Been nice weather.
- Fire extinguishers are coming due next month. Setting up appointment with Alpine.
- Working on fire fuel abatement.

Public Comments

none

Notices

- Unless restrictions change, the Members Dinner is scheduled for June 5 at 5:30 PM and the Annual Membership Meeting for 7 PM.

Closed Session – 7:21 PM – 8:34 PM

The Board heard a report on a Business Item – Potential Business Opportunity. Consensus direction given, no reportable action taken.

The Board heard a report on a Business Item – Insurance. Consensus direction given, no reportable action taken.

The Board heard a report on a Property Item – Property and Buffer Zone. Consensus direction given, no reportable action taken.

The Board heard a report on a Collection Item – Meeker Collection. Consensus direction given, no reportable action taken.

The Board heard a report on a Collection Item – Equipment Collection. Consensus direction given, no reportable action taken.

The Board heard a report on a Business Item – Possible Donations. Consensus direction given, no reportable action taken.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at: 8:35 PM (Vicknair / Spikes)

Next Meeting: June 5, 2021 – 3:00 PM

Location: WPRM Meeting Room – WPRM, Portola, CA

Respectfully Submitted, Eugene Vicknair – FRRS Secretary