

Feather River Rail Society
Board of Directors Meeting – December 12, 2015 – 1:00 PM
WPRM Meeting Room – Portola, CA

Vice-President Steve Habeck called the meeting to order at 1:15 PM.

The following Directors were present

Eugene Vicknair	Kirk Baer	Charlie Spikes	Steve Habeck
Kerry Cochran (phone)	Wayne Monger		

Attendance

David Epling – Election Chair David Elems Steven Parry

Correspondence

- Fundraisers are starting to roll in. About 40 calendars sold so far.
- *Monger* – Made statement that attorney advised him to not sign confidentially document. Made statement that document was a “loyalty oath” to Rod McClure. Kerry Cochran clarified that document was drafted a while ago by himself and member committee and reviewed through legal. Rod McClure had no part in it.

Consent Calendar

Tabled to January 2016.

Old Business

none

New Business

Business Sponsorship Proposal

Review proposal to offer annual business sponsorships.

Written report provided.

Some discussion about similar program at White Sulphur Springs Ranch.

Motion 12-15-01

Motion to adopt the proposed program as outlined and prepare to implement by the spring.

Vicknair / Spikes. Aye – 6, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

Good of the Order

Vice-President’s Report

- Written report provided
- Heard from Don Davis of Truckee historical group. Received photo of 65 tonner that they are offering to donation to us. Information would be provided to Collections Committee if we look further at acquisition. General feeling is that it may not be a good fit for us. Suggestion that Truckee could talk to Virginia and Truckee about a home for it, but they just acquired a 44 tonner and may not be interested.
- Follow up on issue with Doug Morgan and equipment stored in UP. Union Pacific special agent instructed us as per UP legal department to remove the equipment from Portola Yard and onto museum facility as of Friday. Photos sent to special agent and UP legal as per their request.
- Last Saturday Santa Train had over 200 cars. Showed new coupon for Santa Train and RAL upgrade. Expense to print these coupons and new RAL Gift Certificates was donated by Director Vicknair.
- Review of intrusion issue. Vice-President Habeck has been working with the sheriff.
- Bil Jackson is now CMO, Paul Finnegan is webmaster, and David Epling is now election chair. Mailing address for the 2016 Election is PO Box 43, Portola, CA 96122.
- Renewal for insurance is going up, but everyone’s is going up the same percentage. Increase is industry wide as per our insurance broker.

Financial Reports

- Reports and Financial summary provided.

- Question about whether Steve will get a credit card and details of card reporting.
- For now, Treasurer inquiries are to go through Director Vicknair.
- Director Vicknair sent 2015 donor list to Wayne Monger for letters.
- Deposit of \$1,370 from last Saturday's Santa Train.

Director's Reports

- *Vicknair* – written report provided. 2016 Photo Calendars arrived. Convention planning proceeding. New equipment signs received.

Event Reports

none

Department Reports

- *Website and Marketing* – written report provided
- *Facilities* – Several folks from the California Conservation Corp worked on track and the fence for a week free of charge in exchange for a larger crew using the Edenwold. Thanks to the CCC for all their assistance! Noted that we need to add heating element to the Edenwold sleeper. Need HVAC system in shower car. Habeck and Vicknair are getting quotes for this work. David Elems' family donated a clothes dryer, also noted that water system and floor need repair in the Shower Car.

Committee Reports

none

Legal / Insurance Report

none

Status of Surplus Property Report

none

Safety Report

- Lots of ice and snow. Did plow around building. Wet in afternoon, freezes in evening. Watch your footing.
- Reminder to keep walk zones clear so the public does not experience tripping hazards.
- Still having issues with people are putting things in the electrical breaker keep out zones. These must be kept clear.
- Hydraulic hose on the backhoe broke and it is now being repaired. Feed hose on the steering system.

Public Comments

David Epling – Asked for clarification from Director Monger whether he feels the Board serves the complete membership. Directors made statement that the Board serves the entire membership. Expressed issues with Monger's statements at the beginning of the meeting.

Notices

- *Santa Trains December 12 and 19*
- Museum Store inventory will commence after Dec. 19th Santa Train.
- David Elems still working on deal for Fairbanks-Morse traction motor brushes. Also still working on acquiring fuel sight glasses.
- Our Santa Train poster has been downloaded 802 times as of today. All last year there were only 751.
- We have new fuel / diesel account at Sierra Energy.

Closed Session

none requested

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at: 2:07 PM
 Next meeting: January 9, 2016 – 1:00 PM
 Location: WPRM Meeting Room - Portola, CA
 Respectfully Submitted, Eugene Vicknair -- Secretary, FRRS