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FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 1999  
At the Portola Library, Portola, Ca.

Meeting called to order by Pres. Englert at 13:07 hours.

Roll Call. Present: Anderson, Englert, Graham, Holmes, Monger, Morgan, Neves, Stiles, Wollesen. Absent: Mueller - Family.

Minutes of Previous Meeting. Addressed later in meeting.

Financial Report. (Attachment #1) N. Holmes submitted financial reports for November and December, 1998. Pres. Englert motioned to accept the November Financial Report. All were in favor. Pres. Englert then motioned to accept the December Financial Report. All were in favor.

Correspondence. Correspondence read by Pres. Englert. Letter was received from Eastern Plumas Chamber of Commerce inviting FRRS to join in sponsoring a Dog Sled team to race in the up-coming Dog Sled Race. Notify by January 20th.

Discussion. Board agreed to sponsor a dog sled team in the amount of <BR> \$ 55.00.

Fran Roudebush has offered to buy paint for the roof of the Portola Railroad Museum. The FRRS is to provide the labor for painting the roof. Discussion followed on the need for repairs before painting. Pres. Englert will respond to Ms. Roudebush that the FRRS is still working on improving the roof.

Executive Director. Report sent.  
Committee Reports

Election Committee. Report sent. Discussion. Pres. Englert requested that Department reports be forwarded to Recording Secretary and included in the mailing with the Board Minutes.

Mobile Equipment (Motor Pool). Report sent.

Organization Chart. Will be discussed at next meeting.

By-laws. Will discuss at next meeting.

Old Business

Budget. (Attachment #2) N. Holmes submitted a budget with proposed changes. The Board will review the changes and discuss at a later meeting. Motion (1-99-01) by H. Stiles, seconded by W. Monger, that the FRRS adopt the Budget as a Preliminary Budget that was put together at the Budget Meeting on November 14, 1998, as Revised. Discussion.

Ayes - 5 Opposed - 1 Abstained - 1. Motion passed.

Engine #2001 - Who's in Charge? H. Stiles suggested appointing Special Events Coordinators. W. Monger and V. Neves were recommended.

W. Monger volunteered to be a central point for signing up volunteers.  
Discussion on the opportunities to promote the R.A.L. program and Portola

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Railroad Museum. It was suggested that volunteers wear a special shirt with the Museum logo. Discussion on the promotional materials needed and inventory needed for the booth. It was suggested promoting the C-Z Engines' 50th Anniversary in March, 1999.

Report was sent on the #2001 Sacramento Project. H. Stiles gave report. Discussion.

R.A.L. & Caboose Train. Discussion on scheduling of the R.A.L. and Caboose trains. Pres. Englert will handle scheduling concerns.  
Rail Fan Day Report. W. Monger gave report. Discussion on possible solutions to help minimize fire hazards.

Van for Tool Car. H. Stiles gave report on Van in Sacramento. Board agreed to temporarily using the van for storage.

Break. (14:15 hours. Reconvened 14:24 hours.)

C-Z Car Report. (Attachment #2 & #3) D. Morgan and Eugene Vicknair presented a report of the C-Z cars which were inspected for purchase. The Board agreed to further investigation and review of the C-Z cars offered for sale by ITAC.<BR> Motion (1-99-02) by N. Holmes, seconded by H. Stiles, that a bid shall be placed with Amtrak for the purchase of AMT #10021. The bid price shall be \$15,252.00. A 10% returnable deposit shall be included with the bid. Discussion.<BR> Ayes - 9 Opposed - 0 Abstained - 0. Motion passed.

Acquisition and De-acquisition Committee. (Attachment #4) Dr. Peter Lyman submitted information on acquiring a "Mission Statement" for the Board's review and consideration. Dr. Lyman volunteered to collect and compile suggested Mission Statements from the FRRS Directors. Will be discussed at later meeting.

Bill Shippen. Discussed later in meeting.

Mail Handler. Lolly Bryant has resigned as Mail Handler. The Board agreed to Norm Holmes as the appointed Mail Handler.

Bill Shippen. Motion (1-99-03) Motion by W. Monger, seconded by H. Stiles, that the FRRS shall pay \$1,200.00 (One Thousand, Two Hundred Dollars) to Bill Shippen/ Shasta Rail Group for costs associated with FRRS Membership list development and management. Discussion.  
Ayes - 5 Opposed - 3 Abstained - 0 Motion passed.

Quincy and Salt Lake Engines. D. Morgan reported. Engine in Quincy is scheduled to be moved. Arrangements will be made next for sending a flatcar to Salt Lake to pick up Engine. Discuss at later meeting.  
1857 Condition. H. Stiles reported. Radiator is currently being repaired.

Bill Shippen Contract. D. Morgan to draw up contract. Will discuss at next meeting.

Museum Open Hours. Will discuss at next meeting.

Magnolia Tower. V. Neves reported on meeting he attended.

New Business

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Attachments and Reports. Pres. Englert reiterated that all attachments and reports are to be sent to Recording Secretary and mailed along with the Board Motions and Minutes.

City Park. City of Portola has inquired about donation of railroad ties, rails, or hand car as a permanent display at the new City Park. Board agreed to accept more information and discuss at a later meeting.

Valentines Day "Murder on the Diner Train". Old Town Merchants inquired about using the Diner Car for a dinner and a theater play. The Board agreed to accept more information and discuss at a later meeting.

(G. Wollesen was excused.)

Foster Farms #6. Discussion about an Alco #6 engine. Will discuss at a later meeting.

R.A.L. Credit Card Terminal. Discussed later in meeting.

Movie Company Proposal. The Board agreed to have D. Morgan negotiate a contract in regards to the movie "The Harvesters".

R.A.L. Credit Card Terminal. Motion (1-99-05) by N. Holmes, seconded by H. Stiles, to close the R.A.L. Credit Card Terminal. Discussion.

Ayes - 7    Opposed - 1    Abstained - 1. Motion passed.

Corrections of Previous Minutes. Corrections to December minutes: H. Stiles stated correction on Resignation of Director Tom Graham. Resignation should read: "...His resignation as a Director will be effective at the end of the January 1999 Meeting". Pres. Englert moved to accept the December minutes as amended. All were in favor.

Board Member Appointment. Pres. Englert nominated Frank Brehm as a Board Member. Ayes - 9    Opposed - 0    Abstained - 0. The FRRS Board of Directors appointed Frank Brehm as a Board Member.

Computer. Motion by D. Morgan, seconded by H. Stiles, that the Board of Directors of the Feather River Rail Society shall create a task force that shall be called the Information Service Task Force (ISTF) which shall perform a feasibility investigation. This investigation shall examine the feasibility of establishing an information system pertaining to the business of the FRRS, it's Divisions, the Portola Railroad Museum, and the Western Pacific Railroad Historical Society. The task force shall be guided by the following questions:

- 1) What information systems should we have?
- 2) What information systems do we have?
- 3) 3) What are the best ways to acquire the most advantageous systems available?

Upon the completion of the investigation, the task force shall make recommendations as to the systems most feasible for acquisition by the FRRS. The task force shall consist of one task force "Chairman" appointed by the B of D who shall serve at the pleasure of the B of D. The Chairman shall appoint any assistants needed to complete the assigned task. The term of the task force shall expire upon the acquisition of the information system. Discussion.

Ayes - 6    Opposed - 1    Abstained - 0. Motion passed.

D. Morgan motioned, seconded by H. Stiles, to appoint Dr. Peter Lyman as the Chairman of the Information System Task Force. All were in favor. The Board of Directors appointed Dr. Peter Lyman the ISTF Chairman.

Meeting Adjourned at 17:15 hours. The next FRRS Board Meeting will be held on February 20th, 1999, at 13:00 hours, at the Portola City Library.