

**Feather River Rail Society
Board of Directors Meeting
October 7, 2006
6 p.m.
Volunteer Lounge, Western Pacific Railroad Museum
Portola, California**

Attendance

President Rod McClure called the meeting to order at 6:17 p.m. The following Directors were present:

Frank Brehm	Kerry Cochran (phone)	Steve Habeck	Norm Holmes
Gail McClure	Wayne Monger	Matt Parker	
Hank Stiles (phone)	Eugene Vicknair		

All Directors were present - Director Habeck was late, but arrived shortly after the meeting began.

Staff present: John Walker

Visitors present:

Chris Allan	David Epling	Paul Jarmusz	James Mason
Jay Sarno	Bruce Veileux		

Correspondence

Report of letter from Kim Fegert/Gold Hill Historical Society accepting donation of pink caboose and pay/ammo car from Feather River Shortline.

Consent Calendar

1. Minutes – Minutes from the September 2006 General Meeting.
2. Financial Reports – Profit/Loss and Balance Sheet through end September 2006.
3. 2007 Calendar – Preliminary Calendar for 2007 sent for review.

Motion #06-10-01 (Brehm / Vicknair) – Removal of 2007 Calendar review from Consent Calendar. Aye – 8, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0 (Habeck not yet arrived).

Motion #06-10-02 (Brehm / Stiles) – Acceptance of Consent Calendar as amended. Aye – 7, Nay – 0, Abstain – 2 (Item postponed until later in the meeting and Habeck had arrived by this time).

Old Business

WPRM Logo

The Board was presented with a proposed new logo for the museum and it was recommended that the membership be solicited for their ideas. Item referred to Director Brehm and Director Vicknair for follow-up and report back to the Board at the November meeting.

Equipment Sale

The Board was presented with information regarding a party interested in purchase of SP 4404 and surplus parts. The Board provided consensus direction for Director Stiles to investigate fair market value of the locomotive and report back to the Board at the November meeting for further consideration.

New Business

WP 165 Fundraiser

The Board was presented an update on the WP 165 Fundraiser.

Caboose Rental Plan

Item tabled until November meeting.

FRSL Equipment

President McClure was provided consensus direction to speak with Legal Counsel regarding responsibility for the equipment as of November 1.

ARM / TRAIN Convention Tour

The Board discussed arrangements for the joint ARM / TRAIN Pre-convention tour that includes the Museum. President McClure, Museum Manager John Walker, Director Monger and Director Habeck comprise the team handling planning and execution of the event.

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President's Report

- Discovery of publication of unauthorized DVD featuring FRRS Railfan Photographer's Day events. Producer is a non-FRRS member. Consensus direction from the Board to contact Legal Counsel regarding recourse.
- Silver Plate/IR Box Cab trade has been postponed due to need for further legal review by CSRM legal counsel.
- Union Pacific has donated a rail mounted Ohio Crane to the FRRS.

Museum Manager's Report

- September income around same as this time 2005.
- Visitorship still good. Numerous tours scheduled.
- Mail order catalog complete, archives work progressing.
- Volunteer work review, donations review.
- Other miscellaneous issues review.
- Consensus direction by the Board to pursue partnerships with local enterprise regarding purchase of booth space at the Las Vegas Sportsman and RV show.

Director's Reports

- Brehm – Asked for support to purchase new webcam computer.

Motion #06-10-03 (Stiles / Vicknair) – Addition of Item of Urgency to the agenda regarding immediate need to replace webcam CPU. Aye – 8, Nay – 1, Abstain – 0.

Motion #06-10-04 (Stiles / Vicknair) -- Authorization for expenditure in the amount of \$500 from budgetary line item number 67600 -- Website Expenses, for the purpose of purchase of new webcam CPU. Aye – 7, Nay – 1, Abstain – 1.

Questioned if there were artifacts on loan in other locations and if a record of same were kept. Issue referred to Director Cochran for policy consideration.

Due to concerns expressed regarding unnecessary expenses and lack of coordination of website services, the position of Website Presence Coordinator was created and Director Brehm appointed to same.

- Holmes – Reported death of former member and Museum volunteer Dean Hill. Board expressed sympathy for Mr. Hill's family's loss. Also reported contact with gentleman regarding donation of historical documents.
- Vicknair – Reported further conversations with member Ed Wagner regarding continued ADA improvements to facility.

Department Reports

Steam – Update on work completed to WP 165. Presentation of condition/inspection report and preliminary budget.

Publications – Due to slow mailing and falling behind on publication schedule, there will be one additional three month and one special edition issue of The Train Sheet before the end of the year.

BREAK: 8:22 - 8:40 p.m.

Funding – Report of \$1,000 donation from the Will and Barbara Wood Charitable Fund through the Vanguard Charitable Trust. Jay Sarno volunteered to promote development and execution of a planned giving campaign to benefit the endowment fund. He also volunteered to write a challenge letter to encourage life members to donate as a legacy gift to benefit the endowment fund.

Committee Reports

Facilities – Work report provided on remodel progress to Silver Debris.

Legal Counsel Report

None

Status of Surplus Property Report

None

Safety Report

None

Public Comments

None

Notices

- November Meeting will now be held at WPRM, Portola, CA

Closed Session

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 9:02 p.m. and reconvened to open session at 9:36 p.m. President McClure reported the following out of closed session:

“The Board was provided a report regarding an on-going legal issue, FRRS v. Kasten, Illinois Transit Assembly Corp. No reportable action was taken. The Board heard reports regarding two confidential equipment issues. No reportable action was taken.”

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

Next meeting: Saturday, November 4, 2006

Location: Volunteer Lounge, WPRM

Portola, California

Respectfully Submitted,
Gail A. McClure