

Feather River Rail Society
Board of Directors Meeting – November 8, 2014 – 1:00 PM
Empire Firehouse Meeting Room – Kelley Park, San Jose, CA

President Rod McClure called the meeting to order at 1:20 PM.

The following Directors were present

Eugene Vicknair

Kirk Baer

Gail McClure - phone

Wayne Monger

Charlie Spikes - phone

Attendance

Debra Baer

Correspondence

- *Baer* – received phone call from member in Fresno who has some pictures taken in the 1960s from around Stockton, Turlock and region. Has color slides and negatives that are WP related and would like to donate it to us. Will keep in contact with Director Baer to coordinate.
- *Epling* – Tidewater Southern highway crossing from Manteca. Calrailfans group moved crossing signals that were donated to us and presented ideas for presentation. Letter provided. Discussion on use at the museum. Consensus to provide \$200 to fuel cost for movement and then Board will decide what to do with them. Donation accepted with no strings and guarantees and no time limit for work. Thank you to the Calrailfans group for their assistance.

Consent Calendar

Motion 14-11-01

Approve the minutes for the October 2014 BOD Meeting.

Vicknair / G. McClure. Aye - 5, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0. Motion carries.

Old Business

Purchase of Video Surveillance System

- Director Kerry Cochran was called away for work emergency right before meeting.
- Two weeks ago Director Cochran came to the museum and located the previously donated cameras (two cameras). Still looking for the computer / recording portion that was donated. Director Cochran working with President McClure on system.
- Tabled to December to get more information and allow Director Cochran to be present to discuss system.

New Business

Election Policies and Procedures

- Written report provided.
- Item tabled to December to allow directors more time to review proposals and address comments made by 2014 Election Committee.

Good of the Order

President's Report

- *Archives / Historical Department* – Frank Brehm has resigned as Department Head for personal and procedural reasons effective October 1. President McClure has had two long conversations with Mike Mucklin concerning the historical and archives situation. Mike Mucklin is now (temporarily) the head of the Archives Department. Dave Pires continues as the Headlight Editor. Kirk Baer is now the Archives

Custodian (keys and access). Eugene Vicknair will continue to handle Conventions. The Archives Department will follow three rules: for right now, no removal of archives from property (except for specific use for Headlight / publications), monthly / semi-monthly reporting, and no more uncontrolled access to the archives. Revised procedures are being looked at. Visits to archives will be handled by Kirk Baer and Mike Mucklin is working on rules and procedures. Mike Mucklin has requested that at this time, all archives materials should be returned to Kirk Baer as soon as possible. Mike Mucklin and Dave Pires are working on a scanning and organization plan, including implementing use of PastPerfect software. Current boxcar storage on museum property need to be sorted. Cotton Belt boxcar, Simplot reefer, MoP conference baggage car and mechanical PFE reefer all have archives stored in them. Non-archives items from Simplot car will be removed as soon as possible so that materials in PFE can be moved into Simplot car. Suggestion to donate all Milwaukee Road signals to Milwaukee Road organizations. Mike Mucklin is working on changes to existing archives policies and procedures. He will also be working with Dale Sanders on issues of his access to Meeker collection. Goal is to address all concerns that have been brought forward by members and provide a path forward.

- *WP SW1500 1503* – Repaired and working well. Will start getting prepped for painting over winter.
- *MILW U25B 5057* – Went out the gate on October 15. All repairs have been made. Wayne Monger did a lot of work, along with Dave Elems, Jeff Saunders, Kirk Baer, Steve Habeck, Rod McClure and Bart Hansen. FRRS members have done a lot of work to make this engine movable.
- *Hines, OR* – Has been discussing Baldwin AS-616 sale with Hines. They have started a 501c(3) to acquire and they are talking to the Union Pacific about movement.
- *Beet Gons* – Nothing yet from Pacific Locomotive Association about beet gons.
- *Portola City Manager* – Had a good meeting with new City Manager. Went very well. He recognizes the museum as being a “diamond” for Plumas County tourism. Wants to put Norm Holmes’s Plymouth engine (Feather River and Western 1) at the William’s House. Likes the idea of the Old Town Portola track extension. Wants to do a lot of economic development in Portola.
- *Military Flatcar* – Has been moved off property and turned over to owner John Salisbury.
- *WP Derrick MW37* – Broke but has been repaired
- *Shop Clean-up* – Lots of clean-up going on and shop being reorganized.
- *Batteries* – Reno recycler will only take lead, we would have to dismantle. Looking at bringing dead batteries to Sims in Bay Area.
- *Railway Passenger Car Alliance* – Convention in Reno in January. Will be coming to museum for visit January 25.

Director’s Reports

- *Vicknair* – Wood Shop, Membership Drive, Calendar; written report provided

Financial Reports

- Reports provided
- Fundraiser is out. We need to slow down / stop spending for winter shutdown.
- 2015 Calendar printing will be credited to Steam Department temporarily restricted fund.
- We have made improvements to how charges are being accounted.

Event Reports

- *Santa Trains 2014* – written report provided. Has 4 women from tree lighting committee in Portola donation cookies. Others have offered as well. Directors Vicknair, Spikes and McClure are also going to bake cookies.

Department Reports

- *Funding Department* – written report provided. Already getting returns on the fundraiser. Question on how to handle reporting: bookkeeper will provide summary and donor names to Funding Department.

Committee Reports

- *2015 Elko Convention* – Dates and location confirmed, dinner and budget being finalized. Will do trip to Ely on Sunday. Will talk with local museums about shows. No tours of Elko UP yard.

Legal / Insurance Report

- Insurance is being rebid. Looks like Worthen lawsuit may have been settled.

Status of Surplus Property Report

none

Safety Report

none

Public Comments

none

Notices

- Santa Trains are running December 6, 13 and 20. Volunteers and cookie bakers needed.

Closed Session

none

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at:

2:37 PM

Next meeting:

December 13, 2014 – 1:00 PM

Location:

WPRM Meeting Room

Portola, CA

Respectfully Submitted,
Eugene Vicknair
Secretary, FRRS