



Simmons, took only a very few minutes to clear the loading platform and walkways.

As the snow began, we found we were going to operate on a skeleton crew, but operate we were going to do. Charlie Spikes and David Epling crewed the head end of the train, alternating runs as engineer. Craig Simmons, Ethan Doty, Dale Doty, Ed Powell and Duane Vanderveen filled out the rest of the crew. Around start time, snow once again began to fall heavily, however, much to our surprise, cars and trucks filled the parking lot. By 7:30 PM, the lot was starting to clear out and we began the process of draining the water systems and winterizing the museum. By 8:30 PM, the building and gates were locked up. The Dotys and Ed Powell weathered the storm, which by now had added another 6 inches of snow, by staying the night at the museum in the heated cabooses.

Overall, the two nights were outstanding successes. For myself, it was a great learning opportunity to run a passenger train in the snow. Stopping it in those conditions are a lot different than in the summer.

Santa Trains 2010 will again be the first two Saturdays, December 4 and 11, 2010. We hope to see you there. Also, don't forget Portola Railroad Days, August 19 – 22, 2010.

wondering if we should go ahead with the event. Saturday, December 12 dawned gray and ugly. There was 18" of snow on the ground at the museum; nevertheless the show must go on. First order of business was to fire up Southern Pacific TR6A 1100 and run light about the balloon to clear the track. Human Bulldozer Duane Vanderveen arrived and, along with Craig

November 2009 Board Meeting Motions and Actions Summary - continued

Director's Reports

Vicknair – Report on feedback from riders of the Mini-Zephyr. Comments were overwhelmingly positive and everyone enjoyed the museum immensely.

Department Reports

Funding – 2009 End of Year Fundraising Letter was shown to the Board. President McClure requested that the general fund be stressed since we need regular operating funds. Reminded that members should review if their companies do matching donations for employee's charitable donations.

Publications – Train Sheet status. Written report submitted. One issue at printer, one in production.

Advertising – Update on activities. Written report submitted. Discussion about finding volunteers for

Society Adopt-A-Highway idea.

Facilities – Written report submitted on recent facilities work. Shower car dewatered

Trackwork – Lots of work done on balloon loop on two weekends before CZ train arrived.

Committee Reports

Dunsmuir Railroad Days 2010 – Written report submitted updating planning for event.

Public Comments

· Donna Mills with Plumas-Sierra Rural Electric Co-Op spoke to the Board. The Co-Op donated \$100 to support Santa Trains. We also received a check for \$50 from State Farm Insurance and \$500 from Sierra Pacific Power, both for Santa Trains.

Closed Session

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 2:15 PM and

reconvened to open session at 2:35 PM. Director Vicknair reported the following out of closed session:

"The Board heard a report on an on-going legal issue, FRRS v. Kasten / ITAC. No action taken.

The Board heard a report on a private equipment issue. Consensus direction given.

The Board heard a report on a funding issue. No action taken."

December 2009 Board Meeting Motions and Actions Summary

Motions Passed

1. Consent Motions - approved motion 09-12-01.

. Minutes - from the October and December 2009 BOD Meetings.

2. Business Motions

Motion 09-12-02

2010 Budget

Accept financial reports and table budget to January. Habeck / Spikes. Aye - 8, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0. Motion carried.

Motion 09-12-03

2010 Calendar

Approve 2010 Calendar. Vicknair / Carter. Aye - 8, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0. Motion carried.

Motion 09-12-04

Excursion Train Fundraising

Accept concept for Excursion Train Fundraiser. Vicknair / Carter. Aye - 8, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0. Motion carried.

2010 Portola Railroad Days Train

Chris Skow gave report on status. The train has approval from Union Pacific and tentative from Amtrak. Confirmed 2 Amtrak locomotives, Super Dome. Chris Skow received a lot of letters about Mini-CZ train and the museum, all complimentary.

President's Report

· Got a container donated to us by Pacer StackTrain thanks to Jack Zygnier for extra storage.

· Both DODX cars are sold, waiting on movement.
· All 5 SP subs have been transferred to Timber Heritage. Storage agreement in place. Will be moved when weather permits.

Manager's Report

· Written report provided.

Department Reports

Mechanical – written report submitted. WP 731 currently inoperable due to an electrical problem and stuck reverser. Most projects curtailed until Spring due to weather and holiday season. Work progressing on getting 917 ready for reassembly. Thanks to Charlie, Duane, and others for taking on reassembling the 917 oil cooler.

Fundraising – Showed fundraising mailout for year end fundraiser. Will be donating first 100, but we need to print / copy / tab and mail the rest.

Publications – Need articles for 844 trips, Portola RR Days and Member Appreciation Day.

Safety Report

· Icy and cold, storms expected before next Santa Train weekend.

Public Comments

· John Moorehouse – will be shutting down radio business and has a lot of surplus radios. Has 8 available for \$80 each with speaker mic and battery. Very similar to what we now use. Will be put in contact with Kerry Cochran to work on this.

· Charlie Spikes – question about Merrill Thurman material donation. David Epling has spoken to his family and would like us to come out and take a look. No hurry and we would like to wait until after winter. His family is good with this.

· Vicki Epling – asked about volunteer page on website. Is in progress.

· Website – We have been getting a lot of comments about on-line store that has been coming to Tom Carter. On-line store is managed by Bruce Veilleux and David Epling.

· Rick Carter – Just retired from railroad after 40 years and 9 months. Hired out with the WP in 1969. Thanked everyone for keeping the WP alive. Felt good walking around the museum today. Has not seen the museum since 1984.

· Thank you to the Carter family for helping transport the last load of donated materials from Virgil Staff.

Closed Session

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 2:43 PM and reconvened to open session at 3:11 PM. Director Vicknair reported the following out of closed session: