

**Feather River Rail Society  
Board of Directors Meeting – April 9, 2022 – 1:00 PM  
Western Pacific Railroad Museum Meeting Room – WPRM, Portola, CA**

President Greg Elems called the meeting to order at 13:31.

**Attendance**

**The following Directors were present:**

Kerry Cochran	Steve Habeck	Roger Stabler - phone
Greg Elems – phone	Charlie Spikes	Janet Steeper
Bob Sims - phone	Matt Elems - phone	Eugene Vicknair

7 directors present at meeting start – Quorum achieved.

Director Habeck arrived at 1:40 PM  
Director M. Elems arrived at 1:50 PM

**Visitors:**

David Elems – Asst. CMO, Safety Officer  
Chris Skow

**Correspondence**

none

**Consent Calendar**

- Minutes – Minutes of the February and March 2022 BOD Regular Meetings.

Motion 22-04-01  
Approve the February and March 2022 BOD Minutes as presented.  
Vicknair / Spikes. Aye – 7, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

**Old Business**

**1. Discounts for Visiting Museum Members (Cochran / Vicknair)**

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Review formal policy..  
Discussion. Possible Action.

Motion 22-04-02  
Approve the Discounts/Benefits for Members of other Museums policy as presented.  
Cochran / Vicknair. Aye – 7, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

**New Business**

none

## **Good of the Order**

### **President's Report**

- Time being tied up with family issues.
- Have made it to the museum a few times to work on SN 1642 caboose. Ready to start priming caboose. Need to make decisions about final color and further work. Majority of car wood ready for primer.

### **Financial Reports**

- *Written reports provided.*
- Question about payment concerning phone service. Discussion about AT&T bill.
- Consensus to look into phone and internet services.
- Request to ask Susan about \$600 bank service. eMail sent.

### **Director's Reports**

- *Vicknair* – written report provided.
- *Stabler* – Up last week for 4 weeks. 165 almost ready to fire again. April 20 planned for next fire up. FRA gave blessing and we have completed Form 4. Ozark Mtn. Railcar had complete missing light fixture for cab. We have all electrical for the cab. Next step is checking the tank car and fixing the valve and lid so we can draw fuel. Everything looking good right now. Looking at having a fundraiser for the boiler jacketing.
  - Chehalis Western was refused insurance.
- *Habeck* – Ticket booth was vandalized. Local kids lobbed rocks off hillside onto the booth. All windows broken and they shot it with a bow and arrow. Police report made. Phil Schmierr cleaned up glass and rocks, swept stuff up. Steve took slider windows to glass shop in Quincy. Glass guy going to come out next week about replacing remaining glass.
  - There is a pole right outside the gate that has power. Suggestion to place camera there to monitor gate and ticket booth.
  - Last labor day weekend we had a group up from SoCal. A guy with the group researches titles on vehicles missing titles. Might be able to help us with some stuff.
  - Habeck is checking on titles for our rubber tire vehicles.
  - Reviewed work and repairs on WP caboose 484. Cleaned out and serviceable.

### **Event Reports**

- 2022 Western Pacific Convention – written report provided.
  - Reviewed report. Activity picking up a little. Discussion about how to handle volunteers for Sunday event and how to handle gatecrashers on Sunday. Bob going to send emails to 2020 and 2021 attendees to solicit their attendance. Send vendor info to Bob. Sent expenses to Bob.
  - Discussion about 2023 and 2024.
  - Discussion about feedback on attendance.

### **Department Reports**

- *General Superintendent* – written report provided.
  - Noted that we open to public on April 14.
- *Historical / Archives* – written report provided.
  - Greg Elms thanked Kerry and everyone who is working on the archives.
- *Train Sheet* – written report provided.
  - Comments that recent issue was a good looking Train Sheet. Thanks to Paul and contributors.
- *Webmaster* – written report provided.
- *Museum Store* – written report provided.
  - Discussed new products and designs.

- *Mechanical*
  - Making progress on SP GP9 2873. Just got water pump for radiators removed. Hopefully in operation in April.
  - Got WP SW1500 1503 in shop last night. Doing inspections and cleaning. Hoping to have ¼ of annual inspection done today. Should be in service next week.
  - Going to pull in a couple other engines after 1503. No changes from last month's plans.
  - Telehandler back in service with help from Phil Schmierrer. Put in hydraulic oil. Cost is up.
- *Facilities*
  - Thompson Roll Up door came by last Thursday to get quotes on repairing or replacing the East End doors. Said cost of materials has gone up in last 2 years. Waiting on quotes. Cost for doors expected to be around \$30,000. East End doors are beyond repair. Must be replaced. We have spare doors but they are missing obsolete parts. Best path forward is all new doors on East End.
  - David Elems and Eugene Vicknair discussed north side drainage plans.
  - Roger Stabler and others looked at HVAC in Lounge Car. Suspected electronics system. HVAC repair came out and took a look at it. Sequencer was out. Was able to get one from Johnson Controls. Installed new sequencer and system works. Added 2 gallons of coolant to system. Roof fan and condenser will need to be replaced soon.
  - Steve Habeck stocking up consumables like paper towels, water, etc.

Chris Skow arrived 2:53 PM

### **Committee Reports**

- *Election*
  - Received formal letter from Election Committee that we have a white ballot. No mailout election as we have three candidates for three seats and no request for write-in.

### **Legal / Insurance Report**

- Keep safe

### **Status of Surplus Property Report**

None

### **Safety Committee**

- David Elems will be calling Alpine to service fire extinguishers. Should happen toward end of month.
- Doing clean up and tidying up for opening.
- Work is going on in the shop. More forklifts in service and moving.
- Last of ice and snow melted, but snow expected Monday. Rotary should be ready to go.

### **Public Comments**

- *Chris Skow*
  - On behalf of Jim Atkins (CSRM volunteer). Mr. Atkins has been given task of sorting out Virgil Staff files at CSRM. Would like to come up in a few weeks to catalog what we have vs. what is at CSRM. Requested that he coordinate with Kerry Cochran.
  - Prepping for convention visitors.

- Request for info on Reno Branch. He is helping Norman Holmes with Headlight article.
- *Bob Sims*
  - Eugene and Bob to discuss Vernon Finwall.
  - New TRAINS Magazine has article on Royal Gorge RR, they have a WP GP40 in their fleet.
  - New book about Tourist Railroads in Northern California.

### **Notices**

- Museum opens to the public on April 14
- Convention starts May 12

BREAK 3:29 – 3:40 PM

**Closed Session** – requested by President Greg Elems and Director Eugene Vicknair – 3:40 PM – 3:57 PM

- *Collection Item* – Possible Donation
- *Business Item* – Land Update

The Board heard a report on a Collection Item – Possible Donation. Consensus direction given. No reportable action taken.

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### **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at:15:59 (Habeck / Cochran)

Next Meeting:                    May 14, 2022 – 9:00 AM  
 Location:                         SureStay Plus Hotel, Reno, NV

Respectfully Submitted  
 Eugene Vicknair – FRRS Secretary

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