

Feather River Rail Society
Board of Directors Meeting – January 8, 2010 – 1:00 PM
WPRM Meeting Room – Portola, California

President Rod McClure called the meeting to order at 1:06 PM.

The following Directors were present

Frank Brehm (ph)
Tom Carter (ph)

Steve Habeck
Eugene Vicknair (ph)

Norm Holmes
Charlie Spikes

Rod McClure
Wayne Monger

Attendance

David Epling – Museum Manager
James Mason – Treasurer (ph)

Bruce Veilleux – IT Manager
Curt McBride

Correspondance

- Received letter of thanks from University of Nevada – Reno. We donated an RAL certificate for fundraising raffle for student athletes.
- NMRA lawyer is acting as representative for all parties involved in Richard Stromme bequeathment legal actions.
- Plumas County Museum, Scott Lawson requested someone to make a presentation for an event. Wayne Monger will be making a presentation for them.

Consent Calendar

1. **Minutes** – Minutes of the General Meeting from November 2010.
Motion to table Consent Calendar to February 2011. (Holmes / Habeck)
Motion 11-01-01. Aye - 8, nay – 0, abstain – 0. Motion carries..

Old Business

none

New Business

City Guide Map

Tom Carter presented a map showing businesses in town relative to the museum. Idea is to print these out to help people find their way around town and promote local business. Discussion of having it printed 2 sided with business coupons on the reverse.

Curt McBride suggested discussing with local businesses to get cost covered. He will present this to the local businesses in March for their review.

Concensus direction to move forward.

California Association of Museums 2011

Discuss sending representatives to the CAM Conference in Pasadena, CA on March 2-4, 2011.

Entry deadline is Friday, January 14.

Wayne Monger will be attending. Request for James Mason and Mike Mucklin to also attend.

Joint Billboard in Reno

RR Days Committee would like to cooperate in a joint venture with FRRS for a year-round billboard.

City and committee will work with Eugene Vicknair to get billboard designed and details handled.

Concensus direction to proceed.

Good of the Order

President's Report

- Will be sending letter to UP shortly concerning Dunsmuir RR Days
- Sent several letters recently with donation requests from UP
- Purchased 14" JET brand wood lathe for shop with all tools for \$1200, retail price about \$3000
- Also received a 16" steel lathe from the UP as a donation, along with a large number of tools
- Working on deal with Rio Vista Museum to get a 25,000 lb. forklift
- Lots of positive comments on Santa Train, things seemed to go smoothly, more details in museum manager report
- Steve Habeck got drumheads made for caboose train
- All lights in shop are now changed out for low-cost CFL bulbs to reduce power bill

Museum Manager's Report

- Written report provided.
- Listed donations and donors for Santa Train. Subway also donated cookies for Santa Train, in addition to Portola High School, Louise Dunbar and Mary Ann Vicknair
- Duane Vanderveen has removed middle stall in women's restroom so other two stalls can be expanded and one made ADA compliant
- Inventory is in progress, but cold temperatures are hampering completion
- Request for us to participate in National Train Day
- January 21-24 is the Sportsman's Expo in Sacramento. Plumas Chamber is offering to take our flyers down, but we need new flyers showing admission
- Looking at expanding food offers during Portola Railroad Days
- WPRRHS Convention info is now announced and available.

Financial Reports

- Year end fundraiser is over \$15,000 and counting, thanks to Gail McClure for pulling the fundraiser together and getting it mailed.
- \$1000 each from James Mason and another member, also received an \$850 donation and \$500 from Barbara Flannery.
- Official recognition by Board thanking Gail McClure for all her work on the year end fundraiser.
- Numbers for year end are preliminary, will have finals in February and need to get inventory done before final numbers can be done and we can file IRS 990 Form.
- Suggested a mid-year fundraiser in June or July will be needed.
- We need to operate with an annual surplus of about \$100,000 each year.
- Suggested that other directors start reporting hours, expenses and donations for use in support for grant-writing.

Director's Reports

Monger - Working on some more donation thank you letters at the end of the year.

Event Reports

Dunsmuir Railroad Days

- Letter to UP going out soon.
- Dunsmuir is enthusiastic about event.
- Chris Skow / Trains Unlimited will be running a train to event, plus a Black Butte train.

Donner Pass Event

- Weather prevented Manager Epling from attending.
- Planning committee is regrouping as they now feel planned event will be too big to get handled by August.
- Wanted to have a series of events in different locations.

Department Reports

none

Committee Reports

none

Legal Counsel Report

David Luddington has offered to be our corporate counsel and has been appointed by President McClure

Status of Surplus Property Report

none

Safety Report

none

Public Comments

- Discussion Board has been replaced by blog.
- Railfan Photographer Day will be September 24, 2011.
- Bruce Veilleux paid for repair to failed power supply on webcam.

Notices

Election nominations opened January 1, 2011

Closed Session

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 2:11 PM and reconvened to open session at 3:14 PM. Director Vicknair reported the following out of both closed sessions:

“The Board heard a report on a legal issue – FRRS v. Kasten / ITAC. Concensus direction given, no action taken.

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The Board heard a report on the donation of the Ken Meeker collection, which will be tallied as a fractional donation starting in 2011 tax year.”

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at: 3:15 PM
Next meeting: Saturday, February 12, 2011 – 1:00 PM
Location: Holiday Inn Express Conference Room
Lodi, California

Respectfully Submitted,
Eugene Vicknair
Secretary, FRRS