

**Feather River Rail Society**  
**Board of Directors Meeting – June 1, 2013 – 1:00 PM**  
**WPRM Meeting Room – Portola, CA**

President Rod McClure called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m.

The following Directors were present

Tom Carter (phone)	Greg Elems	Steve Habeck (1:27 P)
Norm Holmes	Gail McClure	Wayne Monger (phone)
Eugene Vicknair (phone)		

**Attendance**

Matt Shuman – Election Chair	Ann Morningstar	Bob Sims
Ron Huey – Election Assistant	Kirk Baer	
James Mason	Rick Gruninger	

**Consent Calendar**

Motion 13-06-01  
Accept the minutes for the April and May 2013 Meeting.  
Vicknair / G. McClure. Aye - 6, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0. Motion carries.

**Old Business**

**Sale of SP SD9 4404**

Board discussed changes to proposed contract.

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Motion 13-06-02  
Accept the contract as revised and move ahead with the sale to Western Rail.  
G. McClure / Carter. Aye - 6, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0. Motion carries.

**New Business**

**RPCA Convention**

RPCA is having their convention in Reno in February 2015. Would like to use Museum facility for some events. Want to use shop for 2 days to do an Amtrak brake and truck seminar. They have to provide insurance. Would be weather permitting. Chance for us to engage with RPCA and learn latest specs for trucks and brakes. Concerns about weather. Would need to make sure Santa Train is torn down. Consensus direction to continue exploring this issue.

**Trustee Qualifications**

Board of Trustees asked for clarification Clarify whether non-Director Officers can or cannot serve as Trustees. Written report provided. Noted that by-laws make past presidents ex-officio members of the Board, so they can't serve. Noted that focus of Trustees is intended to be different from Board and Officers, so would make sense to restrict. Also encourages not having so many people with multiple jobs.

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Motion 13-06-03  
Add sitting Officers to those restricted from serving on Board of Trustees.  
Vicknair / Carter. Aye - 7, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0. Motion carries.

**Acquisition of Equipment**

Proposal to acquire a single piston diesel injector test bed.  
Written report provided.

Equipment offered for donation. Moving would cost about \$1500.

Designed for working on large diesel motors, could be used for our own equipment and as work for hire for outside. Could raise money for us.

Rod and Gail McClure have offered to transport.

Wayne Monger suggested that Cle Elem group could bring it down as they will be coming with empty trailer to haul stuff back with MILW 5057.

Will review this option with Cascade Rail Foundation.

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Motion 13-06-04

Accept donation and approve cost to move not to exceed \$1500 from line – Acquisition / Transportation 52010.

G. McClure / Holmes. Aye - 7, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0. Motion carries.

## **Advertising**

RV Park brochure printer is offering us \$200 discount for advertising in their publications.

Past ads in these have been very beneficial for us.

Consensus direction to proceed.

## **Good of the Order**

### **President's Report**

- Western American Railroad Museum in Barstow was vandalized heavily recently.

### **Director's Reports**

- *Vicknair* – Working with Calif. Conservation Corp, surveyor and Concrete contractor on Facilities Projects as approved by Board in April. Awaiting quote on fencing and concrete.

### **Financial Reports**

- *Written reports and Financials provided*
- Cash in Bank of America is up to \$54,000 with money received from Convention.
- Several expenses for the Convention and Museum Store stock up.
- Our cash position is way better than last year.
- Endowment is up to \$36,102. Has climbed well in last two years.
- Form 990 update is being worked on.
- Life Membership issue – James Mason made a presentation concerning cost of Life Memberships to the organization. Pointed out that inflation has made cost to service much higher. Suggested that perhaps Life Memberships no longer be sold, but might be solely a recognition item. Pointed out that \$300 Life Membership in 1983 is now, by some inflation metrics, a cost of about \$3,000.
- Informed Board that insurance costs since 2000 have been rising as a percentage (5% to 20%) of budget. Insurance costs have been rising and the scope of the insurance has expanded.
- Rick Gruninger stated that insurance costs are expected to rise about 20%-30% over next year or so.
- Gail McClure asked why there was a jump in the electric bill recently. Lots of work has been going on recently that required air compressor and other electric power.

### **Event Reports**

- *2013 Convention* – written report provided. Thanks to Scott McAllister and Eugene Vicknair for their work on the Convention. Consensus direction that we consider San Jose for 2014 Convention.
- *2013 Volunteer Day* – not too many new people showed up. We need to advertise better next year.

### **Department Reports**

- *Publications* – written report provided. Have had many requests for reprints of earlier editions. Eugene Vicknair will talk to Mike Mucklin about possibilities.
- *Museum Store* – written report provided. Consensus direction to proceed with suggestions and recommendations, including hiring a member to cover Store for 2-3 days a week.
- *Mechanical* – request for expenditure for parts and equipment. possible action. David Elems would like to order some parts to repair known issues and stay ahead of maintenance. Cost could be several hundred to several thousand. Wanted consensus of the Board. One set would be seals for water pumps to allow us to rebuild some spare water pumps. SP 2873 is one that needs a water pump. Cover seals for valve

covers and radiator gaskets are also needed. Guidance given that \$2000-\$3000 is supportable right now with budget conditions.

### **Committee Reports**

- *2013 Elections* – Thanks to Ron Huey for co-chairing the election and Matt Shuman for chairing. About 740 ballots sent, 293 envelopes received. About 39.6% rate of return. 342 valid ballots. 4 invalid ballots. 1 returned day late. 3 non-conforming ballots. Tellers were Ann Morningstar and Deborah Harden. No witnesses from candidates. 28 write-ins. 333 – Kirk Baer, 280 – Tom Carter, 299 – Wayne Monger. Thanks to Ed Wagner for his guidance on this election. Bil Jackson sent thanks for changing his address on the fly to reach his temporary work location. No reported problems or issues. One question that was answered. All materials presented sealed to President McClure who signed for the materials. Matt and Ron will be making suggestions to the Board in the future. Matt Shuman and Ron Huey appointed to head election for 2014.

### **Safety Report**

- Wasps are out – be aware to avoid being stung.

### **Public Comments**

- Ron Huey suggested that we add a recognition page to the website for thanking members, volunteers and donors who perform services to the Society.
- Greg Elems mentioned that he spoke to some members who were disappointed about Dunsmuir RR Days not happening this year. He assured them that we are working on 2014 event. Encouraged them to come help and thanked them for their support of the Society.
- James Mason encouraged the Board to look at the “Too Many Hats” phenomenon and find more volunteers to cover some of these needed jobs and positions. Rod McClure spoke to the need for more volunteers to assist and encouraged people to look for more people.
- Rick Gruninger reported that we have 2 new members for Ops Department and that crew training has gone well. Gail McClure thanked him and noted improved relationship between RAL engineers and Store under his guidance.
- Bob Sims had questions about special publications. He has some ideas. Directed to talk to Frank Brehm and Eugene Vicknair. Asked that we put out a listing of committee heads and department heads. After upcoming reappointments, we will start posting on website.
- Noted that Skunk Train / California Western has a fundraiser going on-line to repair collapsed tunnel.

### **Notices**

- The Annual Membership Meeting is at 7:30 PM with dinner at 5:30 PM.

**Closed Session** – requested by President McClure and Director Vicknair – 2:27 PM – 2:30 PM

- *Legal Item* – Worthen v. FRRS

The Board heard a report on a legal item – Worthen v. FRRS. No action taken.

### **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at: 2:31 PM  
Next meeting: Saturday, July 13 – 4:00 PM  
Location: WPRM Meeting Room - Portola, California

Respectfully Submitted,  
Eugene Vicknair - Secretary, FRRS