

Feather River Rail Society
Board of Directors Meeting – August 8, 2015 – 5:00 PM
WPRM Meeting Room – Portola, CA

Vice-President Steve Habeck called the meeting to order at 5:01 PM.

The following Directors were present

Eugene Vicknair	Kirk Baer	Charlie Spikes	Steve Habeck
Kerry Cochran	Greg Elems	Wayne Monger	Tom Carter - phone

Leisa Wesch requested to audio record the meeting

Attendance

David Ludington – FRRS Legal Counsel	Bill Meeker	Jill Brown Mason
Leisa Wesch	Debra Baer	James Mason
Rick Gruning – Insurance Liaison	Keith Gillette	Matt Elems
Duane VanDerVeen	Loren Ross	
Tom Hervey	Robert Reininger	

Correspondence

none

Consent Calendar

Minutes of the July 2015 General BOD Meeting.

Motion 15-08-01

Motion to approve minutes of July 2015 BOD Meeting.

Spikes / Carter. Aye - 8, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0. Motion carries.

Election

Report presented that was prepared by neutral election inspector. Results: Steve Habeck, Gail McClure and Eugene Vicknair reelected.

Ballot breakdown:

829 ballots mailed. 504 returned. 5 invalidated. 499 counted

Steve Habeck - 306 votes – incumbent reelected
Eugene Vicknair - 292 votes – incumbent reelected
Gail McClure - 283 votes – incumbent reelected
Bill Meeker - 243 votes
James Mason - 216 votes
Robert Reininger - 214 votes

Court will be requested to certify the election. Lawyers stated opinion that vote was valid.

David Ludington and Keith Gillette will be submitting a brief to the court. Will advise the court that the parties have no issue with form and results of election.

Hearing will be August 24th or 29th to discharge court oversight.

Board received letters from past election chairs and others about issues with election.

David Ludington stated that court took charge of election and it was taken out of FRRS hands. Based on legal actions, the lawyers determined setting of election and that was followed.

Consensus to table election issue until future meeting.

Request to review election procedures and policies and discuss ramifications from this election.
Will review at future meeting.

Director Carter requested Board consider suing plaintiffs for expenses. Will be considered at future meeting.

Keith Gillette noted that policies were not part of election process they followed and we should review in future.

David Ludington departed meeting at this point.

Old Business

none

New Business

Museum Store Purchasing

Written report provided.

Provide expenditure authorization for \$7,500 for store restocking under 53010 - Merchandise.

Need to do two big orders for Store merchandise.

Questions about types of shirts and hats being ordered.

Elise in Store has been tracking what does and does not sell.

Motion 15-08-02

Motion to approve store expenditure for maximum \$7,500 under line item 53010 - Merchandise.

Vicknair / Monger. Aye - 8, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0. Motion carries.

Fuel Purchasing

Written report provided.

Provide expenditure authorization for \$9,000 for fuel purchase under 54010 - Fuel and 69050 - Fuel.

We have had a lot of walk-in RALs. Heavy RAL traffic is burning us through fuel.

Thanks to RAL engineers, noted who has been supporting the program. Craig Simmons, Charlie Spikes, Loren Ross, Bil Jackson is getting qualified.

David Elems is doing a lot of RAL maintenance.

Motion 15-08-03

Motion to approve fuel expenditure for maximum \$9,000 under line items 54010 – RAL Fuel (\$6,000) and 69050 – Fuel Ops (\$3,000).

Cochran / Vicknair. Aye - 8, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0. Motion carries.

Good of the Order

Vice-President's Report

- Written report provided
- We got graffitied again. Greg Elems reported new painting on cars along UP fence.
- Sheriff has been notified, as have UP Special Agent.
- Matt Elems noted seeing similar graffiti on UP cars through town and in Reno / Sparks.
- Sheriff deputy said we can go ahead and start painting it over.
- Greg Elems and Eugene Vicknair will take a look at the area they are getting in.
- Duane VanDerVeen noted that when he worked for school they removed as soon as possible.

Financial Reports

- Reports provided
- 2013 Year End report handed out
- Chad Hoelsing and Susan Scarlett are finishing the 2014 taxes.
- RAL and net income are up over last year. Expenses for this year are down 11.5% from last year.
- Questions about some deposits and propane charges. Propane was for fill and tank rental for year.

Director's Reports

none

Event Reports

- *2016 Convention* – Written report provided.
 - Question about commitment of 30 hotel rooms.
 - Consensus direction to proceed.
 - Agreement contract will be brought to the Board in September.
- *2015 Portola Railroad Days* – Discussed in Vice-President's Report.
 - Steve Habeck has been working with Railroad Days committee. Planning going well. Things are looking good. We have an RAL drawing contest going. Tom Carter put that together.

Department Reports

- *Operations* – written report provided
- *Mechanical* – written report provided
 - FM US Army 1857 RAL loco is currently out of service waiting for parts. Report summarized current issues with RAL fleet. There will be some expense and time to fully repair. Locomotives are being used everyday which actually helps them and keeps them in better condition. Parts for fuel system for the FM 1857 are on order. WP 917 has been turned to save flange on one axle. Need to get knowledgeable crew together to change out some axles. Discussion about whether we can swap trucks with 705. Noted that WP 705 will eventually be placed into RAL service.
- *Fundraising* – Vicknair is working with City affiliated grant company. They will do a grant match search for about \$930. We have money in fundraising expense budget. Consensus to proceed.

Committee Reports

none

Legal / Insurance Report

none

Status of Surplus Property Report

none

Safety Report

none

Public Comments

- *Debra Baer* – Asked if we are going after the UP foundation grant. We are. Vicknair is working on that.
- *Robert Reiningger* – Congratulated incumbents on winning the election.

Notices

- Portola Railroad Days August 21-23, 2015. We are running tram for RR Days. Banners will be on tram. Lots of plans that are coming together. Vicknair, Habeck and Gruninger are working on open equipment for Railroad Days. Carter will print signs and info for visitors.

Closed Session

none requested

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at: 5:56 PM
Next meeting: September 12, 2015 – 4:00 PM
Location: WPRM Meeting Room
Portola, CA

Respectfully Submitted,
Eugene Vicknair
Secretary, FRRS