

Feather River Rail Society
Board of Directors Meeting – September 8, 2012 – 4:00 PM
WPRM Meeting Room – Portola, California

Vice-President Steve Habeck called the meeting to order at 4:18 PM.

The following Directors were present

Kerry Cochran – phone	Norm Holmes – phone (arrived at 4:26 PM)	Tom Carter - ph
Steve Habeck	Eugene Vicknair - ph	Greg Elems
Charlie Spikes		

Attendance

James Mason – Treasurer
Matt Elems
David Elems

Correspondence

- David Healy photo contract approved by legal.
- Two authors working on romance / mystery novels taking place on *California Zephyr*, looking for info. Director Vicknair will respond to them.
- Correspondence on Meeker collection issues.

Election of Officers

Office of Treasurer

- Recommendation to ask James Mason to act as interim Treasurer and assist in search for new permanent Treasurer.
- Consensus to proceed this way for now.

Appointment of Departments, Committees and Chairs

- Current appointments remain in place. Tabled to October.
- Kyle Wyatt has agreed to become WPRRHS Administrator.

Consent Calendar

Motion 12-09-01

Accept August 2012 Minutes.

Vicknair / Spikes. Aye – 6, Nay – 0, Abstain – 1. Motion carries.

Old Business

Director Oath of Office – tabled from July

- Tabled to October

New Business

Colfax Railroad Days 2012

- Event is up in the air right now. Maybe 50-50 shot of happening.
- Waiting to hear back from UP Omaha.
- Discussion about status of event.

Good of the Order

President's Report

none

Financial Reports

- Financials and Financial Report provided.
- Current net profit in over \$38,000 for the year. We have kept expenses way down this year, almost \$85,000 lower than last year. Except for donations, all income areas are down from 2011 except for special events, asset sales and rental income, but much lower expenses are offsetting.
- Short term credit carried is coming down due to new income and payment plan approved by Board.
- James Mason congratulated the Board for their recent financial actions.
- Discussion about fundraising. Noted that several members have made some big donations.
- Revenue on Museum Store is down about \$15,000, but profit on store is way up and expenses down about \$28,000.
- Thanks from the Board to the Museum Store volunteers for their hard work.
- Talked to tax person about reimbursement for Museum Store volunteer driving miles. Volunteers need to submit form with actual miles. Reimburse rate is \$0.50 / mile.
- Question about quantifying the dollar value of volunteer work. Hours volunteered should be reported to Gail McClure so that it can be quantified and reported. Dollar value of volunteer hours can be counted as matching against grant funding.

Director's Reports

- *Vicknair* – presented preliminary 2013 Calendar and asked for revisions and approval for October.
- *Elms* – reported on trackwork performed this weekend on soft spot near Milward Switch

Event Reports

- Wedding at museum next Saturday, using Silver Plate and baggage car. We are receiving donation for use of cars and facility.

Department Reports

- *Archives* – written report provided. WP Chief Dispatcher's desk was moved from Sacramento last weekend.

Committee Reports

- *Membership* – Concerns about loss of several members and regular volunteers. Suggestion to send out a survey to determine reasons and ways to increase / retain volunteers and members. Another suggestion to have member / volunteer table at events and hold a "job fair" at the beginning of the season to encourage and educate on volunteer positions.

Legal / Insurance Report

none

Status of Surplus Property Report

- *USNavy MRS-1 544* – Alco Museum in Schenectady, NY is considering the offer authorized last meeting.
- *SP SD9 4404* – Contract has been signed by FRRS President McClure with two minor adjustments requested by Western Rail. Waiting for Western Rail to sign and send check.
- *MILW U25B 5057* – Reports are that Cascade Rail Foundation is making good progress on fundraising and is on track to complete purchase of the locomotive.

Safety Report

- Be careful of wasps. Still very bad this year.

Public Comments

none

Notices

- If Colfax Railroad Days occurs, it will overlap Board Meeting.

Closed Session – closed session was not required, no new information on items

- *Legal Item* – FRRS v. Kasten / ITAC
- *Legal Item* – Worthen v. FRRS

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at: 5:48 PM
Next meeting: Saturday, October 6, 2012 – 4:00 PM
Location: WPRM Meeting Room
Portola, California

Respectfully Submitted,
Eugene Vicknair
Secretary, FRRS