

**Feather River Rail Society
Board of Directors Meeting – January 11, 2020 – 1:00 PM
WPRM Meeting Room – Portola, CA**

Vice-President Steve Habeck called the meeting to order at 1:01 PM

Attendance

The following Directors were present:

Charlie Spikes

Kerry Cochran - phone

Bob Sims - phone

Steve Habeck

Matt Elems - phone

Eugene Vicknair

Janet Steeper

7 directors present at meeting start – Quorum achieved.

Guests present:

Patty Clawson – Big Fish Creations

David Elems – Asst. CMO, Safety Office

Bart Hansen – Treasurer

Tom Hervey

Correspondence

- *Habeck* – We received new credit card for BofA account. Finishing liability policy application for end of the month.

Consent Calendar

Approval of the minutes of the December 2019 Regular Meeting.

Motion 20-01-01

Approve the minutes of the December 2019 Regular Meeting as presented.

Vicknair / Spikes. Aye – 7, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

Old Business

Revision to RAL Pricing Structure

Review proposal to revise RAL Pricing Structure.

- Written report provided.
- Opinion that it looks confusing.
- Suggestion to have multiple letter levels.
- Look at ways to make it simpler.
- Suggestion to bump up costs a little. Suggestion to raise 1100 \$25 and 512 the same. Should minimum be \$250?
- Noted that we include a membership brochure with RAL certificate and get good memberships from that.
- Bart Hansen offered to donate \$1,000 to support giving memberships to non-member RALs.
- Consider membership discounts for RALs.
- Review and solicit more input for February 2020 Meeting.

New Business

Adjustment to Age Range on Caboose Train Rides

Bring Youth and Child age ranges into alignment with new Admission ages.

- Need to fix codes, window notation and POS system. Plus replace brochures.
- Discussion about Google hours report.

Motion 20-01-02

Approve matching the caboose train fare ages to the new admission fare ages.

Vicknair / Spikes. Aye – 7, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

Proposed 2020 Budget

Discuss 2020 Proposed Operating Budget.

- Discussions about reducing costs. Discussion about LED bulb replacement to lower electrical costs.
- Bart Hansen to approach Plumas Rural Electric for donation toward LED bulbs. Will also review electric bill to see if rates can be lowered.
- Patty Clawson and Eugene Vicknair to discuss economic development funds with Gabriel Hydrick and the county.
- Look at locomotive sponsorship again.
- Review of fuel and lube oil expenses.
- Directors and department heads to review expenses for February 2020 meeting.
- Suggestion to clean up budget account line items.

Revisions to Restricted Accounts and Plumas Bank Accounts

Remove unneeded accounts.

- Written report provided.
- 56525 Caboose Restricted account should remain. This is for general caboose work.

Motion 20-01-03

Eliminate Plumas Bank savings account ending in 7507, and Restricted account 40455 – MILW 5057. Redesignate Restricted account 40421 as WP F-Unit Restoration.

Vicknair / Spikes. Aye – 7, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

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President's Report

- Written report provided.

Financial Reports

- Written reports provided.
- Review of items from Treasurer's Report.
- Reviewed internal financial review committee findings.
- Discussion of making changes to Endowment fund to more active management.
- Janet Steeper to look at Endowment fund improvements. Bart Hansen to assist.

Director's Reports

- *Vicknair* – written report provided.
- *Habeck* – written report provided.

Event Reports

- *Great Train Show* – written report provided. Bart Hansen donated \$80 to buy 2 O scale boxcars and cover show meal costs.

Department Reports

- *Webmaster* – written report provided.
- *Train Sheet* – written report provided.
- *Mechanical* – report sent after agenda went out. Reviewed mechanical report.

Committee Reports

- *2020 Western Pacific Historical Convention* – room reservation deadline extended to March 25. Registrations coming in. Tom Hervey will be banquet speaker.
- *Election 2020* – written report provided. Noted that David Epling has also been nominated since report issued.

Legal / Insurance Report

- Liability insurance already mentioned in Habeck director report. Premium is \$24,000. Rate lower than last year.

Status of Surplus Property Report

none

Safety Report

- Snowy and icy. Watch out.
- There will be ice melt around in several locations.
- Next set of fire extinguishers to be done before March.
- Trying to get committee meetings together for 2020.

Public Comments

- Matt Elems' girlfriend Deanna cleaned out the refrigerators in the Board Room.

Notices

none

Closed Session – requested by Director Vicknair and President Greg Elems – 3:12 PM – 3:48 PM

- Legal Issue – Meeker vs. FRRS and Vicknair
- Volunteer Issue – Illness Policy
- Business Issue – Equipment Deacquisition

The Board heard a report on a legal issue – Meeker vs. FRRS and Vicknair. Consensus direction given. Action approved and reported in motion below.

Motion 20-01-04

To go to Plumas Bank and request loan in the amount of no more than \$30,000 to cover fire suppression and related expenses to archives facility. Initial down payment to be made by Director Steeper and repaid by Society in a timely manner.

Cochran / Vicknair. Aye – 6, Nay – 0, Abstain – 1 (Steeper). Motion carries.

The Board heard a report on a volunteer issue – Illness Policy. Consensus direction given. No reportable action taken.

The Board heard a report on a business issue – Equipment Deacquisition. Consensus direction given. No reportable action taken.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at: 3:50 PM (Vicknair / Spikes)

Next Meeting: February 8, 2020 – 1:00 PM

Location: WPRM Meeting Room - Western Pacific Railroad Museum - Portola, CA

Respectfully Submitted, Eugene Vicknair – FRRS Secretary