

**Feather River Rail Society  
Board of Directors Meeting – January 12, 2019 – 1:00 PM  
Habeck Residence – 541 Delleker Road – Delleker, CA**

President Steve Habeck called the meeting to order at 1:15 PM

**Attendance**

**The following Directors were present:**

Steve Habeck	Greg Elems
Charlie Spikes	Matt Elems
Janet Steeper	Bob Sims - phone
Kerry Cochran - phone	Eugene Vicknair

8 directors present, 1 absent – Quorum achieved.

**Guests present:**

Bil Jackson	Ethan Doty
Mary Habeck	Ali Doty
Bart Hansen – Treasurer	Habeck Family
David Elems – Asst. CMO	

**Correspondence**

*David Elems* – Machine shop in Reno just got bought out, will be reorganizing. Getting rid of a bunch of shop materials, including 6 ft wide commercial laminating machine. Might include other stuff. Consensus is to get it.

*Habeck* – Received and finished renewal for Liability Insurance. Back to insurance office already. Next payment in February. Also paid property insurance. 47 of 50 Jeff Asay books have been sold.

*Vicknair* – Historic group in Maricopa County, AZ has acquired CZ tail car “Silver Horizon”. Someone posted swipe at us on RYPN, was told off. Steve Lee has offered tarps and straps and his help with tarping CZ cars. Google and Yelp 5 star reviews from Santa Trains. Jeff Asay thanked us for our books sales and prompt payment.

**Consent Calendar**

Approval of the minutes of the December 2018 BOD Meeting.

Motion 01-19-01

Approve the minutes of the December 2018 BOD Meeting as presented.

Vicknair / Spikes. Aye – 8, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

**Old Business** - none

**New Business**

**NB1 – RAL Booking Software**

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Discuss software plug-in for Vend POS system for scheduling / booking RALs.

- Written report provided.
- Discussion about pros and cons.
- Concerns about coordinating with engineers.
- Discussion about how to manage and handle locomotive requests, timing.
- Suggestion to set up RAL email account. Check with Paul F. on [RAL@wplives.org](mailto:RAL@wplives.org).
- Software has 2 month free trial.

- Consensus is to do 2 month trial starting in March. Eugene to work with RAL staff on checking out software.
- Question about can we prepay or annual pay for discount.
- Eugene will pay for first 3 months if we adopt.

## **Good of the Order**

### **President's Report**

- Written report provided.
- Janet Steeper and Greg Elems picked up donated passenger car parts in Elk Grove. Frank Brehm helped load. Eugene Vicknair and Ethan Doty helped unload at Portola. Thank you to Hubert Hanrahan for the donation.
- UP GP30 849 left Portola and made it through Roseville. Has been set out in Dunsmuir.
- Jeff Asay's books have been sold, packaged and shipped. Reviewing ways to improve shipping if we do this again. Bob Sims and Janet Steeper want to buy 2 of the 3 remaining Jeff Asay books. Eugene will send purchase link.
- Discussion about financial situation and RALs. We need to find ways to increase income.
- Discussion about pausing Big Fish Contract. Noted that they have a lot of value and have brought in a bunch of benefits for us.
- Reviewed projected costs for RAL improvements. Need batteries, oil, parts, track work.
- Discussion of revising a grant in progress for WP 917.
- Eugene Vicknair to talk to Big Fish about pausing contract until April.
- Store inventory needs to be done.

### **Financial Reports**

- Financial reports provided.
- Discussion about increasing income.
- Janet Steeper will be helping Eugene Vicknair with Funding Department and grant writing.
- When museum store has been up has been years we received model donations to sell.
- Discussion about business sponsorship program new promotion.
- Request to directors to explore any ideas for income generation.
- Discussion about putting WP 707 into RAL program. Price WP 707 at \$300 for Plan B. Leave WP 2001 at \$400 discounted from \$500. WP 707 still needs its injectors done.

### **Director's Reports**

- *Vicknair* – written report provided.
  - Discussion about PFE 55069. Look at grant updates.

### **Event Reports**

- *2019 WP – PCR Convention* – written report provided.
  - Just got 2 more CZ shows and promise of 1 more show.
- *Spring Clean-Up Weekend* – written report provided.
  - Discussion about getting community groups for working on clean ups.

### **Department Reports**

- *General Superintendent* – written report provided.
  - Kerry just sent out invitation to Board Members who have not done background checks yet. Will be push this year with volunteers to get theirs done.
- *Historical / Archives* – written report provided.
- *Mechanical* – written report provided.

- Discussion about status of locomotive work. US Army H-12-44 1857 needs traction motor swap. WP GP7 707 needs injectors plus some make up oil. SP GP9 2873 will be having an oil analysis. Quincy TR6A 1100 is having issues and lost its batteries. Is squirting glycol into airbox. Still working to finish painting WP SW1500 1503 in spring. Picking up radiators in Woodland during February Board Meeting. David Elems outlined issues with tools and plans to reorganize tools and Tool Room.
- *Train Sheet* – written report provided.
  - Next issue going to printer on Monday.
- *Webmaster* – written report provided.
  - Discussion about website queries for Santa Train. Has been increasing each year.
- *Marketing* – written report provided.
  - Reviewed plans.

### **Committee Reports**

- *Election* – written report provided.
  - Nomination period now open for 2019 Board Election.
  - Bob Sims, Janet Steeper and Roger Stabler nominated for 2019 Election by Steve Habeck.

### **Legal / Insurance Report - none**

### **Status of Surplus Property Report**

- Eugene Vicknair following up with Bil Wisneski.
- Greg Elems had question about cabooses available for possible sale.
- Question about status of private caboose rental payments.

### **Safety Report**

- Looking to work with Kerry on forklift training and how to schedule.
- Watch for ice and slip hazards.

### **Public Comments - none**

### **Notices**

- Next meeting in Woodland in “Two Rivers” railcar.

### **Closed Session** – requested by Director Vicknair – 3:29 PM – 4:47 PM

- Legal Issue – Meeker vs. FRRS and Vicknair
- Business Issue – Whitman Building Funding
- Business Issue – Equipment Acquisition

The Board heard a report on a legal issue – Meeker vs. FRRS and Vicknair. Consensus direction given. No reportable action taken.

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### **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at: 4:48 PM (Vicknair / Steeper)

Next Meeting: February 9, 2019 – 1:00 PM

Location: “Two Rivers” Railcar – Sierra Northern Office - Woodlan, CA

Respectfully Submitted, Eugene Vicknair – FRRS Secretary