

Feather River Rail Society
Board of Directors Meeting – March 7, 2015 – 1:00 PM
WPRM Meeting Room – Portola, CA

President Rod McClure called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

The following Directors were present

Eugene Vicknair	Gail McClure	Kirk Baer	Charlie Spikes
Kerry Cochran – phone	Greg Elems	Steve Habeck	

Attendance

David Elems – Mechanical Department
Rick Gruninger – Insurance Adviser
Ed Wagner – Election Chair (phone)
Brenden Spikes
Ann Powers – Portola Reporter

Correspondence

- Letter from Portola City Manager Robert Meecher received by President McClure. Unfortunately cannot attend the meeting, but has offered the city to stand with and cooperate with the FRRS in seeking and applying for grants to support expansion of the museum and mutual goals. President McClure has been having many discussions with the city. Director Vicknair will be discussing grant opportunities with the city. Opinion expressed that it is very nice to have city wanting to work with us.
- Ann Powers from Portola Reporter asked about future plans and expansion ideas.

Consent Calendar

Motion 15-03-01

Approve the minutes for the February 2015 BOD Meeting.

G. McClure / Vicknair. Aye - 5, Nay - 0, Abstain - 2. Motion carries.

Old Business

none

New Business

none

Good of the Order

President's Report

- Written report provided.
- We received a \$4,181.88 donation for fuel from an anonymous donor.
- Welding work continues on WP 0-6-0 165.
- The McClures hauled up a truck and trailer load of items donated by Tom Carter, these include a commercial copy machine valued at over \$7,000, industrial storage cabinets, safety storage cabinet, new fire extinguishers and other supplies. Thank you to Tom Carter.
- US Army 1857 was over pit for inspection, some repair items noted.
- Quincy 1100 has coolant leaks, being repaired by Dave McClain and Dwight Whetstone.
- Wrap company that did Silver Hostel not honoring commitment. Turned over to legal.
- Discussion of new FRA requirements.
- President McClure has joined UP donation matching program and is encouraging other UP employees to do same and list the FRRS.
- Will be having training this year on fork lifts and rubber tire equipment.
- In talks with City Public Works manager about advertising program with city of Portola.
- Director Cochran asked for info on new FRA rules on cabooses from RPCA Convention. They were discussed and more info will be provided when it comes available from FRA. Other organizations have had issues with improper servicing on cabooses.

- Received EPA Waste Oil Permit and President McClure has been working with waste oil companies on removal from property.
- Thank you to David Elems, Steve Habeck, Gail McClure, Charlie Spikes, Duane Vanderveen, Greg Elems, Ethan Doty and everyone else who has been helping out last month.

Financial Reports

- Reports and Financial Summary provided.
- 2015 Budget Worksheet
- Need to do some fundraising, including on WP 165.
- First RALs booked for early April.
- Membership dues up with new memberships. Renewals are down. Traditionally we have a lot of renewals around Winterail and the Convention.
- Running about same vs. last year on profit / loss.
- Recommendation we hold back on spending until revenue starts coming in with season open in May. Exception being pre-season advertising.
- Budget presented. Trying to stay conservative with expectations due to economic conditions.
- Ed Wagner had question about costs for election. Will work with Director Vicknair on printing and expenses for election.
- Discussion of budget items.
- Inventory is complete for Museum Store and submitted for taxes. Thank you to Jasmine and Ally for their assistance.

Motion 15-03-02

Approve the budget for 2015.

Vicknair / Elems. Aye - 6, Nay - 0, Abstain - 1. Motion carries.

Director's Reports

- *Vicknair* – written report provided: property fence, Whitman Building, wood shop
 - Director Gail McClure offered to contact volunteers and cook for fence work volunteers.
 - Question about lathe being offered for donation. Is a small lathe, about half the size of the ones we have.
 - Draft sample of spring fundraising letter presented for review.

Event Reports

- *Santa Trains 2014* – written report provided. Steve Habeck and Gail McClure still working on final financial accounting. Preliminary numbers show that Santa Train made money. Took in over \$3,000 and expenses were about \$1,500 including the power bill. Full report next meeting. Note that we need to budget for regularly replacing old lights. Third weekend seemed to work well.
- *2015 Convention* – written report provided. Looking for more shows. President McClure looking for speaker.
 - Matt Shuman has offered to sponsor a needy / elderly attendee for the convention.

Department Reports

- *Funding* – written report provided
 - Director Vicknair will be discussion joint fundraising / grant applications with the city as per offer from City Manager.
- *Mechanical* – question on time for repairs on Quincy 1100. Crew will be back up as soon as possible, they are waiting on parts. WP 917 batteries looking questionable. Need to know status soon for RAL. Discussion on work needed for WP 921.

Committee Reports

- *Election 2015* – written report provided.

Legal / Insurance Report

- As per statement of our insurance advisor Rick Gruninger, our insurance cost increase this year was much lower than expected based on industry trends per what he is seeing in his professional practice.

- After discussions with other groups at RPCA convention, we are a lot better off concerning insurance costs than some other groups.

Status of Surplus Property Report

none

Safety Report

- People need to stop putting stuff in yellow keep out zone in front of breaker panels in Diesel Shop.
- Working on fire extinguisher renewals and inspections.
- Shady areas are icy right now.

Public Comments

- *Greg Elms* – Donated the cost of two replacement doors for the Silver Debris. Doors have been ordered and will be here next month. Cost was \$570.71.

Notices

- Winterail, the last in Stockton, is March 14 and the Convention is April 24-26.

Closed Session

Requested by President McClure and Director Vicknair – 1:55 PM – 2:58 PM

The Board heard a report on a Legal issue – FRRS v. Kasten / ITAC and Gateway Rail Services. No action taken.
The Board heard a report on a Business issue – Contract violation. Consensus direction given. No action taken.
The Board heard a report on a Legal issue – Policies and Procedures. Consensus direction given. No action taken.

“Secretary Vicknair reported that the Society had received, on March 3, 2015, a letter from Archer Norris law firm. Members James Mason, Bill Meeker, Debra Baer and Robert Reiningger have retained Keith Gillette, attorney at Archer Norris and also an FRRS member, to compel the Society to release the personal information of our membership for their campaign use, including addresses, email addresses and phone numbers. The Board reaffirmed that they wish to protect the personal information of our members and gave Secretary Vicknair consensus approval to work with FRRS legal to form an appropriate response within the framework of California State Law.”

After this was announced, members present as visitors expressed that they had no wish for their information to be released and asked the Board to find a solution that would not require turning over said information.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at: 3:01 PM
Next meeting: April 11, 2015 – 4:00 PM
Location: WPRM Meeting Room
Portola, CA

Respectfully Submitted,
Eugene Vicknair
Secretary, FRRS