

**Feather River Rail Society
Board of Directors Meeting – March 14, 2020 – 1:00 PM
WPRM Meeting Room – Portola, CA**

President Greg Elems called the meeting to order at 1:08 PM

Attendance

The following Directors were present:

Kerry Cochran - phone

Bob Sims - phone

Steve Habeck

Matt Elems – phone

Greg Elems

Eugene Vicknair

Janet Steeper

Charlie Spikes - phone

8 directors present at meeting start – Quorum achieved.

Guests present:

Fred Elenbaas

David Elems – Asst. CMO, Safety Officer

Bart Hansen – Treasurer – phone – arrived at 3:07 PM

Correspondence

- *G. Elems* – Member Debra Baer passed away Thursday of the previous week, March 5. Services will be March 21.
- *Habeck* – Several items of correspondence:
 - Received card in the mail thanking us for assistance to Cabin Fever Quilt Guild, including \$200 check.
 - Received membership driven info from NRHS. NRHS also asked us to set up discount program for NRHS members. We did this last year.
 - Received flyers from various schools offering classes and programs, some rail related.
 - Received letter from Black Butte Center for Railroad Culture. They have joined as an institutional member.
 - Received letter from Pacific Coast Chapter of RLHS looking for members.
 - Received new insurance policies for rubber tire vehicles. Comprehensive only. All others have been dropped since they are Non-Op status.
 - Have copies of 940/941 quarterly tax returns.
 - Power bills lately have stayed right around \$1,000 per month.

Consent Calendar

Approval of the minutes of the January and February 2020 Regular Meetings.

Bob Sims – January needs phone designator for his attendance.

Motion 20-03-01

Approve the minutes of the January and February 2020 Regular Meeting as amended.

Vicknair / Habeck. Aye – 7, Nay – 0, Abstain – 1. Motion carries.

Old Business

Revision to RAL Pricing Structure – tabled from February 2020 Meeting

Review proposal to revise RAL Pricing Structure.

- Written report provided with updates.
- Discussion about levels and discounts.
- Suggestion to move FM 1857 to Level B.
- WP 707 previous price was \$400.
- Loren Ross suggested discount of \$10 or \$20 for walk-in.
- David Elems also mentioned idea of ½ hour walk in for running loco.
- Suggestion to shift A-C costs up \$50, so levels are \$250, \$300, \$350, \$400.
- Discussion whether to raise level D. Suggested to remain at \$400.
- Add ½ hour rentals and \$20 walk in discount on 1 hour.
- Discussion of store person training.
- WP 917-D will be Level D when done. No out of service on final list.

Motion 20-03-02

Approve the level changes with addition of ½ hour option and walk-in discount on 1 hour of \$20. FM 1857 to level B when its ready, 917-D to level D when ready. Level prices will be \$225, \$275, \$325, \$400.

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

New Business

Request to Change Annual Meeting Date

Proposal to change the date of the Annual Membership Meeting.

- Written report provided.
- Gravel Grinder Bike Race is causing issues with traditional weekend.
- Required meeting date has been removed from by-laws.
- Request to put Annual Meeting Date on October 2020 BOD Meeting.

Offer to Purchase Whitcomb Parking Lot Engine

Review offer to purchase the Whitcomb engine.

- Locomotive was acquired to donate to city for display. City changed mind and rejected display.
- Draft contract provided.
- Buyer has their own mover lined up.

Motion 20-03-03

Approve the sale of the Whitcomb parking lot locomotive for \$7,000, as is where is, with conditions as outlined in the draft sale contract.

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

COVID-19 Concerns with Convention and Season Opening

Discuss issues possibly arising from Coronavirus restrictions and concerns..

- Written report provided with recent health department guidance.
- Update on convention venue discussion. Refund deadline is March 16 but they said they will work with us,
- Noted that we will have a lot of members there who are high risk. Also, we are just below financial breakeven point.
- We have had no recent registrations and have had 2 cancellations for convention.
- Recommendation from committee members that we consider postponing convention.
- Noted that casinos are shutting down their buffets and may shut down restaurants. Venue may possibly shut down.

- Suggestion to postpone to August or September. Should do after operations season.

Motion 20-03-04

Postpone convention due to coronavirus issues and try to reschedule for around September 12, 2020. If not available, try for following weekend.

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

- Kerry Cochran and Eugene Vicknair to draft statement concerning convention. Notice to go on website ASAP and notification after we talk with casino.
- We will continue selling convention boxcar. Put out notice that they can get boxcar shipped early, then they can request and pay shipping. Otherwise deliver at convention.
- Discussion about crew training, season opening and RALs.
- Concern about getting sanitizing and cleaning supplies. All suppliers now out of stock.
- Suggestion that opening and all on site events be postponed until May 1 at the earliest and reevaluate at April Board Meeting. This will include Steam Work Session and WP 1503 rededication.
- Suggestion to postpone RALs and archives appointments until June 1. Reevaluate at April meeting.
- Kerry Cochran will send notice to webmaster for posting. Will also go on social media.
- Suggestion to take all crew tests online.
- Consensus: All April events scrubbed. Museum opening postponed to May 1. RALs and archives appointments postponed until June 1. Reevaluate everything at April Board Meeting.

Good of the Order

President's Report

- Really appreciates help Steve has been giving while dealing with family health issues.

Financial Reports

- Written reports provided.

Director's Reports

- *Vicknair* – written report provided.

Event Reports

- *Historical Convention* – discussed during business item.

Department Reports

- *General Superintendent* – written report provided.
- *Historical / Archives* – written report provided. If someone volunteering in Historical / Archives wants a T-shirt, send Kerry notice and he will send a link to order shirts.
- *Webmaster* – written report provided.
- *Train Sheet* – written report provided. Question about printing quantities and costs.
- *Funding* – written report provided. Correction to TeeSpring income number: \$226.58.
- *Mechanical* – written report provided on rubber tire fleet. Rolling stock report sent last night, Concerns about forklifts and needed repairs.

Committee Reports

- *Election 2020* – written report provided. Discussion about issues surrounding possible candidate withdrawal.

Bart Hansen joined via phone at 3:07 PM.

Legal / Insurance Report

none

Status of Surplus Property Report

none

Safety Report

- Coming up on fire extinguisher dates. Next month will start scheduling with Alpine.
- Snowing and will continue to snow for next week.
- Will cover in April on training and changes in public access. West end will be blocked during active work.
- Will enforce parking and fire lanes during season.

Public Comments

- Debra Baer's service will be 1 PM on April 21. New Life Christian Center on Highway 70 in Beckwourth.

Notices

- Western Pacific Railroad Historical Convention next month – April 16-18 - postponed

Motion 20-03-05

Due to convention postponement, time and location of April Board Meeting will revert to 1 PM on April 11, 2020 at the WPRM meeting facility .

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

Break 3:25 PM – 3:35 PM

Closed Session – requested by Director Vicknair and President Greg Elems – 3:35-4:35 PM

- Legal Issue – Meeker vs. FRRS and Vicknair
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- Business Issue – Property Security

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

The Board heard a report on a legal issue – FRRS v. Kasten / Gateway. A settlement has been reached ending this legal case. Final details are being worked out. Consensus direction given. No reportable action taken.

The Board heard a report on a business issue – Property Security. Consensus direction given. Add agenda item for appointing Security Committee at April 2020 Meeting. No reportable action taken.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at: 4:37 PM (Vicknair / G. Elems)

Next Meeting: April 11, 2020 – 1:00 PM

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

Respectfully Submitted, Eugene Vicknair – FRRS Secretary