

Feather River Rail Society
Board of Directors Meeting – April 13, 2013 – 4:00 PM
WPRM Meeting Room – Portola, California

President Rod McClure called the meeting to order at 4:03 PM.

The following Directors were present

Tom Carter - phone
Eugene Vicknair

Kerry Cochran - phone
Wayne Monger

Steve Habeck
Norm Holmes

Gail McClure
Charlie Spikes

Attendance

Matt Shuman – Election Chair - phone
Bob Sims - phone
Ed Powell

Debra Baer
Kirk Baer
Charlie Spikes – Facilities Manager

Rick Gruninger
James Mason

Consent Calendar

Motion 13-04-01

Accept the minutes for the March 2013 Meeting.

Vicknair / G. McClure. Aye - 8, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0. Motion carries.

Old Business

none

New Business

Scrapping of Alaska Power Car

- Written report provided.
- Car is deteriorated. Any power on cars will be undercar type.
- We will keep trucks and some parts.

Motion 13-04-02

Accept the report and add the Alaska Power Car to scrap list.

G. McClure / Vicknair. Aye - 8, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0. Motion carries.

Sale of SP SD9 4404

- Written report provided.
- Draft of contract provided to Board.
- Item 4 – Max storage will be 12 months.
- We will not load, we will spot cars.
- We will water and electrical for crew use, no welding gas, no forklifts.
- Remove FRA item about making roadable.
- Scrap site must be made clean and returned to usable condition.
- Once contracts are mutually accepted, \$40,000 is non-refundable.
- Services and access are weather and volunteer permitting.
- Remove interchange item.
- Cannot use Edenwold, Lounge Car or Shower Car.
- Item 13, Section B – termination
- Concensus approval given with changes and based on final review before vote at May meeting.
- Rick Gruninger to send exact insurance requests.

Donations / Fundraising Campaign

- Written report provided.
- Concerns that there are other expenses and we need to address those in addition to work receiving donations.
- Concensus: Spring Fundraising Letter will be modified to include donation challenge and will still focus on fencing.

- Discussion of what our priority should be in building facilities. Concerns about needing to complete Disney Zephyr Project.
- Concensus to table Capital Fund Campaign to May Meeting.

Motion 13-04-03

Accept the donations and direct Steve Habeck as signer on stock fund to authorize sale of donated stock as soon as available and transfer funds to Museum account.

Vicknair / Monger. Aye - 8, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0. Motion carries.

- Thank you to Bob Sims and James Mason for their donations to this.

Facilities Improvements

- Written report provided.
- Proposal to adopt facilities projects for work based on donations received. These projects will be the facility fencing and completing the walkway / loading area along the south side of the Diesel Shop.

Motion 13-04-04

Approve the fencing project and Train Loading Walkway extension based on the accepted donations and funds to be raised from the Spring Fundraising Letter.

Vicknair / G. McClure. Aye - 7, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0. Motion carries.

Battery Chargers

- Written report provided.
- Proposed acquisition of new battery chargers for locomotive batteries.
- Concensus to table to July Meeting.

Special Recognition Life and Active Memberships

- Written report provided.
- Approve two Life Memberships and one Active Membership for volunteers Matt and David Elems and Deanna Fecko.
- Concern that there are others who have spent more hours and deserve Life Memberships more than the Elems brothers.
- Nomination is based on the volume of labor and importance of the projects they have taken on. Last two years, they have been here 5-6 days a week through most of the year.
- Comments made that their work has been essential in getting us through our financial crisis of the last two years.
- In 2012, each was worked over 1,600 hours.

Motion 13-04-06

Accept report as presented and grant Life Memberships to Matt and David Elems and a 1 year Active Membership to Deanna Fecko in recognition of their service to the organization.

G. McClure / Spikes. Aye - 7, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0. Motion carries.

Equipment Storage

- Written report provided.
- Review proposed policy and procedure changes for stored private equipment.
- Checks received from Wayne Monger and Vic Neves for equipment storage.
- Some of the insurance endorsements for private equipment storage gets sent to the museum. Copies need to get to Tom Carter.
- Discussion on how insurance endorsements are handled.
- Suggestion to accept report and offer monthly, quarterly and annual pay option.
- Concensus to accept the report and ask for rewording to cover monthly, quarterly or annual payments.

Archives Insurance

- Quote provided for insurance for the Meeker collection.
- Review proposed insurance policy for Meeker archive materials.
- We are under contract to provide insurance for the complete collection.
- Finding insurance was not easy due to specialized nature of the collection.

- Quote is for \$250,000 in protection. Annual premium is \$2500 plus fees. Deductible is \$2500.
- All risk coverage: fire, water, vandalism, etc.

Motion 13-04-07

Accept insurance quote and enact insurance for the Meeker collection.

Vicknair / Monger. Aye - 7, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0. Motion carries.

Good of the Order

President's Report

- Written report provided.
- The process of reopening the Museum for the season has begun. RAL fleet up and running. Museum Store getting organized and cleaned along with the inventory.
- Dave McClain has been of great help by having the hydraulic rams for the backhoe and forklift rebuilt at no cost to us.
- Rick Grunniger has been cleaning up the shower car. Please note that the Silver Debris Lounge car is NOT to be used as a sleeping area for anyone. Rick handles the reservations for the sleeper.
- Ordered 3 barrels of EMD oil which we need for RAL engines.
- Many projects have been going on around the museum even with the rotten weather.
- Malley the cat has not been seen for over two months.

Financial Reports

- *Reports and financials provided*
- Question about how much is in Centennial Fund Locomotive repainting line item. \$5,957.50.
- Fund for Milwaukee 5057 U25B is still on books. This is to go to Cascade Rail Foundation.
- Updates on Financial amounts: Have about \$14,000 in the B of A account right now. Cash performance much better than last year. Next month we should be positive in cashflow with museum opening. We have some expenditures coming up related to WP 165 work. We need to purchase stock for the Museum Store.
- Bob Sims is donating \$20,000 in stock to kick-off Capital Funding Campaign with a goal of building a display building. Will require some action by Board to approve sale once stock is transferred. He is also donating \$5,000 for sidewalks, \$3,500 for steam fund and \$4,500 for fencing. For fencing, we have also received \$100 from Ron Huey and \$500 from Bruce Veilleux. James Mason is donating \$5,000 for sidewalks, \$3,000 for steam fund and \$5,000 for fencing.
- Overview of how to set up a Capital Funds Campaign. Ties in to New Business Item 3. Discussion about how to proceed and false statements that have been made about Society finances.
- Sales at Winterail were slow for store. Around \$1,500.

Director's Reports

- *Habeck* – provided report on status of museum. WP Greenville Depot burned March 23rd. Winter caused damage around museum. Report on repairs to WP 484 caboose. Battery servicing in process. Working on radio upgrades in equipment. Due to injury, Steve Habeck has been instructed not to operate any equipment while on injured status.

Event Reports

- *2013 Convention* – report on convention status. Written report provided. CSRM is rolling out red carpet for us. They are offering to open library for members on Sunday if there is enough interest.

Committee Reports

- *2013 Elections* – report on status of elections. Everything is on track and on schedule. Printer is doing mailing now and should mail by April 15.

Status of Surplus Property Report

- Update to O&NW 4 sale and movement.

Safety Report

- Zero tolerance on sideswipes, switch run-thru, etc. Any incidents will be investigated.

Notices

- Volunteer Day is coming up April 27.
- WP turntable at Virginia City still needs to be moved.

Closed Session – requested by President McClure and Director Vicknair – 6:27 PM – 6:48 PM

- *Business Item* – Off-site Event

The Board heard a report on a business item – Off-site event. The Board took the following actions:

Motion 13-04-08

Add item of urgency to support off-site event.

Vicknair / G. McClure. Aye - 6, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0. Motion carries.

Motion to approve \$1000 expenditure from 67180 - Administrative Support – Legal Expense to support initial cost of off-site event.

Motion 13-04-09

Approve \$1000 expenditure as outlined in proposal.

Vicknair / G. McClure. Aye - 6, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0. Motion carries.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at:

6:49 PM

Next meeting:

Saturday, May 11, 2013 – 4:00 PM

Location:

WPRM Meeting Room

Portola, California

Respectfully Submitted,

Eugene Vicknair - Secretary, FRRS