

**Feather River Rail Society  
Board of Directors Meeting – April 14, 2018 – 6:00 PM  
WPRM Meeting Room – Portola, CA**

Vice-President Greg Elems called the meeting to order at 6:09 PM

**Attendance**

**The following Directors were present:**

Charlie Spikes  
Kerry Cochran  
Greg Elems  
Matt Elems  
Roger Stabler  
Eugene Vicknair

All directors were on the phone  
6 directors present, 1 absent, 2 empty seats – Quorum achieved.

Guests present:

David Elems – Asst. CMO

**Correspondence**

*Vicknair* – Letters are out asking for donation of some possibly available historic WP equipment. Will be talking with a model RR company about cooperating on some models.

*M. Elems / Vicknair* – Arcadia Press has approached us about doing a book on Railroads in Plumas County. Opinion is that using Headlight materials, we could easily do a book. Director Vicknair to follow up.

**Consent Calendar**

Approval of the minutes of the February and March 2018 BOD Meeting

Motion 04-18-01

Approve the minutes of the February and March 2018 BOD Meeting as presented.

Vicknair / Spikes. Aye – 6, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

**Old Business:**

**OB1 – Equipment Painting (Vicknair)**

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Discuss schedule and budget for painting WP 1503 and choose a second loco for paint.

- Written report provided.
- Discussion about which engines / equipment to paint in addition to WP SW1500 1503. Several have suggested WP GP9 725 for green and orange.
- Seth Adams sent note suggesting we prioritize painting WP GP9 731 as it will take not much work to get running. That engine is slated to received silver and orange.
- Frank Brehm sent note suggesting we paint WP 37 derrick when black is shot onto 165.
- Question about runnability of WP 725. Has electrical issues but is slated to be restored to operation.

- Roger Stabler to look at WP 37 derrick to see how much work it will take to paint the body. Asked to see photos of the 37 for planning. Eugene Vicknair to get photos.
- Question about paint status on WP GP7 705. Kerry Cochran reported that the donors on the 705 would like to see it running before it is painted. It is slated for green and orange.
- Mentioned that the Hotsey power washer is not heating up.
- Consensus to paint WP GP9 725 as second green and orange locomotive.
- Pointed out that WP 37 derrick was painted dark blue.
- Do underframes and trucks on 1503 and 725 (in the order) in black if WP 165 cistern painting in May has extra black.
- More research and planning to be done on WP 37 derrick painting.

## **New Business**

### **NB1 – Volunteer Background Screening (Cochran)**

Discuss proposed new volunteer policy.

- Draft policy reviewed.
- Discussions about details on new screening policy. Kerry Cochran has been reviewing with FRRS legal.
- Commented that there is surprise that insurance company has not required this yet as more and more non-profits are requiring these kinds of policies, including Boy and Girl Scouts, American Red Cross, etc.
- Discussion of costs.
- Pointed out that we are doing more and more work with Boy Scouts and school groups.
- Discussion that background checks required would be less invasive than those for most jobs. Volunteers and employees need to be handled differently under law.
- Screening would not include credit checks.
- Roger Stabler pointed out that we do not want to be in position of finding out a volunteer is on Megan's List or has some other issue because something happens.
- Greg Elems pointed out this could help us with our insurance cost. Kerry Cochran stated this should help with our Directors and Officers policy at least. Greg agrees that we need to get ahead of this in terms of insurance.

Motion 04-18-02

Motion that Director Kerry Cochran is fully authorized to continue research and investigation into the Volunteer Background Screening Policy.

Vicknair / M. Elems. Aye – 5, Nay – 0, Abstain – 1. Motion carries.

- Kerry Cochran will continue discussions with legal and return to Board.

## **Good of the Order**

### **President's Report**

*none*

### **Financial Reports**

- Reports provided
- Money is tight with season just opening
- RAL promotion is getting a lot of attention

## Director's Reports

- *Vicknair* – written report provided – Historical small group fundraising idea proposed. Director Vicknair to investigate further, especially with concern to wine / beer tasting / alcohol. Return to Board with more detailed proposal. Will check with Orange Empire, CSR, insurance company. Updates on Labor Day event and surplus equipment (AS-616 and Santa Fe diner).

## Event Reports

- *2018 Historic Convention* – written report provided – Greg Elems heard from friend in Cheyenne and he didn't hear about convention until about 1 month ago. Discussion on registration levels and final planning. Registration has been low.
- *2019 WP – PCR Convention* – written report provided – 2019 joint convention with Pacific Coast Region NMRA.
- *Light the Fire WP 165 Fundraiser* – written report provided – Roger and Bob Sims sold 10 tickets. Kerry sold 2, 8 available. Patty has sold 2, looking at more. Eugene has 2 sold. Greg Elems has sold 5, maybe 2 more. Greg has 10 tickets with no number. Eugene Vicknair to get EventBrite numbers and report back to Board. We will also be selling tickets at the Convention. Eugene has email in to Scott Lawson for promotion.
- *March Work Weekend* – written report provided – Rescheduled to May 19-20, Eugene Vicknair to promote and check with city and local volunteers.
- *2018 Members Dinner* – written report provided – Suggestion to have someone lead and plan Members Dinner. Charlie Spikes volunteered to assist. Eugene Vicknair to email Janet Steeper to see if she is willing to head the dinner.

## Department Reports

- *Webmaster* – written report provided – Lots of activity on updating website and promotion. Work continuing on audio tour project, Paul Finnegan has a lot of temp track recordings up. Eugene Vicknair and Big Fish working on final versions on recording.
- *General Superintendent* – written report provided
- *Historical / Archives* – written report provided – Thanks to Kerry Cochran and Frank Brehm who have been answering a lot of historical questions we have been receiving through website and email.
- *Mechanical* – SP GP9 2873 and Quincy TR6A 1100 released for RAL service, WP F7A 917 over pit. Bil Jackson asking if he can get into former Doug Morgan car to start cataloging tools. Charlie Spikes planning to come down and go through car as well. Confirm with Steve Habeck that we have no restrictions to access. Charlie Spikes volunteers to lead inventory on the car. Roger Stabler stated that steam boxcar is clearing out and could be used to house materials from Morgan car to allow easier access and inventory.

## Committee Reports

- *Election* – written report provided - ballots being received by membership. Board needs to appoint tellers at the next meeting, May 12.

## Legal / Insurance Report

*none*

## Status of Surplus Property Report

*none*

## Safety Report

- There is now a safety committee: Roger Stabler, David Elems, Charlie Spikes and Duane vander Veen. Working on schedule for first meeting. David Elems working on contacting forklift trainer.

### **Public Comments**

- *Greg Elems* – Someone contacted Paul Finnegan about what it would take to get UP 6946 out and leading on point of freight train. Will not happen due to new locomotive requirements and safety requirements on UP. Would need thousands of dollars for modern safety equipment, new paint, air brake repairs, etc.
- *Charlie Spikes* – Looking to test Model T ahead of dedication ride for Ann Morningstar. Asked who would like to help and when would be a good time to try it.
- *Matt Elems* – Asking for articles for Train Sheet. Needs more news from the museum.

### **Notices**

- WP Convention starts on April 19
- “Light the Fire” fundraiser on May 12
- Roger Stabler donated \$900 worth of supplies for the steam work session in May – The Board thanks Roger for his donation.
- Work Session will be May 19-20
- Crew Training May 5

**Closed Session** – not required

### **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at: 8:14 PM

Next Meeting: May 12, 2018 – 1:00 PM

Location: WPRM Meeting Room – Portola, CA

Respectfully Submitted, Eugene Vicknair – FRRS Secretary