

Feather River Rail Society
Board of Directors Meeting – July 12, 2014 – 4:00 PM
WPRM Meeting Room – Portola, CA

President Rod McClure called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM.

The following Directors were present

Tom Carter (phone)	Eugene Vicknair (phone)
Wayne Monger	Charlie Spikes
Greg Elems	Gail McClure
Kerry Cochran (phone)	Steve Habeck – arrived at 5:15 PM

Attendance

Bob Sims
Fred Elenbaas

David Elems

Installation of Board for 2014 - 2015

New Board is installed, no changes from 2013-2014

Correspondence

- Plumas News published story on the museum May 30, 2014.

Consent Calendar

Tabled to August 2014 Meeting

Old Business

Memorandum of Understanding – Meeker Collection and Dale Sanders

- MOU signed by Dale Sanders and Dr. Cheryl Meeker provided.
- Request that this be sent to legal and request that Dale Sanders be invited to August 2 meeting.
- Send questions for legal to President McClure by July 19.
- Tabled to August meeting to give time to review.
- Director Monger to contact Dale Sanders to invite to meeting.

New Business

Alterations to Fence Line vs. Property Line

- Review suggestions / requests to alter fence line in specific places.
- Written report provided.
- City Engineer has concerns about our fencing blocking access the west end of their corp yard property.
- Noted that we need an agreement with the city spelling out rules for access and protecting our property rights.
- No issue seen with Situation 1 concerning the private property up on the bluff.
- Consensus that negotiations with city protect our access, prevent materials from city being placed on property and provide at least partial fencing of common line.

Motion 07-14-01

Motion to accept the report recommendations for Situation 1 altering fence line adjacent to property owned by and draft easement agreement with owners protecting ownership of non-fenced land by FRRS and ensuring that liability is held by home owner receiving easement.

(Vicknair / Monger) Aye – 7, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

Policies and Procedures

- Review plan for updating and improving policies and procedures, including committee creation.
- Written reports and materials provided.
- PROPOSAL
 - A) Create a budget for Policy Manual update
 - B) Have a firm commitment from directors, officers, and department heads to assist and cooperate with the policy committee
 - C) Give authorization to the policy committee chair to be responsible for the policy manual, the revisions, updates and new policies
 - D) Create an Index of current policies
 - E) Make recommendations to the Board of Directors for changes to Policies
 - F) Bring changes to the Board of Directors for approval
- Director Cochran, as Policy Committee Chair, would like support / approval of Board to proceed. Reaffirm that committee exists and Director Cochran is committee head.
- President and Board reaffirms Director Cochran as committee head and gives consensus agreement to proceed as outlined. Currently committee has no members.

Sale of VIA Lounge Car 754

- Preliminary offer to purchase VIA Lounge Car 754 for \$48,000. Finalize details.
- Draft contract provided.
- We have received firm offer from Ozark Mountain Railcar that nets FRRS \$48,000 for sale of FRRX / VIA lounge café 754.
- Deal is as is, where is. Money will be held in escrow for 1 month then released and sale is final.
- As Board had already approved sale, consensus direction requested to change names on contract.
- Consensus given.

- Director Monger asked where contact / sales info for ONW 4 and TPL 580 were in regards to sending to Hines, OR. Dave Roth has been speaking with them. President McClure will contact Dave Roth and determine where we are with this.
- Discussion about concerns on moving ONW 4 locomotive. Discussion about how to move the engine as Portola bridge is rated at 80 tons.
- Hines would also like two 15' log rail movers sitting in middle of balloon.

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President's Report

- Nothing in writing. Gail McClure was in hospital for a week and recuperating much of last month. Just recently returned home.
- We will do RR Days band at museum.
- We have received check for \$10,000 from Chris Skow for RR Days train. President McClure is drafting agreement. We are getting insurance and hold harmless for the five cars that will be on the property.
- Have been asked for some parking space in parking lot for people riding train and parking overnight. We will work with them and have liability agreements in place.

Director's Reports

none

Financial Reports

- Financial reports provided
- Written report sent before meeting.
- Would like it noted in minutes that during Gail's illness, without the work of David Elems, Stephanie Parker, Jazmine Guitierrez things would have come to a "screeching halt". They kept place running well and did a fabulous job. The Board extends formal thanks to them for their excellent work.
- Noted that fencing job at end of month will take a big chunk of cost.
- Short term borrowing continues to drop and plan is to pay off when drops to \$3,000-\$5,000 range.

- We are down in revenue from last year, but better than last month. Store income is up 8% from last month, but RALs down about 20%. Need to look at advertising.
- We will need fuel again soon.
- Accounting class postponed to September due to illness.

Event Reports

2014 Historic Convention – written report provided. Registration building slowly. Locking down clinics and other activities.

Department Reports

Funding – written report provided. Spring fundraiser donations have ended.

Committee Reports

none

Legal / Insurance Report

- Just renewed Volunteer Insurance. New policy saves us \$600 per year and increases our coverage to \$500,00 per person from \$100,000 per person. Rick Gruninger is looking at some new insurance to further reduce costs.

Status of Surplus Property Report

- Addressed earlier in meeting.

Safety Report

- Written report provided.

Public Comments

David Elms – Changed out chain / bailing wire hoist hold that was dangerous.

Bob Sims – Asked if mailing he sent for stock transfer has been received. Need to check with Steve Habeck. Had issue with bank concerning stock accounts unrelated to museum donation.

Notices

- Fundraising raffle is going on right now with 2 pairs of tickets for Feather River Express / Keddie Dinner Train as prizes. Board asked to promote the sales. Director Monger suggested that open house at Napa model club would be good opportunity. Director Vicknair to get tickets to Director Monger.

Closed Session – none

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at: 5:20 PM
 Next meeting: August 2, 2014 – 4:00 PM
 Location: WPRM Meeting Room
 Portola, California

Respectfully Submitted,
 Eugene Vicknair
 Secretary, FRRS