

**Feather River Rail Society**  
**Board of Directors Meeting – July 13, 2024 – 4:30 PM**  
**Western Pacific Railroad Museum Meeting Room – WPRM, Portola, CA**

President Greg Elems called the meeting to order at 16:38.

**Attendance**

**The following Directors were present:**

Greg Elems	Roger Stabler - phone	Eugene Vicknair
Kerry Cochran	Matt Elems	
Charlie Spikes	Bob Sims – phone	

7 directors present at meeting start – Quorum achieved.

**Visitors:**

Dan Nelson  
Logan Beers

**Installation of New Board**

Acknowledge installation of Board for 2024-2025. No changes.

**Correspondence**

Have received a lot of correspondence. Lots from Big Boy event, overwhelming positive.

*G. Elems*

- From John Jankowski: “Wow, what a day. It was super. What a great bunch of people you have there. It all came together.”
- From Jeffery Johnson, ex-WP. Has several pieces of artwork he wants to display at museums.
- eMail from Alan Barrett. Lots of praise from his group who also did the photo event.

**Consent Calendar**

1. Minutes – Minutes of the June 2024 BOD Regular Meeting. Tabled to August.

**Old Business**

**Big Boy Celebration**

Preliminary discussion of event.

- Lot of comments from VIPs and politicians, all positive.
- City was packed. Restaurants were running out of food.
- Union Pacific was very happy with the event. Wants to do more. Ed Dickens wants to do more steam trips through Portola.
- Discussion of a wrap up meeting.
- Food vendors had an extremely good day.
- Wandering Railroad, Diablo Pacific and West Coast Railroaders had great time and all want to come back.
- Public response is huge and positive. Only critiques were heat and need for more shade and seating.
- Lots of thanks for new ADA work, availability of mobility scooters and use of golf cart for helping people get around. Suggested we look at getting a larger golf cart at some point and seeking donation of or renting some mobility scooters for future events.
- Kerry and Charlie shuttled people in golf cart.
- Crowd was very well behaved and cooperative.
- Compile list for close out list and thank you. Use Google Doc to capture comments.
- Attendance of 2,600 and 2,800 is the preliminary estimate.

- \$70,200.00 preliminary estimate gross income.
- Costs compiled so far under \$15,000, estimated to come in under \$20,000.
- ADA improvements paid for by UP Foundation. New parking and fountain were big hit.
- Lots of praise coming in to WPLives.org. One lady very appreciative of the mobility scooters and how we did not charge for them. We did have one user who went off-roading into the laydown yard.
- Don and Logan feel it went very well and thank you to everyone who helped make it happen.
- Got a decent number of new members.
- Huge thanks to Roger and the steam crew.

### **New Business**

none

### **Good of the Order**

### **President's Report**

- Verbal report provided.
- Big Boy planning started on Super Bowl Sunday, went to Tuesday, July 9. Event was long day July 10 and finally ended about 10 PM when last photo event people left. Some folks donated double for the photo event.
- Bottom line: was good to see the museum as a whole come together and spend so much work and energy to make this happen. Thank you very much to everyone. Looking forward to working with everyone on the next one.

### **Financial Reports**

- Financial reports provided.

### **Director's Reports**

*Vicknair*

- Working UP Foundation grant report.
- Completing Whitman report to Ag Department.
- Waiting on NARF Grant decision.
- Working on 3 small grants.
- Working on grant to buy museum property.

### **Event Reports**

none

### **Department Reports**

*Webmaster* – written report provided.

*Train Sheet* – written report provided. Well done Train Sheet. Thank you Paul!

*Mechanical*

- Steam mechanical – pernicious rumor about who worked on 165. Roger working on quashing that and reporting things to FRA. A lot of documentation given in 2014, needing to remind FRA of that. Engine ran flawless. Everything on engine is operating as intended. Repaired backup injector and that is working. Thank you to the crew that came up and got it all running. Turret valve blew out 1 week before. David Elems, Roger and crew got that rebuilt and running in record time. Logan Beers jacketed a large portion of the boiler himself.
- Diesel mechanical – David Elems stated previously what he wanted to go. Once he rests, we will be getting into SP 2873, WP 805-A, WP 707 and beyond.

*Facilities*

- David Elems and Eugene Vicknair worked on new ADA drinking fountain in hallway. Assisted by Tim Steeper and Eric McKay.
- David working on ADA improvements to Men's restroom, plus other improvements. Wants to suspend insulated ceiling in restroom.

### **Committee Reports**

none

### **Legal / Insurance Report**

- Greg Elems has signed copy of limited right of entry agreement for the Ball Field lot. Greg will file with his paperwork. Porter Simon did right of entry agreement pro bono.
- Eugene Vicknair has all the liability releases for the mobility scooters.

### **Status of Surplus Property Report**

none

### **Safety Committee**

- Through generosity of Charlie Spikes we got donated 1,000 bottles of water. Had 1 person taken by ambulance for heat stroke. Everyone took care of public. No physical issues that resulted from an equipment interaction.
- Was brought up that we should have an epipen on hand for stings. EMT person had epipens.
- Lots of compliments for our security people. Recommendation from Tom Mueller that we use 2 radio channels next event. Kerry Cochran has this option covered and will set up for next event.

### **Public Comments**

none

### **Notices**

none

### **Closed Session – none**

### **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 17:53

Next Meeting: August 10, 2024 – 4:30 PM  
Location: WPRM Meeting Room, Portola

Respectfully Submitted  
Eugene Vicknair – FRRS Secretary