

Feather River Rail Society
Board of Directors Meeting – August 2, 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)
Charlie Spikes

Eugene Vicknair
Kirk Baer

Greg Elems (phone)

Gail McClure

Attendance

Debra Baer

Matt Elems

Bart Hansen

Correspondence

G. McClure – Was contacted by gentleman who owns a small Christian TV station in The Dalles, Oregon. Would like donation of a Plan C RAL and use of photos of our engines for their station breaks, in exchange we will get 600 15-second ad spots to run over the next year. Consensus approved.

Carter – We received email from musician named Peter Blackley, would like to film a music video on the property. Director Carter to follow up.

General discussion of derogatory messages about museum posted to FRRS email list.

Consent Calendar

Motion 14-08-01

Approve the minutes for the June 2014 BOD and Membership Meeting, and the July 2014 BOD and Special Meeting, with corrections to July BOD Meeting as noted.

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

Old Business

Memorandum of Understanding – Meeker Collection and Dale Sanders

- Report of attorney recommendations / findings.
 - We knew there was a verbal agreement, we only recently received specifics
 - Attorney has questions about some aspects.
 - Recommended that we speak with Dale Sanders personally.
 - Dale should be required to follow FRRS archives access policy.
 - We should have an indemnity agreement in case of loss or damage.
 - Issue of profit from collection is a touchy one, however it is noted that we are receiving material benefit from his scanning of the collection.
 - We should be getting credit for materials used from the collection.
 - We cannot create agreements in perpetuity.
 - We need an inventory of what is currently out being scanned.
- Tabled to next Board Meeting.

New Business

Budget to Create New Equipment Signs

- Written report provided.
- Proto samples have been placed on WP GP7 707 and WP FP7 805-A.

Motion 14-08-02

Approve the budget as outlined in the report for \$2,200 from line item 56590 – Signs and give Director Vicknair authority to proceed.

Carter / Spikes. Aye - 5, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0. Motion carries.

Investment Strategies

- In talking with RBC Dean Rauscher, our counselor has recommended we change the profile of our investment to a higher income / slightly higher risk mix.

- Current mix is 40% equities and 60% fixed investments (mutual funds, bonds, etc.)
- Would be slightly higher risk, but the return is much better.
- He is recommending we swap ratio.
- Board of Trustees agrees with recommendation.

Motion 14-08-03

Adopt the recommendation of investment counselor and Board of Trustees to reconfigure investment profile to 60% equities and 40% fixed investment.

G. McClure / Carter. Aye - 5, Nay - 0, Abstain - 1. Motion carries.

Trade for Tidewater Southern 70tonner 743

- Written report provided.
- Suggestion to approve \$1,000 budget for inspection.
- Concerns about loan and lease on the locomotive. Need to get more information.
- Consensus direction to Director Vicknair to get more information on bank loan, whether it prohibits lease or transfer or physical movement and other issues and expenses. Want written paperwork from bank.
- Investigate transportation costs as well, including load and tiedown, as well as interchange with BNSF.
- Director Vicknair to report back.

Reimbursement to Member

- Several years ago when we were cleaning up the facility, there was an anvil mounted on a stand that was laying on its side out in the scrap pile. Director Spikes was offered \$50 to the Society for its purchase and agreed to sell it. Member Hank Stiles states that this was his father's and was worth \$500. Is demanding \$250 in reimbursement.
- Noted that this item was left lying around the museum mixed in amongst other materials and no one had been made aware that this was anything personal.

Motion 14-08-04

Approve the payment and include a letter stating that this constitutes full settlement and negation of all claims current and future.

Vicknair / G. McClure. Aye - 5, Nay - 1, Abstain - 0. Motion carries.

- Director Vicknair will handle letter and payment to Hank Stiles.

Good of the Order

President's Report

- Some time after Labor Day, there will be an Equipment Training Day to cover rubber tire equipment. In order to operate the equipment, you will need to pass safety and operation test. We have had too many problems with equipment getting damaged, used unsafely and / or being used incorrectly.
- Also after Labor Day there will be a major clean-up of the west end of the shop.
- We have received a new 8,000# automatic transmission forklift. Currently out of service until serviced and checked out.
- Sale of VIA / FRRX Lounge Car is complete, final document and money transfer will occur on Monday.
- Effective today we have a new Superintendent of Operations. Rick Gruninger replaces Bill Parker.

Director's Reports

G. McClure – Asked that we remind people that if there is a problem, take it up with appropriate manager / project lead. Work within chain of command.

Vicknair – fence project, verbal update. CCC crew is working. Ground is harder than anyone expected, so digging holes has taken longer, even with power auger. Currently planting line poles around hospital and east side and completing the hole digging. City has been very supportive of the project. Thanks to Kirk Baer for all his help on this project. Dave Elems and Bart Hansen have also assisted.

Financial Reports

- Financial reports provided
- Reports need to be reconciled as meeting date was moved up.

- We are currently running in the black. Doing well in Museum Store. RALs have been picking up for August – October timeframe.
- We just ordered 2,000 gallons of fuel.

Event Reports

2014 Historic Convention – verbal update. Registrations really picked up this last week. Dealing with final details. Thanks to Wayne Monger, Kirk Baer and Scott McAllister.

Railroad Days – Two model railroad groups coming. Band cancelled. Brad Lomazzi will be here selling. Debra Baer got deal for ¼ page black and white ad promoting museum for Railroad Days for \$123. Plumas County shuttle will be running in addition to our shuttle. Raffle for Feather River Express tickets netted about \$550 in profit. One additional car will be coming into museum from excursion train. New ties are being put into West Pass interchange track.

Department Reports

none

Committee Reports

none

Legal / Insurance Report

none

Status of Surplus Property Report

none

Safety Report

- Concerns about safety of the equipment. Our tools, rubber tire equipment, other items are getting damaged, improperly modified and misused. **Needs to stop.**
- Makita angle grinder has its guard and blade keeper missing, rendering it useless. Also, misuse of tools has led to power wires being cut due to carelessness.

Public Comments

Debra Baer – Mike Mucklin and the Headlight needs more articles and content.

Charlie Spikes – Thanks to President McClure for approving acquisition of new SawZall.

Notices

none

Closed Session – 5:53 PM – 6:20 PM

“The Board heard a report on a personnel issue – Volunteer Incidents. Consensus direction given, including directions to Director Gail McClure to pursue resolution and report back to Board.

The Board heard a report on a business issue – Equipment Donation. Consensus direction given.”

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at: 6:30 PM
Next meeting: September 13, 2014 – 4:00 PM
Location: WPRM Meeting Room
Portola, California

Respectfully Submitted,
Eugene Vicknair
Secretary, FRRS