

**Feather River Rail Society  
Board of Directors Meeting – September 10, 2022 – 1:00 PM  
Western Pacific Railroad Museum Meeting Room – WPRM, Portola, CA**

Secretary Eugene Vicknair called the meeting to order at 13:07.

**Attendance**

**The following Directors were present:**

Bob Sims - phone

Charlie Spikes

Roger Stabler

Kerry Cochran

Matt Elems - phone

Eugene Vicknair - phone

6 directors present at meeting start – Quorum achieved.

**Visitors:**

David Elems – Safety Officer, Asst. CMO

Bart Hansen – Treasurer – phone – arrived 1:28 PM

**Correspondence**

*Stabler*

- Folks who donated \$200,000 earlier in the year donated another \$60,000. Second disbursement from estate.

Noted an email was sent to the directors last night concerning a personnel issue.

**Consent Calendar**

- Minutes – Minutes of the August 2022 BOD Regular Meeting.

Motion 22-09-01

Approve the August 2022 BOD Regular Meeting Minutes as presented.

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

Questions from Bob Sims

- Heritage Rail Event – asked how event settled out. Steve Lee attending today.
- WP Caboose donation – Number is 658
- Narrow gauge move is delayed

**Old Business**

**2022 Budget Update**

Approve revised budget.

- Discussion of changes.

Motion 22-09-02

Approve the revised budget as presented adding new bequeathment.

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

- Reminder that budget numbers needed before next meeting.

## **New Business**

### **Western Pacific 302 Crane Charges**

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Approve charges for loading WP 302 in Indiana.

- Written report provided.
- Cost presented in written report. This is a separate charge from move. Cost is just under \$15,000.
- Discussion about having someone watch the move.

Motion 22-09-03

Approve the \$15,000 charge as outlined in the report.

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

### **Western Pacific 302 Fundraiser**

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Approve FundRazr program to raise funds for WP coach 302 transport.

- Discussion about fundraising proposal. Review of rewards.
- Question about amount rewards cost vs. donation.
- Consensus direction given to go ahead with Fundraiser.

Bart Hansen arrived 1:28 PM.

### **GetOut Pass**

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Review offer to join Get Out Pass network for promotion / advertising.

- Written report provided.
- Reviewed program. No cost with joining. Suggestion to offer few Adult admission. Adult discount off family.
- Suggestion to try for 2023 Season.

Motion 22-09-04

Approve joining Get Out Pass and offering one free Adult admission for 2023 Season.

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

### **Troop Sleeper Display**

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Discuss idea from Norman Holmes on Troop Sleeper Display.

- Written report provided via email.
- Suggestion to place it on passenger platform for temporary exhibit.
- Noted we are not open on Veteran's Day.
- Discussion about where to place it.
- Need to do exterior work.
- Proposal to do clean up and repaint work, have designated space. Add plaques and new stairs.
- Eugene will email to Greg and Norm.
- Consensus to move in proposal direction.

### **Excursion Request for Convention in 2023**

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Review request to set up special excursion for SP / NRHS / RLHS Convention in May 2023.

- Email provided from Convention committee.
- Request for setting up a steam excursion from Portola to Quincy.

- Review of calendar and timing.
- Roger Stabler talked to Greg Elems before meeting ahead of meeting about this. Proposal to have a steam operation on the Thursday they want to arrive. Operation only around museum. Will be putting jacket on at this time. Do annual in April and start work then. Have steam work session week ahead.
- Noted that Union Pacific will not even move stuff for CSRM for exhibit.
- Noted that Oregon Museum charges \$15,000 to fire up Southern Pacific 4449.
- Suggested that we charge \$2,500 for special event to fire up WP 165.
- Burning average of 700 gallons per weekend for 165.

## **Good of the Order**

### **President's Report**

- *None*

### **Financial Reports**

- *Written reports provided.*
- Answered previous question about charges.
- Discussion about finances.

### **Director's Reports**

- *Vicknair* – written report provided.

### **Event Reports**

- 2022 Pumpkin Patch Express – written report provided.
  - We need to clean the Pumpkin Patch area. See about having Logan Beers, Duane van der Veen and Ron Berrisford coordinate to work on the Patch area.
  - Need crew for decorating, running patch.
  - Reach out to Loren Ross about train ops.

### **Department Reports**

- *Webmaster* – written report provided.
  - Discussion of safety coverage URLs. Eugene Vicknair to donate to cover 4 of them. Discussion to make 5<sup>th</sup> live. Consensus to proceed that way.
  - Roger Stabler thanks Paul, Ken and Kerry for work on the new internet system. Works fantastic and is much faster.
- *Train Sheet* – written report provided.
- *Signal Dept* – written report provided.
  - Review run up to install and new internet system with Plumas Sierra.
  - Paul Finnegan is still working out details with AT&T. Our new costs with Plumas Sierra will be 25% of AT&T.
- *General Superintendent* – written report provided.
  - Thanked Roger and steam team for great Labor Day operations.
- *Archives / Historical* – written report provided.
  - Kerry and Greg scheduling regular service check for fire system.
  - Thanks to Kerry Cochran and Jim Atkins for their work in the archives.
- *Museum Store* – written report provided.
  - Roger needs another dozen 165 steam crew hats.
- *Mechanical* – written report provided.
  - Provided overview of Southern Pacific GP9 2873. Water pump is leaking.
  - Quincy 1100 is OOS for its annual inspection and service.

**Committee Reports**

None

**Legal / Insurance Report**

None

**Status of Surplus Property Report**

None

**Safety Committee**

- Made it through hot spell of weather.

**Public Comments**

- Kudos to the steam crew for Labor Day weekend.

**Notices**

- Next meeting – will approve calendar and budget for 2023 next meeting.

**Closed Session** – none

**Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at:14:17 (Vicknair / Stabler)

Next Meeting:                   October 8, 2022 – 1:00 PM  
Location:                        WPRM Meeting Room, Portola

Respectfully Submitted  
Eugene Vicknair – FRRS Secretary