

**Feather River Rail Society  
Board of Directors Meeting – November 10, 2018 – 1:00 PM  
WPRM Meeting Room – Portola, CA**

President Steve Habeck called the meeting to order at 1:07 PM

**Attendance**

**The following Directors were present:**

Charlie Spikes  
Matt Elems – phone  
Kerry Cochran - phone  
Greg Elems  
Steve Habeck  
Bob Sims - phone  
Eugene Vicknair - phone  
7 directors present, 2 absent – Quorum achieved.

Guests present:

Bart Hansen – Treasurer - phone  
David Elems – Asst. CMO

Noted that several members are out working on the Santa Train decorations.

**Correspondence**

*Habeck* – Received message from Taylor Cotton from Union Pacific. eMail sent asking if we are still using leased tracks, if not they want to take them out of service. Lease signed this year. Some of the tracks listed are being used by UP. We currently have 2 cars going out onto interchange track. Steve concerned that UP may try to pull out connection. Discussion of potential costs to pay for track maintenance if required by UP.

*Habeck* – Received a letter from Wayne Monger. Paid rent on cabooses storage through end of year. Noted that he is using FRRS official stationary and is no longer authorized to do so. Director Vicknair to check with legal on stopping Mr. Monger from using stationary.

*Vicknair* – Received message from Ed Wagner asking if we have considered offering AAA discount and registering with AAA. Noted that the nearest AAA office is now in Susanville and Reno. Quincy office closed 3 years ago. Director Vicknair to check what it would take and what is involved.

**Consent Calendar**

Approval of the minutes of the October 2018.

Bob Sims noted slight correct to his request to place a solicitation for members to sign up for the PDF email version of newsletter in the next Train Sheet. Change made.

Motion 11-18-01

Approve the minutes of the October 2018 regular BOD Meeting as corrected.  
Cochran / Spikes. Aye – 6, Nay – 0, Abstain – 1. Motion carries.

**Old Business:**

**OB1 – 2019 Budget**

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Review and approve budget for 2019. – continued from October

- Tabled to December meeting to allow Bart Hansen and Eugene Vicknair time to review with bookkeeper and revise for final approval.

### **New Business**

*none*

### **Good of the Order**

#### **President's Report**

- Steve Habeck noted that he has been ill. Provided updates and comments throughout meeting.

#### **Financial Reports**

- Financial reports provided.

#### **Director's Reports**

- *Vicknair* – written report provided.
  - Greg Elems has worked out details with Todd Roberts at city on location work for locomotive display. Greg is waiting to hear back from Brett Tallman.
  - We have pre-sold about 20 Jeff Asay books and 22 2019 Calendars. Receiving orders in the mail as well.

#### **Event Reports**

- *2019 WP – PCR Convention* – written report provided.
  - Updated on recent committee meeting at conference center and status of conference room availability.
  - Discussion on Steve Habeck assisting Eugene Vicknair with Quincy Railroad history.
- *Pumpkin Patch Express* – written report provided.
  - Steve Habeck noted that there are a few more expenses that need to be assigned to Pumpkin Patch, including porta-potties.
  - Discussed how to handle cost of additional gift shop people. Suggestion how to allocate against event cost.
  - Discussion on how vendors responded. One negative, most were positive.
  - Discussion about competing events taking away from visitor numbers. Local events had poor attendance. We have noticed down attendance all year.
  - Noted that we need to lock down volunteers sooner.

#### **Department Reports**

- *Mechanical* – written report provided.
  - Yellow forklift back in service.
  - Bil Jackson back from being sick and got several of the rubber tied vehicles serviced and back in use.
  - Report from David Elems on locomotives: last week drained WP 917. Been emailing with Seth on issues with SP 2873 and Quincy 1100. Finished disconnecting waterlines on several engines. Going to drain SP 2873 today after meeting. Temps getting down to teens. WP 2001 drained. Stacks need to be capped on some engines. Working on gaskets. Found an automatic drain valve on eBay. Working on tooling for spring work. Looking at working on lubing caboose centerplates. Made donation for engine injectors. Will be looking at buying injectors in spring.
    - All money for injectors has been received.
- *General Superintendent* – written report provided.
- *Historical / Archives* – written report provided.

- Randy Morton donated a bunch of stuff to archives. Kerry working on accounting of archives donations for 2018.
- *Museum Store* – on-line store work has been ongoing. Ethan Doty has been working on it.
- *Train Sheet* – written report provided.
  - Train Sheet mailed out last week. Trying new printer in Sunnyvale that offered lower cost.
- *Webmaster* – written report provided.
- *RAL ops* – written report provided.
  - Discussion about RAL numbers and fleet condition, plans for 2019. Discussion about WP 917 work.

### **Committee Reports**

- *Advertising* – written report provided.
  - Pumpkin Patch Express advertising and budget reviewed.
  - Santa Train advertising started. Posters being printed.
  - Kalmbach. Greg Elems discussed Kalmbach advertising. Looks like they approved us for credit, pushing payment to when it goes to print in April 2019. Talking to Kalmbach about ads in Classic Trains targeting RAL season. Looking at 1/12 size ad. Has insert for Trains Magazine in April or May that we may want to take 1/4 or 1/6 page ad. Going to follow up on details. Discussion of ad style and layout. Greg offered to help cover cost if funding becomes an issue. Consensus direction given to proceed with 2 ads plus train guide. Greg to work with Michael Clawson on ad layout.
- *Election* – written report provided.
  - Offer of volunteers for 2019 Election. Received email from Matt Shuman offering the 2018 committee to do election in 2019 again.
  - Consensus direction to accept offer. Director Vicknair to notify and thank them for the offer.

### **Legal / Insurance Report**

*none*

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

- *SP sleeper "Magnolia Grove" and UP GP30 849* - ready to go to interchange track. SP sleeper "Magnolia Grove" has 4 new wheelsets thanks to Wayne Yetter's team. Waiting to hear MG is ready to be billed out. Have bill for UP 849, waiting for UP inspector. We received 1 good wheelset with brake disc from Doyle McCormack.
- *Amtrak 8070 / Santa Fe 601 Diner* - Waiting for signed ownership transfer from Bill Wisneski.

### **Safety Report**

- Asked if boxcars found open have been closed and locked. They have.
- Closed for season now.
- Will be talking to Kerry Cochran soon about forklift training. Looking to have training set up in spring.
- Still talking to possible instructor from his technical school.

### **Public Comments**

*none*

### **Notices**

- Santa Trains – December 8, 14-15, 21-22

**Closed Session** – requested by Director Vicknair – 2:42 PM – 3:10 PM

- Legal Issue – Meeker vs. FRRS and Vicknair
- Business Issue – Equipment Acquisition
- Business Issue – Business Reporting

The Board heard a report on a legal issue – Meeker v. FRRS and Vicknair. No reportable action taken.

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Charlie Spikes apologized for spilling Pepsi on the conference phone. Thanked Greg Elems for using his cel phone for conference

**Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at: 3:12 PM (Vicknair / G. Elems)

Next Meeting: December 8, 2018 – 1:00 PM

Location: WPRM Meeting Room – Portola, CA

Respectfully Submitted, Eugene Vicknair – FRRS Secretary