

Feather River Rail Society
Board of Directors Meeting – March 5, 2011 – 1:00 PM
Union Pacific Yard Office – Portola, California

President Rod McClure called the meeting to order at 1:11 PM.

The following Directors were present

Frank Brehm (ph)
Tom Carter (ph)

Steve Habeck
Eugene Vicknair (ph)

Norm Holmes
Charlie Spikes

Rod McClure
Wayne Monger (ph)

Attendance

David Epling – Museum Manager
Jame Mason – Treasurer

Debra Baer
Vicki Epling

Correspondance

- President McClure received letter from RLHS Southern California Chapter. Looking for early mechanical reefer car for storage purposes.

Consent Calendar

1. Minutes – Minutes of the General Meeting from February 2011.
Motion to approve table Consent Calendar to April Meeting. (Habeck / Holmes)
Motion 11-03-01. Aye - 8, nay – 0, abstain – 0. Motion carries..

Old Business

none

New Business

Management Stipend

James Mason and Eugene Vicknair presented a proposal for a Management Stipend for expenses incurred by the President and Vice-President in service of the FRRS.

Reviewed item about authorization / notification about credit card use.

Special project expenses and travel would be accounted / covered separately.

Motion to approve program and review at June 2011 Meeting. (Spikes / Vicknair)

Motion 11 – 03 – 02. Aye – 6, Nay – 1, Abstain – 1. Motion carries.

Good of the Order

President's Report

- Lots of snow but it is melting quickly.
- Things have been quiet.
- Year-end fundraiser: gift items were delayed. Calendars received, pins coming next week. Still receiving donations from Year-end letter.

Museum Manager's Report

- Museum was open for President's Day / Portola Winterfair. Low attendance Saturday due to weather, but crews got some operation time.

- Duane Vanderveen has been working on WP Store insulating. Water is coming in under big roll-up door. Suggested that we install a berm to block water in future.

Financial Reports

- Written report provided.
- As usual for Winter, funds are running short and \$20,000 is being transferred from long-term accounts.
- We're running ahead of last year on income from memberships and fundraising.
- Request we control expenses until season open.

Director's Reports

Monger – CAM conference went well. James Mason and Wayne Monger attended. Will provide report next meeting.

Event Reports

none

Department Reports

Publications – Train Sheet status. John Walker will be sending article on archives / digitization project. Issue 41 of Headlight preliminary layout is done and going to printer. All Portola issue, first of two.

Historical Society – We need second climate control storage in Reno to handle Meeker collection.

Committee Reports

none

Legal Counsel Report

none

Status of Surplus Property Report

We have an offer from Western Rail wanting to purchase Union Pacific wedge snowplow for use by a shortline. Cost was given to them of \$15,000 FOB Portola. Was identified as deaccession piece many years ago by A&D Committee.

Safety Report

none

Public Comments

Debra Baer – Debra is now our contact for RR Days Committee. RR Days Committee earned \$700 profit during Winterfest for RR Days. Thanks to Norm and Barbara Holmes and David Epling for their help. Will be meeting with Railroadiana vendors at Winterail next week. Looking at a building for additional model railroads during RR Days. Committee wants to coordinate with us on a joint billboard. Asked for link to RR Days website on WPLives.org.

Norm Holmes – Heard that LA County is requesting removal of locomotives from Pomona.

Notices

President McClure has been talking to Scott Lawson of Plumas County Museum. Plumas County Museum would like to display Spanish Peak 1 and cars at WPRM. Will discuss more in future.

Closed Session

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 2:09 PM and reconvened to open session at 2:23 PM. Director Vicknair reported the following out of closed session:

"The Board heard a report on a Legal Issue – FRRS v. Kasten / ITAC. Consensus direction given, no action taken.

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The Board considered a report on a Business issue, Employment Structure. Motion 11-03-02. Motion to table to April meeting. To be reviewed between President McClure, Business Practices Committee and other involved parties. (Spikes / Vicknair) Aye – 4, Nay – 2, Abstain – 1. Motion carries."

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at: 2:26 PM
Next meeting: Saturday, April 9, 2011 – 4:00 PM
Location: WPRM Meeting Room
Portola, California

Respectfully Submitted,
Eugene Vicknair
Secretary, FRRS