

Feather River Rail Society
Board of Directors Meeting – April 9, 2011 – 4:00 PM
WPRM Meeting Room – Portola, California

President Rod McClure called the meeting to order at 4:15 PM.

The following Directors were present

Frank Brehm (ph)
Tom Carter

Steve Habeck
Eugene Vicknair

Norm Holmes
Charlie Spikes

Rod McClure
Wayne Monger

Attendance

James Mason – Treasurer (ph)
Matt Shuman
Ron Huey
Alicia LaBreque
Bill Parker – Ops Manager

Russ Johnson – Election Chair
David Epling – Museum Manager
Rick Gruninger
Ed Wagner
Bob Sims

Dustin Carter
John Moorehouse
Bil Jackson
Bruce Bowman

Correspondance

- Historical Society of Dayton Valley is trying to save the last Carson and Colorado depot. Holding an event to raise money for the event April 30 – May 1

Consent Calendar

1. Minutes – Minutes of the General Meeting from February and March 2011.
Motion to accept Consent Calendar. (McClure / Monger)
Motion 11-04-01. Aye - 7, nay – 0, abstain – 0. Motion carries..

Old Business

none

New Business

Collection Policy

A written proposal by Chris Allan for a Collection Policy was presented.

Review of history of policy.

Questions about application to rubber tire equipment.

Question about relation of Collection Policy to already adopted ARM Recommended Practices.

Monger would like to see our Collection Policy reference back to ARM Practices. Wants the Collection Policy come into agreement with ARM Practices.

Request for Collection Committee to reconcile the two documents. They are already close.

Monger would like to see policy adopted to require any incoming board member, department head and employee have copy of ARM Recommended Practices within first 3 months and be familiar with it.

Direction from McClure to reconcile the proposed policy with ARM.

Bill Parker asked about private equipment portion. This needs to be changed.

Concensus direction to reconcile the documents and revise items relating to private equipment. Also discuss having directors, managers, etc. familiar with it.

WiFi Deployment for WPRM

A written proposal for a WiFi system proposed by Ken Finnegan was presented.

IT Manager Bruce V. would prefer hard wired Option 2.

David Epling and Bob Sims offered to help pay for improvements outlined.

Vicknair to assist in developing budget for underground option.
Provide budget for next meeting.
Mason suggested adding phone lines and extra capacity.

Sacramento Northern On-Line

Garth Groff is offering to donate the SN On-Line website for operation by the FRRS.
Vicknair and Carter to work with Garth on this.
Consensus direction to proceed.

Good of the Order

President's Report

- Steam work weekend will have some UP people around.
- Have requests in for several donations from the UP.
- Discussion about Loyaltan Branch.

Museum Manager's Report

- Written report provided.

Financial Reports

- Financials provided.
- Board of Trustees will be in place by June Meeting. Mason is contacting. Will take over management of the Endowment.
- Store is nearly breaking even, thanks to Epling keeping costs down. Good position for this time of year.
- End of Year fundraiser went well, but we have had a lot of costs at the beginning of the year.
- Election and Publications costs are higher than expected so far this year.
- So far this year, our income is down, costs up over this time in 2010. Many contributing factors.
- We will likely need to transfer more money from investment account to cover until income picks up in June.
- Recommendation to close investment account if we are going to incur management fees and transfer money to Bank of America account.
- We need to operate with a \$50,000 to \$100,000 surplus each year. Equipment sale money is one-time income and not sustainable income. We need to keep this in mind as we sell equipment. It is not an answer for on-going budget needs.
- The Board has taken a number of good actions to solidify and improve our budget situation.
- We need to capitalize and move ahead on those. We are close to benefiting from them.
- Need more focus on raising money.
- Fundraising thank you letters are all mailed for year-end fundraiser. About 12.5% of our membership donated to the year-end effort.

Director's Reports

Monger – Provided copy of his donations and volunteer hours reported to the IRS. CAM conference report will be next meeting. Ken Meeker WP Book should be out December.

Holmes – Kent Stephens is part owner of an ex-SP Alco S6. Would like to know if we would like it as a gift. It is reportedly in rugged shape. Consensus direction is to decline.

Event Reports

Dunsmuir Railroad Days is moving ahead. McClure is verifying with Union Pacific. No Mini-Train this year. Website is up and running. Scheduled to have an excursion train come up from the Bay Area and will do runs to Black Butte. Excursion will stop in Chico and Redding. SCRPS received a nice thank you letter from UP Manager concerning how well the 2010 event went.

Question about costs to have Museum Store at WPRRHS / SPS Convention.

Department Reports

Publications – Train Sheet status. Issue at printer. We need more photos and articles.

Committee Reports

Business Practices – committee status. Written report provided.

Legal Counsel Report

none

Status of Surplus Property Report

none

Safety Report

Electrical system issues. Notices about being careful about electrical systems and reporting problems for repair.

Public Comments

Duane Vanderveen did a tremendous amount of work putting up tongue and groove siding into the gift shop and insulating.

Duane, Bil Jackson, Bob Sims also did a lot of work over the last two weeks, including reframing new gift shop / museum store door.

Bruce Bowman has also done a lot of work on the Edenwold sleeper and volunteer area.

Bob Sims thanks for purchasing and donating a surveyors transit used in construction of the WP.

We have received the message board signs in trade for the paintings to Redding Depot.

Notices

none

Closed Session

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 6:12 PM and reconvened to open session at 7:01 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 heard a report on a Business Issue – Employment Structure. Consensus direction given.

The Board heard a report on a Business Issue – Historic Archives. No action taken.”

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at: 7:02 PM
Next meeting: Saturday, May 14, 2011 – 4:00 PM
Location: WPRM Meeting Room
Portola, California

Respectfully Submitted,
Eugene Vicknair
Secretary, FRRS