

**Feather River Rail Society**  
**Board of Directors Meeting – May 1, 2010 – 4:00 PM**  
**WPRM Meeting Room – Portola, California**

**Attendance**

President Rod McClure called the meeting to order at 4:07 PM.

The following Directors were present

Norm Holmes	Steve Habeck	Frank Brehm (ph)	Wayne Monger
Tom Carter (ph)	Eugene Vicknair	Rod McClure (ph)	Charlie Spikes

Staff and Visitors present:

Curt McBride – City of Portola  
Matt Shuman – Shasta Cascade Railroad Preservation Society  
Ron Huey - SCRPS  
Bart Hansen  
Vicki Epling  
David Epling – Manager  
James Mason – Treasurer (ph)  
Bruce Veilleux – IT Manager

Closed Session Business Issue – Financial Reporting was held from 4:12 PM to 4:38 PM. Reported at close of meeting.

**Correspondence**

We have received \$2000 from County Supervisor Terry Swafford for Advertising support.

**Consent Calendar**

1. Minutes – Minutes of the General Meeting from April 2010.

Motion to accept consent calendar. (Vicknair / Monger).

Motion 05-10-01. Aye – 8, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

**Old Business**

**Dunsmuir Railroad Days**

President McClure reported that we are approved to go to Dunsmuir by UP. He will be doing contract with Dunsmuir RR Days.

Matt Shuman thanked McClure for getting approval, reported that everyone is very excited.

RR Days planning meeting Monday. Motel is set up for crews.

President McClure asked for volunteers to email him with dates available.

WPRM equipment to Dunsmuir: WP GP20 2001, "WP" F9B 925-c, FRRX baggage car, WP Silver Plate, WP caboose 484, FRRX road boxcar, WP short gondola, UP cabooses  
Power is UP 6936 or UP E-units, will also get UP 1996 and genset.

## **TPL Log Flat Trade**

Motion to accept the trade agreement as presented with the addition of clarification FRRS and FLM labor to assemble the wood on the frame. (Vicknair / Holmes)

Motion 05-10-02. Aye – 8, nay – 0, abstain – 0. Motion carries.

## **New Business**

### **Portola Railroad Days Sponsorship**

Request that we formally sign up as a sponsor for Portola RR Days.

Manager Epling listed sponsor levels, costs and benefits. Recommended \$275 Golden Spike sponsorship. Director Vicknair recommended we go for Golden Spike and volunteered to donate \$35 toward sponsor donation. Directors McClure, Spikes, Holmes and Brehm, as well as David Epling, Bruce Veilleux, Bart Hansen and James Mason also offered to donate.

Motion to sponsor at Golden Spike Level. (McClure / Brehm)

Motion 05-10-03. Aye- 7, Nay – 1, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

### **Western Pacific MOW Truck Cab**

Gentleman in Red Bluff has cab and hood from a former WP MOW truck and is willing to donate it.

Comments that unless we have someone willing to take it on, we don't need something sitting around.

Carter commented that cab and hood look to be in great shape.

Concensus direction to pass on donation.

## **Good of the Order**

### **President's Report**

- President McClure as been off with UP steam crew.
- Acquired some new parts for WP 165, including injectors and dynamo.
- Recently, FRA has redoubled its efforts on stopping cel phone use while on duty. Railroads are now putting in cel signal detection devices in trackside detectors. We are not going to allow cel use by crews on moving trains to avoid any possible problems.

### **Museum Manager's Report**

- Visitor numbers were down in April due to weather. 3-4 days each week museum has received snow and rain.
- April gross sales were \$8,344.40, \$1,600 was from convention.
- Stock levels are good to beginning of ops season. Will be ordering some Daylight Sales special shirts for Dunsmuir.
- Bart Hansen, his father Dave Hansen and Bruce Veilleux joined Epling to seal holes at hospital.
- Bill Parker, Bart, Dave, Bruce and David were moving donated new ties today.
- Steve Habeck and Vicki Epling have been doing a lot of work around the museum even with weather.
- Ed Powell and Duane Vanderveen have been working as well.
- Charlie Spikes is now back working in RAL program.
- Shared plan to have private car "Abraham Lincoln" visit WP lines. This is an ex-WP heavyweight from 1909. Will discuss with McClure.
- Portola RR Days – planning coming along well. Chris Skow has added 15th car to excursion train. Train is 52% sold. A one way with bus other way is being offered for both directions. Spike Driving contest will be on Sunday. Materials are available. Request to change it to Saturday to accommodate excursion train.
- Tom Carter, Alicia LaBreque, Ed Wagner, Russ Johnson are working Niles Depot reopening event today and Sunday.

- Next weekend is National Train Day in Reno. Vicki Epling and Bruce Veilleux will be working event.
- David Epling will be planning membership dinner with assistance from Eugene Vicknair.

### **Financial Reports**

- Reviewed signers on accounts. Currently Susan Scarlett, Steve Habeck and Rod McClure are on Bank of America, Susan and Rod on investment account.
- Signers on all FRRS accounts will be Susan Scarlett (bookkeeper), Rod McClure (President) and Steve Habeck (Vice-President).
- Assent of Board given to make this change and assign these persons as signers on all accounts.

### **Director's Reports**

*Vicknair* – TE Grant Status. Meeting with Transportation Commission went well. Funding may move up to 2011. Have meeting with city council on May 26 to get their support.

### **Department Reports**

*Advertising* – Quincy racetrack table. Consensus is that we do not have the people available and that the audience is not good for us.  
Magazine renewal tabled to June.

### **Committee Reports**

*Business Practices* – Continuing research into charging admission and financial reporting. Plan at next meeting.  
*Acquisition / DeAcquisition* - All deaccession letters to museums have gone out. Request to send letter to Colfax RR Museum. McClure reported that IRM is not interested in anything on A&D list.  
*Election* – Email report sent out with status of election returns.

### **Legal Counsel Report**

none

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

none

### **Safety Report**

none

### **Public Comments**

*Curt McBride, Portola City Council* – Would like to get some old artifacts from museum and use them as pieces at points on a walking tour through the city. Tour would end at the museum. City is interested in having WP 506 on display along Highway 70 near Williams House. Would be painted in as delivered paint scheme. Will work with Habeck and McClure on small items for tour displays. McBride also spoke with Vicknair about MoP caboose ADA conversion and may have someone who can do the work. McClure reported that he now has paint and decals for MoP caboose repaint. McBride is really interested in helping us promote the museum.  
*Veilleux* – Thanked David Epling for his work on the on-line Store.  
*Shuman* – Reported that CMO John Burburniak is hiring on with UP in Los Angeles.  
*Vicki Epling* – Had a gentleman come in who is a forklift trainer and wants to become a crane operator and help us out. Will work with McClure.

### **Notices**

June 5 is Annual Membership Meeting

## **Closed Session**

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 6:17 PM and reconvened to open session at 6:43 PM. Director Vicknair reported the following out of both closed sessions:

“The Board heard a report on a business issue – Financial Reporting. Consensus direction given, no action taken.

The Board heard a report on an on-going legal issue, FRRS v. Kasten / ITAC. Consensus direction given, no action taken.

The Board heard a report on an on-going legal issue, Morgan v. FRRS. Consensus direction given, no action taken.”

## **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at: 6:44 PM  
Next meeting: Saturday, June 5, 2010 – 1:00 PM  
Location: WPRM Meeting Room  
Portola, California

Respectfully Submitted,

Eugene Vicknair  
Secretary, FRRS