

Feather River Rail Society
Board of Directors Meeting – October 8, 2011 – 4:00 PM
WPRM Meeting Room – Portola, California

President Rod McClure called the meeting to order at 4:12 PM.

The following Directors were present

Frank Brehm	Kerry Cochran	Norm Holmes	Rod McClure
Eugene Vicknair (phone)	Wayne Monger	Tom Carter (phone)	

Attendance

James Mason, Treasurer
David Epling, Manager
Charlie Spikes
Bob Sims
Vicki Epling

Correspondance

none

Consent Calendar

Tabled to November

Old Business

none

New Business

2012 Calendar – tabled to November

Policy Review – tabled to November

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President's Report

- Written report provided.
- WP HOSPITAL -- The clean-up and safeing of the Hospital area is complete. We have received bills from Rick Joy (actual labor) and Intermountain Disposal. Rick Joy gave us a nice discount. A person has been arrested and has reported confessed to the arson. The bail is set at \$1 million. They also burned the school in Portola the night after the Hospital fire.
- COLFAX RAILROAD DAYS -- Colfax went well. We saw a lot of people and the event organizers and local merchants were very happy with us and the event. We received a lot of media coverage and should be able to spin some more promotion / media out of this. Gross income in stores / RALs nearly \$4500. Already talking about improvements for next year event, including putting together a planning guide for future events. UP expressed that they are happy with us and our participation. They would like our involvement in more events.
- WP 106 / CHARLES O. SWEETWOOD -- We now have the ownership papers and keys for the Sweetwood (and the blue Santa Fe reefer). The car is officially owned by the FRRS and all issues relating to it are now concluded.

- HISTORICAL DEPARTMENT – John Walker is in charge of Historical Department, Frank Brehm is in charge of Archives. There will be discussions before November on job duties and other issues.
- Thank you to Rick Gruninger, David Epling and other members of the Operations Department who helped catch some thieves who were taking metal and materials from our storage yard. McClure spoke with Sheriff and they have increased their patrols. Thief was arrested.

Museum Manager's Report

- Written report provided.

Financial Reports

- Financials provided.
- Looking at large end of year cashflow deficit, much due to Hospital Fire clean-up.
- Museum Store is looking to break even, Operations side of budget showing deficit.
- Admission numbers were lower than expected for 2011. We need to bring in more people. A review of admission reveals we had less than 4000 paid visitors. Manager Epling believes that we may be missing about 40% of the visitors for getting paid tickets.
- Assets listed around \$2 million. Our asset position is very good.
- An error was discovered in compensation approved by Board for President McClure for time off to deal with museum legal issues. Discovered that this is prohibited by by-laws and has been stopped.
- There were a lot of one time / surprise expenses this year, but we have no buffer for such expenses.
- Business Practices Committee will be looking at ideas and business plan for improving income / admission numbers.
- We are moving in the right direction, we need to just improve several things.
- RAL is doing very well this year.

Director's Reports

- *Vicknair* – written report provided. Thanks to the work of Bruce Bowman and especially Bob Sims, the Silver Debris is nearly complete.

Event Reports

none

Department Reports

- *Publications* – written report provided on Train Sheet status. Double issue at printer, but we have few items for future issues. We need more submissions. Issue 42 of Headlight is going to press soon.

Committee Reports

- Business Practices – written report provided. Committee looked at CapitalOne Card Connect program for fundraising and looked at a need for a comprehensive business plan for 2012.

Legal Counsel Report

none

Status of Surplus Property Report

none

Safety Report

- Winter is coming and we will be starting to shut things down.

Public Comments

- Charlie Spikes, Matt Elems and others have donated money to the Fuel Fund.
- Grizzly Ranch holds a Halloween Party each year. Asked if they could use the tow rig we use for Portola Railroad Days. If they cover transport, liability and fuel, they can.
- October 15-16 there are plans for a track work party.

Notices

none

Closed Session

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 5:32 PM and reconvened to open session at 5:54 PM. Director Vicknair reported following the closed session:

“The Board heard a report on a legal issue: FRRS v. Morgan. Final paperwork concerning the settlement, including ownership papers of the WP 106 passenger car, has been received and this issue is considered closed at this time. No action taken.

The Board heard a report on a legal issue: FRRS v. Kasten / ITAC. No action taken.

The Board heard a report on an equipment issue: Equipment Donation. No action taken.”

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at:	5:55 PM
Next meeting:	Saturday, November 12, 2011 – 1:00 PM
Location:	Holiday Inn Express Meeting Room Lodi, California

Respectfully Submitted,
Eugene Vicknair
Secretary, FRRS