

Feather River Rail Society
Board of Directors Meeting – November 6, 2010 – 2:00 PM
Holiday Inn Express Conference Room – Lodi, California

There was a presentation by the Harvard Community Partners Assistance Group at 11:30 AM. This team had been reviewing policies and operations of the FRRS and gave their findings to the Board and members in attendance. A summary will be printed in an upcoming Train Sheet issue.

The FRRS Board extends its deepest thanks to the Harvard Community Partners for their assistance and guidance.

Meeting

President Rod McClure called the meeting to order at 2:28 PM.

The following Directors were present

Frank Brehm
Tom Carter

Steve Habeck
Eugene Vicknair

Matt Parker (ph)
Charlie Spikes (ph)

Rod McClure
Wayne Monger

Attendance

Ed Wagner
Alicia Labreque
Russ Johnson
Cheri Johnson
Seth Adams
Kerry Cochran

David Epling – Museum Manager
Vicki Epling
John Buberniak
Eric McCay
James Mason - Treasurer

Correspondance

none

Consent Calendar

1. Minutes – Minutes of the General Meetings from October 2010.
Motion to approve Consent Calendar. (Vicknair / Habeck)
Motion 10-11-01. Aye - 7, nay – 0, abstain – 1. Motion carries..

Old Business

Travel for Estates Pick-Up

Review expenditure request to transport materials donated by deceased members.
Questions about materials to be picked up and cost of travel vs. shipping UPS.
Most materials would be sold to benefit museum. DeLozier family offered donation to offset cost.
Request to provide a list of available materials for sale to members for their purchase.
Discussion of future donations having the option of donating cash endowment vs. materials.

Motion 10-11-02 (McClure / Vicknair): Motion to accept report and approve budget of \$1000 from line item 52010 · Transportation.
Aye – 8, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

New Business

Revenue and Fundraising

Year end fundraiser letter is almost done. Will be out in the next week.

We need to coordinate new fundraising efforts and bring them on-line with plans for following through to completion.

Report on museums interested in SP SD9 4450 and MILW U25B 5057 for purchase to preserve.
John Buberniak suggested coordinating UP employees and retirees to get them all on UP donation program.
Article to be placed in Train Sheet requesting employees check with their employers to see if they offer matching donation program. Request to place permanent list of matchers in each issue of Train Sheet.

Financial Report from James Mason – Treasurer

Written report submitted. Summary:

We need to build up reserves, expand backing of our temporary funds and improve our revenue.

We must reduce expenses and increase our income.

Recommends that we approve the admission charge program to expand revenue, and that we restructure staffing and pay in order to reduce costs.

Question about electrical bill reductions since it is such a large bill. We need to check with power and phone companies to have taxes removed from charges since we are 501c(3) and not subject to taxes.

Admission Charge 2011

Proposal for charging museum admission.

Review of Business Practices Committee findings, including analysis of other museums and revenue projections.

Concerns about how to ensure that people pay admission and ensure that we get compliance. There are verification / receipt system in the proposal, including paper tickets and colored wristbands.

Motion 10-11-03 (McClure / Habeck): Motion to accept report by Business Practices Committee on admission along with related recommendations.

Aye – 8, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

Board will review admission program at the end of 2011 season.

2011 Calendar

Review 2011 Proposed Calendar of Events.

Consensus to approve calendar as presented. Some events still need dates. Except where conflicts exist, Board Meetings will move to second Saturday.

Good of the Order

President's Report

- Next year, would like to see WP SW1 501, WP S4 563, "WP" S1 512 and USSteel 20 in service. 512 and USSteel 20 to go in RAL service.
- John Buberniak requested that the training certification go to every other year and in exchange, ops crews must do certain number of hours in routine maintenance service.
- Kerry Cochran brought up idea of having information available for ops and mechanical department so they know work to be done.
- John Buberniak and Tom Carter will work out ops program with Ops Supervisor.
- Track Expansions – Will expand RIP 4 and connect to Ramp Track. Have materials and the crew. McClure has requested track donation from UP for Parking Lot Track and replacement of damaged and worn Balloon Track rails. We will start working toward Old Town Extension.
- Went through 3 scrap bins. Made nearly \$2000 from scrap clean-up.
- SP subs are gone, 4 by truck, 1 by scrap. \$6200 was paid by Timber Heritage Association.
- WP derrick MW37 was repaired as part of the sub loading and is running well. Dave McClain made a \$4000 donation.
- DRGW wood boxcar arrived from Rio Vista.
- 16" lathe donation from Roseville shop has been approved.

Museum Manager's Report

- Written report provided.
- Kerry Cochran has been compiling security camera equipment for use at the museum. Some materials have already been shipped to the museum.
- David and Vicki Epling have been seeking promotions for Santa Train.

Financial Reports

- Given earlier in meeting during Fundraising business item.

Director's Reports

Carter – written report provided. Discussion Board will be phased out due to low usage and postings being made that have generated too many complaints. Weblog will replace it.

Department Reports

Publications – Train Sheet – written report provided. Need materials, articles and photos.

Committee Reports

Business Practices – written report provided. Committee recommendations made in business items earlier in meeting as listed above.

Legal Counsel Report

none

Status of Surplus Property Report

none

Safety Report

none

Public Comments

Comments about website needing updating. This is in progress.

Notices

Election nominations open January 1, 2011

Closed Session

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 5:13 PM and reconvened to open session at 6:02 PM. Director Vicknair reported the following:

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

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The Board heard a report on a business issue, Business Opportunity. No action taken.

The Board heard a report on a personnel issue, Employment Structure. Concensus direction given. No action taken.”

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at: 6:03 PM
Next meeting: Saturday, December 4, 2010 – 1:00 PM
Location: WPRM Meeting Room
Portola, California

Respectfully Submitted,
Eugene Vicknair
Secretary, FRRS