

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

President Rod McClure called the meeting to order at 1:12 PM.

The following Directors were present

Frank Brehm (ph)
Tom Carter (ph)

Steve Habeck
Eugene Vicknair

Norm Holmes
Charlie Spikes

Rod McClure
Wayne Monger (ph)

Attendance

Ed Powell
James Mason – Treasurer
David Epling – Museum Manager
Vicki Epling

Bruce Veilleux – IT Manager
Debbie Baer
Bart Hanson

Correspondance

- Ohio museum asking for fix list on MILW U25B
- Ogden Utah State Ry Museum is looking at trying to save WP GP7 706

Consent Calendar

1. Minutes – Minutes of the General Meeting from November 2010.
Motion to table Consent Calendar to January 2011. (McClure / Vicknair)
Motion 10-12-01. Aye - 8, nay – 0, abstain – 0. Motion carries..

Old Business

none

New Business

WP Greenville Depot

Greenville Depot is now on private property and they are trying to designate historic building. Depot group would like to get our assistance / partner to get the museum set up as a WP display museum. Ownership of land appears to have been resolved.
Tabled to January.

Ione Railfair 2011

Amador Central is now owned by historic group. Ione Railfair is now back on at Ione. Invitation for FRRS to attend Ione Railfair on May 28-29, 2011 and have sales set-up. No cost for attendance, cost for travel, lodging, etc. to be determined.
Manager Epling to investigate further. Concensus direction that we do want to participate.

Donner Pass Event

Historic event planned for Donner Pass area near Norden.
Planning meeting is December 14. Manager Epling to attend and get more information.

2011 Budget and Financial Report

Financial overview report given. We are still running a deficit. Held our own this year. We are looking at more ways to reduce costs and expenses.
Income was down for 2010, but expenses were also held down.
Admission charge is expected to make a big positive difference for next year.

Reviewed draft budget for 2011. Discussions on how / where we could trim expenses.
Motion to conditionally adopt draft budget as version 1 for 2011. Budget will be revisited as needed.

Motion 10-12-02 (Habeck / Vicknair): Motion to conditionally adopt draft budget as version 1 for 2011.
Budget will be revisited as needed.

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

Good of the Order

President's Report

- We may be taking the Santa Train to Sparks pending UP approval. Third week in December. Would be for UP employees event
- Thank you to Steve Habeck and his family and the other volunteers for pulling together the Santa Train decorations.
- HazMat training event is going on today at the museum under supervision of CCT / UP manager Dave Buccolo. Going well so far.
- \$663 for small scrap that went out recently. Need to get interest concerning the water exchange unit for sale and removal from property.
- Year end fundraiser will go out next week. Sample was shown to Board.

Museum Manager's Report

- Written report provided.
- List of items received for sale will be available soon.
- Online discussion forum has been removed due to poor content being posted and will be replaced by a blog shortly.
- Epling showed litho received from Ed deLozier estate. We have multiple copies of this litho and rights to other paintings from Ed's personal collection.

Financial Reports

- Given earlier in meeting during Budget business item.

Director's Reports

none

Department Reports

Publications – Train Sheet – Received article from Wayne Monger on trackwork. Current issue of Headlight is at the printer will arrive early January.

WPRRHS – Convention information for 2011 is now out.

Committee Reports

none

Legal Counsel Report

none

Status of Surplus Property Report

none

Safety Report

Cold and icy. Everyone must be careful.

Discussion about issues caused by sewer trucks using our road and driving through our property.

Public Comments

Debbie Baer from Portola RR Days committee – seeking funding to reorganize and improve spike driving contest for 2011. Want to make spike driving contest a center piece of RR Days. Wayne Monger has been working with her on this event.

Notices

Election nominations open January 1, 2011
Santa Trains tonight at 5 PM and next Saturday at 5 PM

Closed Session

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 2:22 PM and reconvened to open session at 2:40 PM. Director Vicknair reported the following out of both closed sessions:

“The Board heard a report on a legal issue – FRRS v. Morgan. 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 a personnel issue – Employment Structure. Consensus direction given. No action taken.”

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at: 2:41 PM
Next meeting: Saturday, January 8, 2011 – 1:00 PM
Location: WPRM Meeting Room
Portola, California

Respectfully Submitted,
Eugene Vicknair
Secretary, FRRS