

**Feather River Rail Society
Board of Directors Meeting
September 1, 2001
6:00 pm
Portola City Hall
35 Third Ave., Portola, California**

President Jim Murphy called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The following directors were present:

Andy Anderson	Jim Murphy	Norm Holmes	Kerry Cochran
Eugene Vicknair	Hank Stiles	Jan Brietwieser	

Directors Frank Brehm and Pat Brimmer participated telephonically.

Visitors Present:

Rod McClure	Tom Graham	Judy McGrath	Dave Bergman
Jack Palmer	Steve Habeck	Gayle Anderson	Jeanne Collins
Sam Herschbein	JW Williams		

President Murphy requested the Board consider adding the Truckee trip to the agenda to allow for discussion of recent issues.

Motion No. 01-09-01

Made by Director Anderson, seconded by Director Vicknair to add the Truckee trip to the agenda as an item under old business. All directors present voted in favor.

Consent Agenda

1. August 4, 2001 Minutes
2. Finance Reports
 - a. Transaction Report – August 2001
 - b. Profit & Loss Report

Minor changes to the minutes were accepted.

Motion #01-09-02

Made by Pat Brimmer, seconded by Hank Stiles to approve the consent agenda reports, with minor changes noted to the August 4, 2001 minutes. All directors present voted in favor.

Old Business

Truckee Trip

Steve Habeck reported on issues that arose late in the day on Friday that led to the postponement of the trip. The two issues that led to the postponement were an question about Rule 88 and the need for an FRA exception letter and the necessity of a 50 million dollar insurance policy.

Rod McLure explained that he had discussed the Rule 88 question with and FRA inspector and they were sure that Rule 88 did not apply to the trip.

Mr. Murphy noted that he felt the FRRS had to get the insurance policy so the train could go since the public and Truckee were expecting the trip to take place.

It was noted that the contract with Truckee required Truckee to provide the insurance necessary and that if a UP hook was used for transport the insurance would not be necessary.

Motion No. 01-09-03

Made by Director Vicknair, seconded by Director Cochran to direct President Murphy to try to work out one of these four options using this priority order, first see if Truckee will pay for the full insurance policy, second make arrangements for a UP hook to eliminate the need for an insurance policy, third to arrange for Truckee to pay for a portion of the insurance policy and last for FRRS to pay for the policy, giving the President approval for and amount not to exceed \$5,000 for the policy and set a special meeting of the Board on Tuesday, September 4, 2001 at 6 p.m. All members present voted in favor.

Web Site

Director Brimmer introduced Sam Herschbein to discuss the society's web page. Mr. Herschbein explained how he felt the web site of the FRRS, his own web site and Frank Brehm's web site could all work together and requested the Board consider authorizing him to work on the project. He presented a sample web page to the board for review.

After further discussion President Murphy appointed Sam Herschbein as the society's webmaster and directed him to work with Frank Brehm and Eugene Vicknair to develop the site.

WP Caboose & CVL Army Car

Director Anderson reported the caboose was available for \$500 but the owner was still thinking of turning the Army car into a diner, if he could not accomplish that he would be willing to give it to the FRRS.

Motion No. 01-09-04

Made by Director Vicknair, seconded by Director Stiles to authorized the acquisition of the caboose for \$500. All members present voted in favor.

New Business

2001/2002 Calendar of Events

President Murphy presented the Board with a calendar for the upcoming year and requested the Board members to add to the calendar any events they felt should be on the official calendar of the FRRS and get them back to him for the next meeting.

Beanery Operation

President Murphy presented the board a letter from a local businesswoman who expressed interest in operating the Beanery for the next season. He asked the board if they would like him to discuss the idea further.

After a brief discussion it was the consensus of the board that the operation of the Beanery should be advertised and that other issues need to be cleared up, including questions regarding the organization or anyone else making a profit from the Beanery.

Facilitator

Mr. Murphy suggested the Board consider a facilitator to work with them on Board member relations and problem solving. It was the consensus of the Board to have Mr. Murphy try to find someone who could be available on a regular meeting day.

Good of the Order

Gary Hall suggested that the Board might want to consider having legal assistance at meetings and that he could provide a proposal to them at the next meeting.

Rod McLure indicated that he was working with a Reno military unit that may be interested in the tanks.

Sam Herschbein noted that he had not been up to the museum for a while and had noticed improvements that had been made since the last time he had visited.

Executive Session

The meeting was recessed to executive session at 7:36 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened to open session at 7:59 p.m. There was no action reported.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Next Meeting October 6, 2001, 6:00 p.m.

Respectively Submitted
Leslie Tigan