

**Feather River Rail Society
Board of Directors Meeting
September 6, 2003 – 6 PM
Amtrak California Car
Truckee, California**

President Rod McClure called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. The following directors were present:

Andy Anderson	Frank Brehm	Steve Habeck	Norm Holmes
Gail McClure	Hank Stiles		

Directors Kerry Cochran and Eugene Vicknair were unable to attend.

Staff:

Rod McClure	John Walker
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Visitors present:

Gayle Anderson	Wayne Monger	Bob Oliver
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Correspondence

No correspondence to report.

Election of Director for Vacant Seat

President McClure reported there has only been one person who has expressed interest to him regarding the vacant seat left by Jan Breitwieser and that person is Wayne Monger.

Motion # 03-09-01 – Nomination of Wayne Monger to fill vacant seat until next Director Elections. Motion made by Director Brehm, seconded by Director Habeck. All Directors present voted in favor with the exception of Director Holmes who abstained. Motion carried.

Director Holmes protested the way notice was given regarding the Board's intention to fill the vacant seat.

Consent Agenda

1. Minutes – Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held 08-02-03.
2. Financial Reports – .

Neither minutes from the prior meeting nor financial reports were available at this meeting.

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Motion # YY-MM-## -- Removal of Consent Agenda from the Regular Agenda. Motion made by Director Brehm, seconded by Director Anderson. All Directors present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Old Business

Approval of Revised ADA and Walkway Plan

Tabled until next meeting by consensus of the Board.

Beanery Kitchen Issues

Tabled until next meeting by consensus of the Board.

2004 WPRRHS Convention Equipment Repair

Chris Skow advised the Board he is lining up a number of pieces of Zephyr equipment for a full California Zephyr train to be run in conjunction with the 2004 WPRRHS Convention in Reno, NV. There are currently 7-8 CZ cars currently in charter service. He is requesting that the Society provide three units to power the consist. A written proposal was presented including financial responsibilities, anticipated ticket prices and sales. He believes that all seats on the train will sell out quickly based on his years of experience. He will handle all ticket sales and expenses with a percentage of the proceeds to go to the Society. There may also be short excursions to Truckee and/or on the Reno Branch. The train would also be on display in the UP yard in Sparks.

Additional discussion ensued regarding FRRS participation, liability to the Society and cost to bring the Society's equipment into good repair.

Motion # 03-09-02 – Acceptance of proposal as presented with Mr. Skow and President McClure to work out contractual arrangements. Motion made by Director Anderson, seconded by Director Stiles. All Directors present voted in favor with the exception of Director Monger who voted against. Motion carried.

Santa Trains 2003

President McClure advised he has not had the opportunity to speak with Jim Halliwell regarding his leadership of the Santa Trains this year in conjunction with Director Habeck, Director Cochran and John Walker. He would like to know if the board would have any objection to Mr. Halliwell in this position pending his acceptance. No objection was expressed. A budget for this event is to be presented at the next Board meeting.

Expenditure for New Marketing Brochure

Director Brehm advised that the cost estimate for the new brochure is \$1,300 for 5,000 or \$1,700 for 10,000. He asked for Board authorization to move forward with printing of the brochures.

Motion # 03-09-03 – Approval of Expenditure for Printing of New Brochure, with cost to be split equally between budget line item 67184 – Administrative Support/Membership Expense, budget line item 67010 – Administrative Support/Advertising, and budget line item 54000 – RAL Expenses, and not to exceed \$2,000. Motion made by Director McClure, seconded by Director Anderson. All Directors present voted in favor. Motion carried.

New Business

Electric Car Purchase/Donation

President McClure told the Board that we have had two zero emission vehicles on no-cost trial for the last year. The agreement with the provider has nearly expired and they are requesting a purchase price of \$3,200 plus tax. All those who have had an opportunity to use them are in support of keeping one of them. President McClure would like authorization to see if an arrangement could be made to purchase one of the vehicles and work on donation of the second.

Additional discussion ensued regarding registration and insurance cost, as well as availability of funds.

Motion # 03-09-04 – Authorize purchase of one vehicle in the amount of \$3,200 plus tax pending confirmation of available funds from the Treasurer and funded by budget line item 67020 – Administrative Support/Automobile Expense, and with the understanding that President McClure will also discuss donation of the second. Motion made by Director McClure, seconded by Director Stiles. All Directors present voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motycka Estate Settlement

President McClure received the final court papers from the Estate of member Carl Motycka. We should be receiving a check in the next month. Decision regarding disbursement of the funds will be discussed upon settlement. President McClure advised the Board he would insist that a plaque be placed on the property in honor of Mr. Motycka. The Board was in complete agreement.

Silver Debris Remodeling

The Board requested that a project proposal be presented at the next meeting to allow the Board to make a decision to move forward. Consensus direction was given to President McClure to direct the Facilities Manager to provide a complete project proposal for consideration at the next meeting.

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President's Report

President McClure advised that Portola Railroad Days went well overall. We lost some money on the wine tasting and Hobo Dinner, but made some money on the beer concession. Gift shop sales were very good. Approximate gross income for the weekend was \$6,800.

He also reported that Truckee Railroad Days had also gone well to date, with no problems and only a few minor issues. Gift shop sales going well, and RAL raffle not doing too badly.

President McClure spoke briefly regarding Railfan Photographer's Day, end of season chores, security issues regarding equipment, and battery issues.

Director's Reports

Director Habeck reported that the UP yellow caboose had lettering applied today and exterior restoration is complete. Director Stiles added that it was a big hit with our visitors.

Director Anderson advised that Sierra Pacific Industries is getting very anxious to have the Quincy 4 moved. President McClure advised he has been working on getting a flat car down to their facility and would continue to do so.

Director Monger reported he will be ordering brass plaques for placement in the two UP cabooses he and his wife have donated funds to in support of restoration efforts and will work with Director Habeck regarding appropriate placement.

Department Reports

Museum Manager – John Walker presented a written report for the prior month.

Committee Reports

Railfan Photographer's Day – Director McClure reported we have four, possibly five, authors scheduled to participate, Ken Meeker has been working on Railroadiana Show and Sale with 8 vendors scheduled and a separate table for the WPRRHS, Vic Neves will be coordinating slide shows and night photography.

Portola Railroad Days – Postponed by President McClure

Safety – No report at this time.

Legal Counsel Report

No report at this time.

Status of Surplus Property Report

No report at this time.

Closed Session – Adjourned to closed session at 7:05 p.m., reconvened to open session 7:40 p.m.

Equipment Trade Issue -- President McClure reported that no action was taken. Special closed session conference call scheduled for 09/17/03 at 8 p.m. regarding this issues.

Other

President McClure advised that he, Director Habeck and Director Brehm were approached by life member Lou Dobbins, son of Bob Dobbins. He stated that he was quite pleased with the progress at the museum, however he questioned a donation his father made prior to his passing of a brass Zephyr set, brass FEF4, and 3-4 Athern

locomotives. He specifically wanted to know where they were and why they were not on display. Director Holmes advised he had them in his possession at his home as he did not feel there were any secure places on property for them. President McClure recommended that we purchase several secure display cabinets for the display room and insist that all items belonging to the Society be returned to the facility.

The Board also agreed that once the cases are purchased, Director Brehm is to write an article in The Train Sheet to inform the membership that we do have appropriate and secure display areas, and encouraging all Society artifacts be returned as soon as possible.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Next meeting: Saturday, October 4, 2003

Location: Old Gift Shop

Portola, CA

Respectively Submitted

Gail A. McClure

Motions and Actions Summary

Motions Passed

- Election of Director for Vacant Seat – Motion 03-09-01

Election of Wayne Monger to fill vacant director seat.

- Consent Motions

Minutes and financial reports were unavailable. Board concensus to remove consent agenda.

- Motions

Motion 03-09-02.. WP Convention Excursion 2003

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Items Postponed, Held Over or Continued

Revised ADA Walkway Plan
Magnolia Tower
Santa Train
Beanery Kitchen Issues

Next Board Meeting
October 4, 2003 1 PM
PRM Visitor Lounge – Portola Railroad Museum -- Portola, California

respectfully submitted by Eugene Vicknair, secretary

October 4, 2003