

**Feather River Rail Society  
Board of Directors Meeting  
August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2005 -- 6 p.m.  
Volunteer Lounge, Portola Railroad Museum  
Portola, California**

President Rod McClure called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. The following directors were present:

Kerry Cochran	Steve Habeck	Norm Holmes	Gail McClure
Wayne Monger	Matt Parker	Hank Stiles	Eugene Vicknair

Director Brehm was unable to attend.

Staff present:

John Walker

Visitors present:

Tom Carter	David Epling	Vicki Epling	Alan Hirasawa
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**Appointment of Officers, Department Heads and Committee Chairs**

**Officers** – Rod McClure received and agreed to accept, nomination for the office of President and was reaffirmed by the Board in the absence of any other nominations. Eugene Vicknair received and agreed to accept, nomination for the office of Secretary and was reaffirmed by the Board in the absence of any other nominations. Dan Brady received and had previously agreed to accept, nomination for the office of Treasurer and was reaffirmed by the Board in the absence of any other nominations.

Frank Brehm was nominated for the office of Vice President by Director McClure, seconded by Director Vicknair. Steve Habeck was nominated for the office of Vice President by Director Monger, seconded by Director Holmes. Election was decided by secret ballot. The results of the election were Brehm – two (2) votes, Habeck – six (6) votes. Director Habeck was welcomed by the Board as the new Vice President.

President McClure requested and received support of the Board for the appointment to Department Heads of the following individuals: Superintendent of Operations – Kerry Cochran, Chief Mechanical Officer – Hank Stiles, Funding Director – Gail McClure, Zephyr Project – Eugene Vicknair, Facilities Manager – Charlie Spikes, Publications – Frank Brehm, Contracts Supervisor – Doug Morgan, Yardmaster – Steve Habeck, Restorations Manager – Steve Habeck, Roadmaster – Rod McClure, Assistant Roadmaster – Wayne Monger, Webmaster – David Epling.

Director Stiles, in his capacity as CMO, reappointed Rick Edwards as Assistant CMO. Director Habeck, in his capacity as Yardmaster, appointed Loren Ross as Assistant Yardmaster.

The Board identified the following Committees: Site Committee (standing), Layout Committee (Ad-hoc), Nomination and Elections Committee (standing), WP Portola Hospital Committee (standing), Acquisition and Deaccession Committee (standing).

### **Correspondence**

The Board received a report regarding the Historical Society Convention. The event posted a net profit this year of \$2,932.75. Special recognition was given to Steve Hayes for his outstanding work coordinating the event. The site of next year's convention is Chico, CA and the coordinator for this event has yet to be determined.

President McClure advised the Board of receipt of a thank you letter from the Sparks Heritage Railroad Museum for donating seven ties for an ongoing project they had requested assistance with.

He also advised the Board of a receipt of a thank you letter from the Union Pacific Railroad for input and for providing information for color match/input on the new WP Heritage unit.

Director McClure provided a summary to the Board of a letter from member James Mason complimenting the Board for the direction they have been taking the organization, as well as ideas and suggestions for additional changes.

President McClure also noted that he was approached by a group who had done an RAL with instructor Andy Anderson. They were very impressed with the patience demonstrated by Mr. Anderson and complimented him on doing an excellent job.

### **Consent Calendar**

1. Minutes – Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held July 9, 2005.
2. Financial Reports – from June and July 2005.

Motion # 05-08-01 – Removal of Consent Calendar from the agenda. Motion made by Director Vicknair, seconded by Director Cochran. All Directors present voted in favor. Motion carried.

### **Old Business**

#### **FRRS Vision and Goals Statement**

Tabled until September meeting.

### **New Business**

#### **Southern Pacific Sugar Beet Gondola**

Director Vicknair and President McClure reported that the Pacific Southwest Railroad Museum in Campo, CA is interested in acquiring one of our two remaining SP Beet Gons. By consensus direction, this item is referred to the A&D Committee for review and recommendation regarding disposition.

## **Stockton Shop Equipment**

Director Monger advised the Board that it has come to his attention that there are two items in the Stockton shops that ACE would like to dispose of and they are looking for a Museum to donate them to. The items are a hydraulic sheet metal break and an original, water-cooled air compressor. Consensus direction was given to Director Stiles to see if either are suitable for our needs and report back to the Board regarding possible acquisition.

## **Good of the Order**

### **President's Report**

President McClure reported that Dunsmuir Railroad Days was a success. We made about \$2,000 in the gift shop, no expenses to the Society, event well organized, volunteers well treated. Volunteers for the event included President McClure, Vice President Habeck, Museum Manager John Walker, Director McClure, Director Stiles, Director Monger, Linda Monger and Janis Petersen. Volunteers were also provided by the Shasta Cascade Rail Preservation Society by Matt Shuman, who is also a member of the FRRS.

WP 2001, as previously reported, provided flawless performance in use as power for a Trains Unlimited, Tours excursion on the McCloud Railroad. We received \$10,000 in consideration for the use of the locomotive, from which Director Habeck's expenses for being off work to oversee the project. Director Habeck provided additional commentary regarding WP 2001's performance and the public relations opportunities provided as a result of our participation.

Reporting and registering of select pieces of equipment in UMLER (Universal Machine Language Equipment Register) will continue to be an ongoing project for President McClure. This is a requirement for all equipment moving off-property as of January 1, 2006.

President McClure reported we would have "special visitors" and that the property needs to be clean and orderly no later than 08/30/05.

President McClure stated that he has been hearing rumors of complaint by certain of the membership upset because the WP 707 and WP 2001 have been withheld from service in caboose trains. He advised that this item was to be included on the next agenda as an action item for Board direction.

### **Director's Reports**

None

### **Department Reports**

Operations – Director Cochran, in his capacity as Supervisor of Operations, provided a report with regard to an incident that occurred on the property July 16, 2005 involving two RAL locomotives. An investigation was held and the results of that investigation

were submitted to him. Recommendations for changes to avoid a situation of this nature occurring again were provided and have either been, or will be, implemented. All questions regarding this issue are to be directed to Director Cochran or President McClure as they are the only individuals authorized to respond.

Funding – Director Vicknair reported that the internet fundraiser for the exterior restoration of the WP 484 had grossed approximately \$2,655. Based on expenses to date per Director Habeck, we still need around \$1,700 to cover the total cost. There were also questions regarding the wheelchair lift. Check has been sent and purchase completed. Director Stiles will coordinate pickup of this equipment with other pickups on behalf of the Society.

Restorations – Director Habeck advised that he is working with Raymond Franklin, our painter, for anticipated cost to paint the Troop Sleeper since he is at the Museum working on the WP 484. We currently have enough primer and hardner on hand that we would only need the Pullman Green paint. We previously received a \$1,000 grant from the National Railroad Historical Society toward restoration of the Troop Sleeper that would be used to fund the purchase of the paint and labor to paint the car.

### **Committee Reports**

None

### **Legal Counsel Report**

None

### **Status of Surplus Property Report**

None

### **Safety Report**

None

### **Public Comments**

Webmaster David Epling reported that the webcam is up but there are issues with the computer running it – overheating and shutting down. The computer will be moved inside until a cooling unit can be installed in the Office Car. Additionally, the camera will have to be pointed in another direction as the afternoon sun is “blinding” it.

### **Notices**

November Board meeting scheduled to be held at the ACE Depot in Stockton.

BREAK: 7:47-8:10 p.m.

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 8:11 p.m. and reconvened to open session at 10:33 p.m.

## **Closed Session**

President McClure provided the Board a report regarding a personnel issue of confidential nature. Consensus direction was given, no reportable action was taken. The Board was also given a report regarding an ongoing legal issue, no reportable action was taken. Regarding a proprietary business item, a report was offered to the Board and consensus direction was given. Finally, the Board received a report regarding an Operations issue of confidential nature. No reportable action was taken.

## **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 10:34 p.m.  
Next meeting: Saturday, September 10, 2005  
Location: PRM, Volunteer Lounge  
Portola, CA

Respectively Submitted  
Gail A. McClure