

**Feather River Rail Society
Board of Directors Meeting
March 4, 2006 – 1:00 PM
Volunteer Lounge, Western Pacific Railroad Museum
Portola, California**

President Rod McClure called the meeting to order at 1:12 PM. The following directors were present:

Kerry Cochran (by phone) Norm Holmes (by phone) Wayne Monger (by phone)
Matt Parker (by phone) Eugene Vicknair (by phone) Hank Stiles (by phone)

Directors Gail McClure and Steve Habeck were unable to attend.

Staff present:

None

Visitors present:

None

Correspondence

None

Consent Calendar

1. Minutes – Removed for approval in April.
2. Financial Reports – Profit & Loss / Balance Sheet through end of February.

Motion # 06-03-01 – Removal of minutes from Consent Calendar. Motion by Director Vicknair, seconded by Director Cochran. All Directors present voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motion #06-04-02 – Acceptance of Consent Calendar as amended. Motion by Director Vicknair, seconded by Director Holmes. All Directors present voted in favor, with the exception of Director Cochran who abstained due to lack of opportunity to review printed reference materials prior to the vote. Motion carried.

Old Business

None submitted

New Business

None submitted

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President's Report

President McClure discussed issues found in trying to move Southern Pacific SD9 4450 from the Hunter's Point location of the Golden Gate Railroad Museum. He requested that a formal business item be placed for April.

The 4450 has several bad wheels and may require the acquisition of 6 idler axles to allow movement. Review is continuing to see if the wheels can be turned to smooth the wheels and render it legal for movement. If we have to purchase axles, it would run about \$1000 each, with a total of \$7500-9000 with related expenses.

The entire GGRM movement train made it to Brightside-PLA and on to Portola with no problems. Noted that the "Clover Plot" rolled well and there were many comments about the professionalism of the operation. Big kudos and thanks are coming from many organizations and specifically GGRM and PLA. Director Stiles noted that the FRRS is definitely leading the way in many aspects of museum operations.

President McClure did note that he was disappointed at the low number of volunteers that came to help with the GGRM move. We did not get the level of help we wanted. On the positive side, we did gain 3 new members and had many others expressing interest.

When the GGRM train returned on Wednesday, March 1, all went well moving the train in to the museum. President McClure thanked the train crew, Matt Parker, Bill Parker, and Loren Ross, for their help.

Gail McClure may or may not be able to attend Winterail and help with the FRRS table due to medical concerns.

Director's Reports

Director Holmes reported on the excursion train arriving in Portola on April 1. He has been asked to help with the train. Plan is that it will be parked on the West Pass. We may need to turn some UP business cars on the balloon loop.

Director Stiles also expressed disappointment with the low turnout to help at GGRM.

Director Parker thanked John Walker, Ed Wagner and Director Vicknair for their help in publicity for the Society. Reported that we are getting some good publicity leads. He also congratulated Gail McClure for becoming a "Qualified Carwoman" at GGRM, having learned how to service and repack journal bearings as part of the work to prep for the move.

President McClure also noted that the Silver Rifle is on a long-term lease to the FRRS for \$1 per year. It is not open to the public, but can be placed on public display. He is intent on getting the WP 0-6-0 165 unloaded as soon as possible.

Department Reports

Train Sheet – Editor Vicknair reported that Issue 133 is at the printer, but he has nothing yet submitted for Issue 134. Director Stiles promised an article on Sunday.

Committee Reports

By-Laws – The Board reviewed a report of the By-Laws Committee and gave consensus direction to support the presentation of the revised By-Laws for a vote of the membership in the coming election.

Legal Counsel Report

None

Status of Surplus Property Report

None

Safety Report

None

Public Comments

None

Closed Session

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 1:55 p.m. and reconvened to open session at 2:04 p.m. President McClure reported out on the closed session as follows: The Board received a report with regard to a legal issue. No reportable action was taken.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 2:06 p.m.
Next meeting: Saturday, April 1, 2006
Location: Volunteer Lounge, WPRM
Portola, CA

Respectively Submitted
Eugene John Vicknair, Secretary