

**Feather River Rail Society
Annual Meeting
June 3, 2006
Diesel Shop, Western Pacific Railroad Museum
Portola, California**

President McClure called the meeting to order at 7:55 p.m. The following Directors were present:

Frank Brehm	Steve Habeck	Norman Holmes	Gail McClure
Wayne Monger	Hank Stiles	Eugene Vicknair	

The following staff members were present:

John Walker

The following members and guests were also present:

Don Borden	James Mason
Tracy Candele	Phil McKim
Loren and Trish Dunlap	Bob McNamara
Fred Elenbaas	Lynda Monger
David and Vicki Epling	Bill Parker
Leonard Finley	Tom and Karen Potis
Scott and Scotty Franklin	Ed Powell
Mary Habeck	Jay Sarno
Barbara Holmes	Matthew Schuman
Susan Hopkins	Chuck Smith
Michael Jameson	Marian Smith
Russ and Cheri Johnson	Randal Walther
Diana Jorgenson	Cody Wilson
Gloria and Kevin LaPlant	Dwight Wolfinger
Bob Lindley	

Board and Staff Remarks

President McClure thanked all the members who attended the dinner and stayed for the meeting (there were approximately 40 members who did not stay). He remarked how nice it was to see so many new faces this year and indicated that there had been many comments recognizing the positive changes both to the organization and the property. He then recapped some of the highlights of the last year including our assistance and partnership with the Golden Gate Railroad Museum and the Pacific Locomotive Association with GGRM's move in February, the addition of the Clover Plot, WP 165, SN wood caboose and Silver Lodge to the collection. He pointed out that with the price of gas keeping visitorship down,

donations were more important than ever and that he hopes to see an increased focus on grantwriting in the coming years. Lastly, he told the membership to watch for more great things to come in the upcoming year. At this time, the floor was turned over to Museum Manager John Walker.

Mr. Walker advised all that presentation of the Glad Hand Award, a recognition of hard working volunteers with organizational longevity, had been postponed and will likely be awarded/announced at Portola Railroad Days. He, however, wanted to present awards and recognition to individuals whose presence and willingness to pitch in wherever needed was personally appreciated. These individuals include: Frank Beavers, Alan Hirasawa, Norm Holmes, Don Kellor, Jay Knudson, Paul Lanyi, James Mason, Doug Morgan, Jay Sarno, Jay Sidney, Charlie Spikes, and Loren Ross. Each of those recognized received an embroidered hat from Mr. Walker.

President McClure turned the floor over to David Epling, Election Committee Chair for the results of this year's Board of Directors Election results. Mr. Epling reported that there ballots were mailed to 856 addresses with 401 of those envelopes returned – family and family life members received two ballots in each envelope (47.2% rate of return for domestic ballots and 23% return for international). Steve Habeck, Gail McClure and Eugene Vicknair were the candidates running for the three available seats. All are incumbents. The results are as follows:

Steve Habeck – 406 votes Gail McClure – 409 votes Eugene Vicknair – 410 votes

Write-in candidates included:

Thom Anderson – 1	Rick Edwards – 1	Alan Hirasawa – 1
Steve Milward – 1	Mark Schultes – 1	Hank Stiles – 1
John Walker – 4		

The results of ratification of the new FRRS Bylaws were 400 in favor and 19 against, therefore passing by an overwhelming majority.

The floor was then given to Director Hank Stiles. He thanked all present for their attendance. He also indicated that he was seeing new faces volunteering their time but stressed the need for additional folks willing to work on a number of important projects around the facility.

Director Norm Holmes was given the floor. He personally thanked Rod McClure and Steve Habeck for their work once again as evidenced by the success of the GGRM move.

Control of the floor was passed to Director Wayne Monger who echoed his appreciation for all who attended the meeting. He also provided his thanks to those who have volunteered to assist him in building track. He reiterated the importance of volunteers to assist with projects and issued a personal thanks to Director Vicknair for his work on the Zephyr Project.

Director Eugene Vicknair was given the floor. He also expressed his appreciation to all who attended the dinner and meeting this evening. He indicated that there is likely to be an acceleration of the Zephyr Project in the coming years and hoped that his enthusiasm was shared by the membership. He recognized a \$1,500 donation from Member Scott Franklin toward the project. He also announced that one of the original California Zephyr name boards and one of the Silver Hostel name board were likely to be returned and placed on the car. Lastly, he announced the creation of the 2009 Centennial Committee planning celebration of the 100th anniversary of the completion of the WP, 25th Anniversary of the Museum and 60th anniversary of the creation of the California Zephyr.

Director Steve Habeck took control of the floor. He thanked the "A-Team" of members who handled the work involved with equipment switching and the running of trains while he and President McClure traveled with the UP Steam Crew. He was pleased to hear that the organizations annual Railfan Photographer's Day came off without a hitch.

Director Frank Brehm added his voice to those who thanked the members in attendance. He commented on the positive changes to the FRRS website and encouraged all to pay a visit to the site as one of its functions is to keep the membership informed. He advised that member use of the website this became abundantly clear based on the number of complaints received when the site goes down, a comment which drew a laugh from the audience.

Director Gail McClure then took the floor. She spoke of the stories behind why each individual with a membership had become part of the FRRS and its goal of preserving the Western Pacific. She stressed to the members present the need to share their stories and "infect" others with their passion in the hopes that new members or volunteers would be the result. She also reminded all present that none of what had been achieved by the FRRS would have been possible without the support of its members, and that donations and participation in fundraising efforts were vital to that continued success.

President McClure closed the Board and Staff Remarks period by voicing his support of the Centennial Celebration planning efforts. He asked that the group think of the Zephyr in the Canyon, and let their imaginations run wild from there. He also reminded the members that we will be participating in Dunsmuir Railroad Days this year and that as a result, we would have UP 6936 on property until September 2006.

Public Comments

Matthew Schuman, President of the Shasta Cascade Rail Preservation Society spoke to the group. He indicated how pleased he was that the FRRS had again decided to participate in their Dunsmuir Railroad Days event. He also advised the membership of the importance of passing out our organization's brochures every available chance to increase knowledge of the organization and its purpose, as well as possibly gaining new membership. He then presented a beautifully framed poster from last year's event to the organization.

President McClure once again stressed the importance of raising money for the organization by illustrating the costs involved to operate the museum or restore equipment and asked that the membership increase their level of donation to allow us to expand what we are able to accomplish.

The floor was then opened to public comments. As one of the cost issues brought up by President McClure was the cost of idle time for locomotives, Member Dwight Wolfinger as if there was any way to cut down the idle time. President McClure responded that we had cut it down to the point that we felt was a balance between the cost for idling and the cost for wear and tear on the equipment for repeated shut down and start up due to the age of the locomotives.

Member Jay Sarno asked how long a lease the FRRS has with the Union Pacific Railroad regarding the Portola property. President McClure advised that the current lease is a 99 year lease.

As there were no other questions or comments, the meeting was adjourned.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned: 8:47 p.m.
Next Annual Meeting: Saturday, June 2, 2007
Location: TBD
Portola, CA

Respectfully submitted
Gail A. McClure