

Feather River Rail Society
Board of Directors Meeting – October 2, 2010 – 4:00 PM
WPRM Meeting Room – Portola, California

Attendance

President Rod McClure called the meeting to order at 4:14 PM.

The following Directors were present

Norm Holmes	Steve Habeck	Matt Parker	Rod McClure
Tom Carter (ph)	Eugene Vicknair (ph)	Charlie Spikes	Wayne Monger

Attendance

David Epling – Museum Manager
James Mason – Treasurer
Zack Compton and Vicki Epling arrived at 5:00 PM

Correspondence

none

Consent Calendar

1. Minutes – Minutes of the General Meetings from August and September 2010.
Motion to approve Consent Calendar. (Carter / Spikes)
Motion 10-10-01. Aye - 5, nay – 0, abstain – 3. Motion carries..

Old Business

none

New Business

Santa Train 2010

Discussion about who will handle planning and actions.
David Epling will seek donations / fundraising from the city.
Steve Habeck will handle decorating.
Two Saturdays (Dec. 4 and 11) and charging admission of \$5 per car.
City will be holding a Fall Festival (first annual) next weekend and we will be running caboose trains on Saturday.

Portola Railroad Days 2011

Review of costs and involvement.
Discussion of what costs were incurred in volunteer hours, switching charges, parking lot usage, etc.
Concerns that offered donation from train for next year will not cover volunteer time and expenses of the FRRS.
Request to have written agreements next year with RR Days Committee and Trains & Travel.
Request for written schedule of planned RR Days events for volunteers at museum to use to provide information.

Good of the Order

President's Report

- Written report provided.
- Timber Heritage will have an outside firm scrap remaining SP sub starting Tuesday 10 / 5. THS crews will clean up scrap area.
- Painting of Edenwold roof has lowered power costs about 15%. Diesel Shop is getting CFL lights installed, lowering power costs farther.
- Greg Elems has suggested idea for a fundraiser to paint WP 917-D. He has supplied 4 drawings showing each paint scheme the engine wore. Lithographs would be made, framed and matted. 100 made and signed. Donors would donate \$1 and receive 1 vote as to which paint scheme. Goal is \$25,000. Gail McClure has offered to assist with this. Goal is to kick-off after year end fundraiser and run for several months.
- Trying to get red paint for CCT 24, MP and WP 483 cabooses.
- First Friday in December – HazMat Plumas County Emergency Services training at museum, sponsored by Dave Buccolo and Central California Traction Company.

Museum Manager's Report

- Written report provided.
- Estimated about 50% of people who had been waiting for 917 to return have done their RAL sessions.
- Went to Nevada County Narrow Gauge Museum to pick up donated ads and photos.
- Suggested we look at a Buy A Tie program.

Financial Reports

- Review of financial reports and current status.
- Gift Shop is doing better than last year, but has not met projected budget.
- We received \$20,154 donation check from Trains and Travel for FRE train.
- Endowment will provide \$9,565 at end of year.
- Discussion of projected expenses and income through year end.

Director's Reports

Vicknair – Report on Feather River Express train gift shop. Sales over \$3000 plus donations.

Holmes – Entire Kent Stephens collection has been moved with help from John Walker and Wayne Monger. Collection is now being sorted. Bill for rental submitted of about \$432.

Department Reports

Publications – Train Sheet – Need materials, articles and photos. McClure working on article on WP MW37 repairs and loading of SP subs. Holmes writing account of Kent Stephens collection.

Track – November 13-14 is track work weekend. Going to extend RIP 4 to meet the ramp track, adding about 8 car lengths. Next project will be parking lot track.

Historical – Another Headlight is nearly done. Work going on for some quick articles for next issues. No information yet on 2011 joint convention. Will be in June or July.

Committee Reports

Business Practices – written report provided. Some advertising already out showing free admission that will be out in early 2011. James Mason, Gail McClure and Eugene Vicknair are working on year end fundraiser. Plumas County looking at \$50,000 for advertising itself. Suggestion to seek some of that money for our advertising.

Legal Counsel Report

none

Status of Surplus Property Report

Report on interest in surplus locomotives for sale

Safety Report

none

Public Comments

none

Notices

none

Closed Session

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 6:02 PM and reconvened to open session at 6:51 PM. Director Vicknair reported the following:

“The Board heard a report on a legal issue, FRRS v. Kasten / ITAC. No action taken.

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The Board heard a report on a personnel issue, Employment Structure. Concensus direction given. No action taken.”

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at: 6:52 PM
Next meeting: Saturday, November 6, 2010 – 1:00 PM
Location: Holiday Inn Express Conference Room
Lodi, California

Respectfully Submitted,
Eugene Vicknair
Secretary, FRRS