

Feather River Rail Society
Board of Directors Meeting – February 12, 2010 – 1:00 PM
Holiday Inn Express Conference Room – Lodi, California

President Rod McClure called the meeting to order at 1:10 PM.

The following Directors were present

Frank Brehm (ph)
Tom Carter

Steve Habeck
Eugene Vicknair

Norm Holmes (ph)
Charlie Spikes (ph)

Rod McClure
Wayne Monger

Attendance

David Epling – Museum Manager
John Buberniak – CMO
Jame Mason – Treasurer
Debra Baer

Russ Johnson – Elections Chair
Alicia LaBreque
Ed Wagner
Tim Carter

Correspondance

- Thom Anderson has announced his resignation from the WPRRHS administration after the 2011 Convention.

Consent Calendar

1. Minutes – Minutes of the General Meeting from November - December 2010 and January 2011.
Motion to approve Consent Calendar. (Vicknair / Habeck)
Motion 11-02-01. Aye - 8, nay – 0, abstain – 0. Motion carries..

Old Business

National Train Show 2011

David Epling presented costs to attend the show, which is part of the NMRA National Convention. Price for booth: \$395 for 10' X 10', \$775 for 10' X 20'. Discussion concerning cost v. benefit. NMRA will be sending up two busses of visitors for RALs. Epling to cover museum, staff booths with volunteers. Motion to approve signing up 2 tables and participate at show. (McClure / Habeck)
Motion 11 – 02 – 02. Aye – 7, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

New Business

Museum Signage

Eugene Vicknair presented a budget and plan for the creation of equipment and informational signage. Motion to approve report and authorize sign creation. (Carter / Monger)
Motion 11 – 02 – 03. Aye – 7, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

Budget Revision

Eugene Vicknair and James Mason presented a report to revise the 2011 Budget and review Budget in June / July timeframe. Discussion if \$15,000 proposed for Gift Shop is enough. Budget would be reviewed in June and submitted for revision. Question about new Gift Shop / Museum Store door budget which is under Facilities line item. David Epling to do inventory in June to aid in budget discussions. Motion to approve report and actions, budget to be reviewed for revision in June 2011. (McClure / Vicknair)

Motion 11 – 02 – 04. Aye – 7, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

Admission Revision

Eugene Vicknair presented a report to covering clarifications to the Admission Policy.

Motion to approve report and revisions. (Vicknair / Carter)

Motion 11 – 02 – 05. Aye – 7, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

Collections Management Committee

Chris Allan presented a report to restructure and rename the Acquisition / DeAcquisition Committee.

Wayne Monger pointed out that we need to move the three items from Holmes property.

Discussion about having Scott Franklin moves these in July when flatcars move.

Motion to approve report and restructure A&D Committee to new Collections Management Committee.

(Vicknair / McClure)

Motion 11 – 02 – 06. Aye – 7, Nay – 1, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

Honorary Life Member Approval

Rod McClure requested approval to give Steve Lee an honorary life membership in thanks for his service to the Society.

Motion to grant Honorary Family Life Membership to Steve Lee. (Brehm / Carter)

Motion 11 – 02 – 07. Aye – 8, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

G I Wheels Weekend

Tom Carter proposed a concept to overlay a theme on Railfan Day to highlight the military use of railroads and service of the WP to US service. Event would have reenactors, military equipment and participation by military and ex-military personnel. Proposed dates are September 18-19, 2011.

Proposes that proceeds from the event go to restoration of Charles O. Sweetwood.

Reenactors would provide jeep and half-track rides and donate proceeds to museum. Would try to get Army participation, including request to send gen-set.

That weekend is Reno Air Races. We are typically busy that weekend due to Air Races.

Motion to approve G I Wheels Weekend concept. (Habeck / Monger)

Motion 11 – 02 – 08. Aye – 8, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

Good of the Order

President's Report

- McClure and Cody Wilson started all rubber tire equipment, all but truck crane started easy.
- Someone destroyed cables for the white forklift and cost us \$600 for new cables.
- Year-End Fundraiser is still bringing in donations. Pin order has been delayed, delaying thank you letters.
- Insurance has gone down slightly and has been renewed for next year.

Museum Manager's Report

- Grossed \$5055 at last Sacramento show. Still chasing \$700 in credit card orders. Looking at ability to take credit cards over a smartphone at shows.
- We now take Discover card in the gift shop.
- Duane Vanderveen has redone women's restroom and has been insulating the gift shop. He is using materials on hand.
- New gift shop entrance door is being installed.
- Coming weekend is Eastern Plumas County winterfest. We will be running trains and having gift shop in SN 1642 caboose.

Financial Reports

- Question at last Board Meeting about special rates for non-profit. Contacted state PUC and found out that we are not entitled to special rates or no taxes.

- This year's December power bill was just over \$500 vs. over \$1000 in years past. CFL bulbs and better control on power use credited.
- Reviewed balance sheet and covered how the assets are listed in the inventory.
- Total deficit was \$29,000 for 2010. This was less than expected and there was a lot of cost control that is credited for this. Considering economy, this is a positive.
- So far we are doing well for this year. End of the year fundraiser is benefiting us greatly, has brought in estimated near \$20,000.
- Motion 11 – 02 – 09 (McClure / Habeck). To delete restricted fund 40416 – DRGW boxcar and transfer negative balance in 40422 – Steam Fund. Aye – 8, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

Director's Reports

Holmes – Got backhoe greased. Applied for grant to print brochures but we did not get grant.

Event Reports

Portola Railroad Days

- Debra Baer attended CalFest event in San Diego and attended some conferences on advertising, social networking, etc. Provided report on what she learned and minutes of RR Days meetings.
- She is working on Spike Driving contest and provided information on how she wants to handle it this year. This will be the signature event of RR Days. She is also talking about presenting to US Bank about sponsorship.
- Discussed coordination with museum on RR Days and ideas for improving the event. Will be speaking to vendors at Winterail and encouraging them to attend.
- We need more railroadians vendors at museum. Debra offered to encourage this. Will be speaking to Brad Lomazzi to coordinate vendors.

Department Reports

Committee Reports

none

Legal Counsel Report

none

Status of Surplus Property Report

none

Safety Report

none

Public Comments

Wagner – will be bringing check to next crew training for renewal of iVolunteer software. Software is being well used now.

Vicknair – Amtrak is offering 2 baggage carts for donation. Carter to follow up.

Notices

none

Closed Session

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 3:30 PM and reconvened to open session at 4:08 PM. Director Vicknair reported the following out of both closed sessions:

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The Board heard a report on a Business Issue – Off-Site Event. Consensus direction given, no action taken.

The Board heard a report on a Personnel Issue - Manager Contract. Motion 11 – 02 – 10 (Vicknair / McClure), to renew Museum Manager contract on an automatic 30 day basis until replaced by coming hourly wage structure. Aye – 7, Nay – 0, Abstain – 1. Motion carries."

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at: 4:10 PM
Next meeting: Saturday, March 5, 2011 – 1:00 PM
Location: WPRM Meeting Room
Portola, California

Respectfully Submitted,
Eugene Vicknair
Secretary, FRRS