

Feather River Rail Society
Board of Directors Meeting – February 11, 2012 – 1:00 PM
Orchid Suites Conference Room – Roseville, California

President Rod McClure called the meeting to order at 1:14 PM.

The following Directors were present

Frank Brehm	Kerry Cochran	Steve Habeck	
Eugene Vicknair	Wayne Monger	Tom Carter	Rod McClure

Attendance

James Mason – Treasurer
David Epling
Vicki Epling
Gail McClure
Tom Carter
Alicia LaBreque
Hank Stiles
Debra Baer
Russ Johnson – Election Chair

Correspondance

none

Consent Calendar

Approve minutes of the January 2012 BOD Meeting
Tabled to March 2012

Old Business

Recommendations of Collection Committee

- Written report provided.
- Discussion about definition of collections.
- Agreement that these are candidates for deaccession from permanent.
- Tabled to March to correct list and take final action.

Equipment Sponsorship Program

- Written report provided.
- Statement that there will be no “NASCAR” style branding on equipment.
- Question about tax implications and possibility of issues with taxes. Appears that tax issues are not a problem, but we will verify.
- Concerns about creating restricted funds. We currently accept restricted donations, this would be no different.
- Discussion about logistics issues.
- Recommendation to approve as a concept and move forward.
- Concensus direction given to move forward and approach person recommended by Chris Allan.

New Business

Caboose Train Schedule

- Written report provided.
- Revised schedule presented.
- Concensus that it looks good and that we proceed with plan.

New Account Signatures

- Request to approve Steve Habeck, Rod McClure, Susan Scarlett and Eugene Vicknair as signers on the new BofA internet account used for online transactions.

Motion 12-02-01

Approve Steve Habeck, Rod McClure, Susan Scarlett and Eugene Vicknair as signers on the new BofA internet account.

Vicknair / McClure. Aye – 6, Nay – 0, Abstain – 1. Motion carries.

Fundraising Program

- Written report provided.
- Suggestion to consider a fundraising program similar to one just implemented by Orange Empire.
- In first year, this program raised over \$130,000 for 2011 and \$130,000 pledged for 2012.
- Donors get invitation to special deals / events.
- Could use Roger Stabler's car for a program like this, if he agrees.
- Discussion about what benefits to offer, costs for the program. Need to gather more cost information. What could we offer that is similar.
- OERM established a minimum number to cover trips.
- Suggestion that we could piggy-back with AAPRCO trips in 2013 in Napa Valley.
- Concensus to gather more information and report back in May after OERM runs their first trip.
- Return to Board with full business plan.

Insurance Issues

- We have liability on cyber issues and web operations.
- Concensus direction to pursue costs / policy to cover this area.
- Hospital land has been requested to be added to our current policy. In process.
- Recommendation to add a policy to cover donated house for \$663 / year.

Motion 12-02-02

Motion to approve payment for insurance cost not to exceed \$700 per year. Line item 67170 – Administrative Support – Insurance.

Cochran / Vicknair. Aye – 6, Nay – 0, Abstain – 1. Motion carries.

Good of the Order

Request from Folsom – El Dorado Rail Historical Society

- Request to reconsider decision of the Board to not loan / rent equipment.
- Would like to rent / lease wheel lathe for locomotives at Folsom.
- At last meeting, Board decided that we would stop loaning / renting equipment due to loss and damage.
- F-EID is trying to get Placerville Branch going. They are having to work with numerous agencies to get 5 year license to operate. One agency has not agreed and wants to tear out railroad for trail. Group is trying to get equipment ready for operation. They have Howard Terminal 8, 45 ton Whitcomb. Have done repairs and they need to true wheels. Want to repair locomotive in order to show a presence on the branch.
- Suggestion that Matt Monson has similar unit that he can transport.
- Discussion about concerns relating to damage that has happened to equipment in the past.
- Offer to do a deal with performance / equipment bond to protect equipment.
- Would like to have heavy equipment ready by summer.
- Review of decision from last meeting.
- Concensus direction requested. Concensus direction to uphold the decision at this time. F-EID is free to present a full business proposal for review.

- Suggestions that we would need a bond securing value 3X, insurance, transportation handling, hold harmless, per day cost.
- Suggestion that an FRRS member could go with equipment to operate for F-EID.

President's Report

- Written report provided.
- January 2015 Rail Passenger Car Alliance Conference will be at Reno, Atlantis Resort with Gold Hill group as host. We have been asked to participate. Would like access to the museum for events / visit. Would like to have private cars brought to Portola for storage during the event. We would have vendor booth at RPCA event.
- There are stepped up inspections being made of the museum to ensure security.
- Cost of light plant for Santa Train was only for 2 days and non use days was donated. Also no charge for fuel.
- Fernley historic group is ending its operation. They have offered some of their equipment to us. There may be some small items we want including switch stands. Concensus of the Board to pursue movement of small artifacts.

Financial Reports

- Written report and financials provided.

Director's Reports

- *Carter* – working on website and selling surplus donated model equipment on eBay.
- *Habeck* – had box with Hotbox's ashes in it.

Event Reports

- *PLA Visit* – March 7, 10 AM, PLA group is coming, probably 50 people. Will be doing RALs.
- *Portola Railroad Days 2012* – Debbie Baer reported to Board. City is pulling back support and members are feeling burn out. Questions about intent of event: does it celebrate history or support merchants. Recommendations made that they create a formal structure and define their mission. Event may downsize to 1 day. Want museum to participate with museum activities. Suggestion to focus more on living history of the railroads.

Department Reports

- *Archives* – Contract was signed on January 28 for WP Corporate Archive - Meeker Collections. Collection was picked up this morning at 9 AM. Will be transported to new storage facility tomorrow. Inventory is only about 70% done and is available to the Society right now. Monger is still working on completing inventory, will take about 1-2 months to finish. All was nicely packaged and organized for transport. Policy is in progress to control access and use of collections. Suggestion that we need to look at insurance coverage for archives.

Committee Reports

- *Election* – written report provided. Request that Debra Baer, Kirk Baer and Jullianna Baer act as election tellers. Count will be June 2.

Legal Counsel Report

none

Status of Surplus Property Report

none

Safety Report

none

Public Comments

none

Notices

none

Closed Session

“No new information for Closed Session item – FRRS v. Kasten / ITAC.”

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at: 3:38 PM
Next meeting: Saturday, March 3, 2012 – 1:00 PM
Location: WPRM Meeting Room
Portola, California

Respectfully Submitted,
Eugene Vicknair
Secretary, FRRS