

Feather River Rail Society
Board of Directors Meeting – May 12, 2012 – 4:00 PM
WPRM Meeting Room – Portola, California

President Rod McClure called the meeting to order at 4:04 PM.

The following Directors were present

Kerry Cochran	Norm Holmes	Tom Carter	Steve Habeck (4:10 PM)
Eugene Vicknair	Wayne Monger	Rod McClure	

Attendance

Matt Shuman
Ron Huey
James Mason – Treasurer
David Epling
Alicia LaBreque
Russ Johnson – Election chair
Gail McClure
Jack Bridge – Graeagle Plumas Alliance
Jeannie Graham
Debbie Reynolds
Ed Powell

Consent Calendar

Approve minutes of the March and April 2012 BOD Meeting
Motion 12-05-01
Approve consent calendar.
Vicknair / Carter. Aye – 6, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

Old Business

Equipment Sponsorship Mailing

- Written report provided.
- Discussion of mailer to promote Equipment Sponsorship Program
- Concensus to postpone mailer and have sample brochures for Membership Meeting
- Director Vicknair to create brochure

Dunsmuir Railroad Days 2012

- As of 5/11, we have all approvals done with UP. Working with special trains department on schedule.
- We will have Centennial and UP 1996 heritage engine for train.
- There will be a breakfast and dinner in Silver Plate. Use contract is done and will go to legal review.
- So far, all planning is going good.
- Trying to get motor car operations under event insurance.
- Advertising is going wide. Poster for event was shown.
- Suggestion to talk to local media and get some publicity.

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President's Report

- Written report provided.

- *Museum Store* – Store is up and running, however we are still sorting out issues with the POS entries. Inventory is done and is being reconciled.
- *Finances* – We are keeping costs down as tight as we can, therefore crew lunches have been discontinued. Options for increasing revenue are under review.
- *Locomotive Work* – Batteries serviced. SP TR6A 1100 and SP GP9 2873 are running. Dave McClain will be doing work on SP 2873.
- *WP 428 Caboose* – Elems boys are continuing work to replace rotten floor.
- *4th Street House* – Waiting on final paperwork. Interest in purchase but no firm offers at this point.
- *Equipment on Holmes Property* – Equipment to be moved by September.
- *Silver Debris* – Arranged donation of couch and big screen TV for the Silver Debris car.
- *Big Red Flat car* – Roger Stabler brought tiedown chains back from CSRM.
- *Edenwold* – Volunteers must clean up their spaces in the Edenwold. If messes are left and the use of the car is abused, those persons will be identified and not allowed to use the car. We are wasting too much time and money cleaning up after other people.
- Thank you to Rick Gruninger for all the work he is doing coordinating RAL reservations and operations, and for getting the Edenwold cleaned.
- Thank you to Bob Sims for all his work and support of the Silver Debris project and the DRGW boxcar.
- Thank you to Charlie Spikes and Duane Vanderveen for getting the shower car up and running.
- If you cook food on the property, you must clean up after yourself.

Financial Reports

- Reports and financials provided.
- \$10,000 check received from Cascade Rail Foundation for Milwaukee U25B 5057.
- Money is now coming in from Museum Store.
- New and renewal memberships are running a bit down from same time last year.
- WP Hospital clean-up cost is now taken care of and complete.
- Board of Trustees for Endowment had first meeting two weeks ago. Steve Lee, Ed Wagner, Debbie Baer and Gail McClure were in attendance along with Treasurer Mason. Talked about long-term fundraising issues, planned giving, etc. Also reviewed RAL costs and asset security. Discussed ideas on how to safeguard and grow assets. Next Trustee Meeting will be September – October.
- Discussion about question that came from Trustee Meeting concerning depreciation / value assigned in to historic equipment.
- Our income for this year so far is ahead of same point last year, and expenses are down.
- 2011 Annual Report. Waiting on amended 2011 Form 990 before 2011 Report completed.
- Thank you to Kerry Cochran for increasing his employer match donation level.
- Looked into Community Block Grants from Bank of America. Program has been reworked and does not look like it will be available to us.

Director's Reports

- *Vicknair* – Gave report on Silver Debris work progress
- *Monger* – Gave report on recent historic / archive works
- *Holmes* – Received donation of a steam whistle from WP MW27 derrick

Event Reports

- *Portola Railroad Days 2012* – Meeting was held with people in community to discuss future of Portola RR Days. A citizens committee has come forward to take over event. They will have first meeting shortly and we are waiting on information on their intent. If they take over, our involvement will be limited to usual events on the museum property. We may want to consider having our own event at the beginning of the season.
- *Membership Meeting 2012* – Rick Gruninger and Bill Parker asked to organize member dinner.

Department Reports

- *Operations* – training – First crew training was three weeks ago. Had about 18 last weekend. Had 7 today. Numbers are down from last year.
- *Historic / Archives* – report on archives work by Director Monger.

- *Museum Store* – Need to start stocking for season open and Dunsmuir. Consensus direction given for a limit of \$6000 for stocking store.

Committee Reports

- *Election* – appoint election tellers – Debbie Baer, Curt McBride and Julianna Marks

Legal / Insurance Report

none

Status of Surplus Property Report

- *SP SD9 4450 and SP SD9 4404* – Possible buyer for 4450. UP declared SD9s are not legal for interchange due to non-alignment control couplers. Possible 4450 buyer asked for quote on coupler change, quote requests are out.
- *MILW U25B 5057* – Check and contract received from Cascade Rail Foundation.

Safety Report

none

Public Comments

- *Graeagle Plumas Alliance* – Jack Bridge spoke. GPA is non-profit marketing group formed about 3-1/2 years ago. Idea is to market Eastern Plumas County. www.GraeaglePlumas.com. Everyone in the area is struggling. Have museum on the website, but it is not a live link. Do some package deals with golf resorts. Want to make tours, have itinerary events. GPA is membership based organization. We will be talking to them about cooperation and package deals. Could market Silver Plate and Party Caboose through GPA.

Notices

- June 2, 5:30 PM – Membership Dinner and Annual Meeting

Closed Session – 5:35 PM to 5:53 PM

- *Legal Item* – FRRS v. Kasten / ITAC
- *Business Item* – 2012 Election

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

The Board heard a report on a business issue – 2012 Election. Consensus direction given.

Motion 12-05-02

That the 2012 Election Mailing be invalidated due to a procedural error and a new mailing be performed.

Vicknair / Carter. Aye – 7, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at: 5:54 PM
Next meeting: Saturday, June 2, 2012 – 1:00 PM
Location: WPRM Meeting Room
Portola, California

Respectfully Submitted,
Eugene Vicknair
Secretary, FRRS