

**Feather River Rail Society
Board of Directors Meeting – October 14, 2017 – 11:00 AM
WPRM Meeting Room – Portola, CA**

President Steve Habeck called the meeting to order at 11:12 PM

Attendance

The following Directors were present:

Steve Habeck
Charlie Spikes
Kerry Cochran
Greg Elems
Matt Elems
Roger Stabler
Eugene Vicknair

The following Directors were absent:

Rick Gruninger
Leisa Wesch

7 directors present, 2 directors absent – Quorum achieved.

Guests present:

Paul Finnegan, Webmaster
David Elems, Assistant CMO, Safety Officer
Bart Hansen, Treasurer
Fred Ellenbaas

NOTICE: A written resignation has been received from Director Rick Gruninger and a verbal notice of an impending written resignation from Leisa Wesch (received after the meeting) have been given. Resignations due to a personal situation.

The Board expresses its gratitude and thanks to Rick and Leisa for their service and commitment to the FRRS.

Correspondence

- *Letter from Willow Glen (San Jose) Trestle Group* – Judge ruled that 2014 submission by city of San Jose brings historic status of trestle into question and later evidence as to its status does not count. California State has ruled trestle is historic. Group still working to save trestle.
- *Habeck* – Received email from manager of Chester mill about moving plow. Habeck will follow up. They are still interested in us saving it. Cost would be \$10k.
- *Habeck* – Arizona railroad museums were insisting on moving beet gons by rail. This has turned into a difficult situation with UP. UP sales and marketing has new interchange procedure that we do not fit. Proving to be difficult to work around. May need to renegotiate interchange agreement, which would take several weeks. Now probably move the gons in spring.

Consent Calendar

Approval of the minutes of the September 2017 BOD Meeting

Motion 10-17-01

Approve the minutes of the September 2017 BOD Meeting as presented.

Cochran/Spikes. Ayes – 6, Nay – 0, Abstain – 1. Motion carries.

Old Business:

OB1 – Collections Committee Report (Allan / Vicknair)

Review report of the collections committee and discuss next steps.

- Written report provided
- Ruling of committee is to deaccession WPMW flatcars and WP Oroville Turntable.

Motion 10-17-02

Accept the report of the committee.

Cochran/Stabler. Ayes – 6, Nay – 0, Abstain – 1. Motion carries.

- Greg Elems expressed that he does not feel we should deaccess the turntable.
- Roger Stabler stated that we could build a smaller turntable.
- Eugene Vicknair stated that we have space in the Master Plan design to fit turntable and replica roundhouse and have heavily promoted the master plan to local and government interests. We are a WP museum and should preserve and display WP materials.

Motion 10-17-03

Motion to deaccess the two WP MW flatcars to the V&T in Virginia City, with any funds to be put in a fund to support WP equipment restoration. FRRS retains right of first refusal if V&T deaccesses.

Cochran/Stabler. Ayes – 6, Nay – 1, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

- Eugene Vicknair pointed out that this would remove these type of cars from our collection and did not like the idea of losing both flatcars. Asked that we add right of first refusal to the motion as he felt he would lose vote.
- Consensus to table Turntable discussion.

New Business

NB1 – 2018 Event Calendar (Vicknair)

Review and approve proposed 2018 Event Calendar.

- Proposed calendar provided.
- Discussion of Strategic Planning Meeting date and location.
- Portola Railroad Days - August 24-26, 2018

Motion 10-17-04

Motion to accept rest of calendar with changes and table February meeting location and Strategic Planning Meeting for February to November meeting for decision.

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

NB2 – Fall 2017 Fundraising Mailer (Vicknair)

Review cost and mailing of materials.

- Draft letter and budget notice provided.
- Plan is to do two mailings: fundraiser to membership and business sponsorship sign up.
- Expected budget is \$1,400 for two mailings (sponsorship and membership fundraiser)

Motion 10-17-05

Motion to accept report and budget allocation from line item – 56600 – Fundraising Expense. Cochran / G Elems. Ayes – 7, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

Good of the Order

President's Report

Covered in other areas

Financial Reports

- Reports provided
- We need to start 2018 budget. Draft budget for next meeting.
- Noted that credit card was paid off as of last bill two weeks ago.
- Bridge loan payment is about \$900 per month.

Director's Reports

- *Vicknair* – written report provided. Correction, Light plant bracket repair done by David Elems.
- *G Elems* – Now that trackwork is over for year, he is picking up Troop Sleeper mattress replacement. Need to discuss moving WP F7A 917 into shop with Steve, Bil and Kerry. Also looking at priming SN caboose. Trackwork took up tons of time.
- *Stabler* – OERM is expressing interest in the SP / PE Baldwin AS-616. No response from Hines, OR on the other AS-616. Send AS-616 O&NW 3 to the Collections Committee.

Event Reports

- *Pumpkin Patch Express* – written report provided
- *2018 Historic Convention* – written report provided
- *Graeagle Collectables Fair* – Nov. 11, 2017 - \$25 for two tables, need volunteers to work table. Discussion of how to staff. Do we pay KC and / or Jean to staff? Bart Hansen said he would donate \$25 for the tables. Consensus to not do it this year and aim for next year.

Department Reports

- *General Superintendent* – written report provided – review for discussion next meeting. Discussion about interactions with volunteers and visitors, questions about some items
- *Webmaster* – written report provided. Been doing website for 2 years now. Nature of job is changing and shifting more toward expanding and updating the website. Now providing analytics and visitor metrics.
- *Roadmaster* – written report provided. Plans for frog and switch repair project in Spring 2018.
- *Archives / Historical* – written report provided. Receiving more archives donations than we have ever seen before.
- *Advertising* – written report provided
- *CMO* – written report provided by Assistant CMO. Working on training program for rubber tire cranes. SP 1100 was running fine yesterday. Looks like it might need new gaskets. Roger Stabler offered similar torque wrench to one Mechanical was going to buy. David Elems asked to be updated more regularly on any equipment issues.

Committee Reports

- *Business Practices* – written report provided
- *Election* – appoint election committee – tabled to November

Legal / Insurance Report

None

Status of Surplus Property Report

None

Safety Report – Written report provided

- Verbal report provided as to forklift safety course being planned. Channing Walker should be available soon to help us with it. Thinking about forming safety committee.

Public Comments

- *Spikes* – Added thanks to Bil Jackson and David “Fritz” Elems for their work on the equipment. We need to get one of the other switch engines running. David mentioned that they are working on Army H-12-44 1857.

Notices

- Pumpkin Trains this weekend and next weekend.

Closed Session – requested by Director Eugene Vicknair – 12:26 PM – 12:44 PM

Personnel Item – Museum Store: consensus direction given.

Personnel Item – Volunteer Recognition: consensus direction given.

The Board heard reports on...

Business Item – Museum Donation

Legal Item – FRRS v. Kasten

Legal Item – Meeker v. FRRS

Personnel Item – Volunteer openings

No reportable action taken.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at: 12:45 PM

Next Meeting: November 11, 2017 – 1:00 PM

Location: WPRM Meeting Room – Portola, CA

Respectfully Submitted, Eugene Vicknair – FRRS Secretary