

**Feather River Rail Society  
Board of Directors Meeting – February 10, 2018 – 1:00 PM  
Private Car “Two Rivers” – Sierra Northern Shops – Woodland, CA**

President Steve Habeck called the meeting to order at 1:20 PM

**Attendance**

**The following Directors were present:**

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

6 directors present, 1 absent, 2 empty seats – Quorum achieved.

Guests present:

Janet Steeper  
Mary Habeck  
David Elems – Asst. CMO  
Paul Finnegan – webmaster  
Wayne Monger

**Correspondence**

*Habeck* – We have new liability insurance in place through a subsidiary of Zurich Insurance. Cost is \$3,000 per month for 9 months for \$10 million / \$5 million. First payment already made and insurance is in effect. UP has been sent the verification of insurance.

*Habeck* – Union Pacific sent a 20 page document that is the new proposed lease agreement. Includes the entire West Pass track, but we would not have full use of the track and UP uses portions of it and connections to it. Discussion of related issues.

*Habeck* – Received form from assessor’s office stating our annual statement of museum activity. Filled out and filed. Received email from East Sierra Chamber of Commerce. We now have membership through Steve Habeck. Got another thank you letter from EPCAN. Got formal letter turning us down for FEMA assistance. Habeck is signed up on YourCause.com as our contact. UP is now signed up on YourCause and will match donations to the FRRS. Also received letter notifying restart of PG&E matching for Kerry Cochran. Susan Scarlett received donation from Benevity. Need to find out who this is from.

*Vicknair* – Has been talking to DynaRail about proposal to come to Portola.

**Consent Calendar**

Approval of the minutes of the January 2018 BOD Meeting

Motion 01-18-01

Approve the minutes of the January 2018 BOD Meeting as presented.

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

**Old Business:**

## **OB1 – Collectibles and Equipment Event (Vicknair)**

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Discuss possible special event in June.

- Written report provided.
- Roger Stabler likes the idea of bringing people in with minimum of extra work.
- Discussion on dates.
- Suggestion of June 23-24 from Charlie Spikes.
- Consensus to proceed and look at June 23-24.

## **New Business**

### **NB1 – Gift Acceptance Policy (Cochran)**

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Review draft policy for implementation.

- Written report provided.
- Reporting of gifts needs to be upgraded and improved as part of Form 990 tax reporting.
- Proposed policy included.

Motion 02-18-02

Accept the policy for gift acceptance as presented.

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

## **Good of the Order**

### **President's Report**

- Most of recent work covered in correspondence.
- Still trying to get moved in to new house.
- SP Rotary set back together for filming by John Bartell of News 10 next Friday, Feb. 16. Crew call is 8:00 AM.

### **Financial Reports**

- Reports provided
- Discussion of branding name on Museum Store / vs. Gift Shop and use of terms in financials.
- Eugene Vicknair to notify Susan Scarlett to modify Gift Shop references.

### **Director's Reports**

- *Vicknair* – written report provided. Update on items. Suggestion to contract La Pasada and see if they want to acquire Santa Fe diner. Suggestion to contact Grand Canyon Ry.

### **Event Reports**

- *2018 Historic Convention* – written report provided. Noted that convention presenters have been accessing archives to support shows.
- *March Work Weekend* – written report provided. Discussion of additional projects.

### **Department Reports**

- *General Superintendent* – written report provided
- *Funding* – written report provided

- *Web* – written report provided. Put up memorial page for John Buberniak. Discussion of group visits and rates, follow up with group info. Suggestion to appoint Group Visit Coordinator. Suggestion to designate Ethan Doty for this.
- *Publications* – written report provided
- *Mechanical* – Still planning on spring maintenance. This coming week hoping to get some stuff done. Finally catching up on maintenance. Focusing on radiator work. WP 2001 GP20 needs brake certification and radiator repair. Still need to do some more inspection work on Fairbanks Morse US Army 1857. Has resources now for how to work on FM traction motors. Concern about thin flange on WP F7A 917. Got car jacks loaded and off to the Quincy. Found some issues with the telehandler. Working on getting the large forklift available. Bil Jackson and Ethan Doty fixed the outrigger rams on the backhoe.

### **Committee Reports**

- *Election* – written report provided. Election committee has third member in Debbie Lentz.

### **Legal / Insurance Report**

- As noted before we have active liability insurance at higher rate requested by UP.
- Received notice from Rick Gruninger that insurance on collections needs renewal in May 2018. Kerry Cochran will inform rick that we are just renewing the insurance.
- Next month Kerry Cochran will be bringing up issue of instigating background check system for volunteers. Steve Habeck noted that insurance asked us this question. Unfortunately, this is becoming a necessity for non-profits.

### **Status of Surplus Property Report**

*none*

### **Safety Report**

- Continuing to formulate safety committee. Roger Stabler agreed to be on committee. Kerry Cochran waiting to hear from one more person to fill Safety Committee roster.
- Would like to get forklift training done this year. David Elems has guy at his technical school who is certified and willing to do training. Suggestion for doing training on Sunday May 6.
- David Elems working on flammables cabinets and wanting to get those done. Also working on MSDS binder. Suggestion to have MSDS online as well.

### **Public Comments**

- *Wayne Monger* – Attending as director of Cascade Rail Foundation. Pilot plate for WP SW1 501 needs to be returned to the FRRS. Western Rail has pushed up their work session on MILW U25B 5057 and Cascade Rail need to coordinate returning WP 501 pilot plate and pick up GE 752 motor sold with MILW 5057. Mechanical department will locate motor and inform Cascade Rail. Loaned brake shoes and valves came back previously. Brake beam also needs to come back to FRRS. Expressed disappointment that FR&W Whitcomb was sold as that is our origin. Steve Habeck noted that loco will be restored and it is a win-win situation. Monger commented on his archives work with Bay Area Electric on their archives and how many hours he puts in. Noted they have WP station files, Art Lloyd's photo collection, and how many people who work on the archives at Bay Area Electric. Commented on discussions they are having with CSRM on their archives. Noted Bay Area Electric has about 30%, CSRM 30% and FRRS has about 25% of WP corporate archives, rest is privately held. Steve Habeck noted progress we are making, work on MoP baggage car as archives facility and progress by Kerry Cochran and Frank Brehm on FRRS archives. Eugene Vicknair has already been discussing cooperation with CSRM archives. Wayne continued discussion of how much Bay Area Electric has cataloged.

- *David Elems* – Thank you to Roger for hosting the meeting on his private car.
- *Charlie Spikes* – Thanked Roger for opening car for meeting. Wanted to thank Bil and Fritz for the jack loading. Noted that Greg and Charlie had talk about how nice it was to have that loadhandler and suggested giving an O gauge model loco as thanks for that.

### **Notices**

- Passing of member John V. Buberniak. Noted that a page is on the website.

**Closed Session** – requested by Director Vicknair and President Habeck – 3:25 PM – 3:50 PM

The Board heard a report on a Business Item – Land Acquisition. Consensus direction given, no reportable action taken.

The Board heard a report on a Legal Item – Legal Waiver. Consensus direction given. President Habeck to sign legal waiver requested by counsel.

Discussion of conflict in date with Winterail and next Board Meeting. Consensus to move meeting to March 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM.

(NOTE: It was later determined that Winterail is being held March 17 and change is not needed)

### **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at: 4:02 PM

Next Meeting: March 10, 2018 – 1:00 PM

Location: WPRM meeting room – Portola, CA

Respectfully Submitted, Eugene Vicknair – FRRS Secretary