

**Feather River Rail Society  
Board of Directors Meeting – May 12, 2018 – 1:00 PM  
WPRM Meeting Room – Portola, CA**

President Steve Habeck called the meeting to order at 1:10 PM

**Attendance**

**The following Directors were present:**

Charlie Spikes – phone  
Kerry Cochran  
Greg Elems  
Steve Habeck  
Eugene Vicknair

5 directors present, 2 absent, 2 empty seats – Quorum achieved.

Guests present:

Ann Morningstar – Election Chair  
Janet Steeper  
David Dodds  
Serena Dodds  
Bob Sims  
Ed Wagner  
David Elems – Asst. CMO

**Correspondence**

*David Elems* – contacted Sunday by Chris Dailey at Quincy RR, looking for company to do wheel changeout on their engine, looking for recommendations. Going to connect them with Western Rail.

*Steve Habeck* – Been in contact with Arizona RR Museum, still working on moving beet gons, probably moving in June or July and am looking for trucker. Also been talking with Todd Havens of Western Rail about UP GP30 849 move.

Discussion about display items for Portola RR Days.

**Consent Calendar**

Approval of the minutes of the April 2018 BOD Meeting

Motion 05-18-01

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

Vicknair / Cochran. Aye – 5, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

**Old Business:**

**OB1 - Policy – Volunteer Background Screening (Cochran)**

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Discuss revisions and new information on proposed new volunteer policy.

- Written report and info material provided.
- All materials for proposed policy has been reviewed by legal.
- Insurance company is starting to ask if we are doing such checks.

- Ann Morningstar shared personal experience of being on a non-profit Board and group did not do checks, ended up with sex offender on staff and lost several grants because of this.
- Talk that we may not be able to renew insurances soon if we do not institute this.
- Necessary, especially due to the number of students, scouts and children we have at the museum.
- Cost per person will be \$19 for complete check.
- Ed Wagner asked if there will be a designated person to check reports. Answer: reports will be confidential material, someone will be designated as the contact and handling person. Three people will be designated on FRRS side to handle resulting confidential reports. Any issue found will be treated on a case by case basis.
- This policy is just for volunteers. Employees need to be handled differently.

Motion 05-18-02

Approve the Volunteer Background Screening Policy as presented.

G. Elems / Spikes. Aye – 5, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

- Kerry Cochran requested authorization to continue set up of the account with background screening company.
- Consensus direction given for Kerry to proceed with set up.
- Primary person will be Kerry Cochran.
- Thought is that we will need to do a mailing or Train Sheet insert to the membership.

## **New Business**

### **NB1 – Patrick Ranch Event in Chico (Vicknair)**

Discuss possible participation in event on Saturday, June 9 in Chico.

- Written info provided.
- Discussion of just having a display table with RAL and membership info.
- Provide discount RAL certificates and memberships.
- Give out discount admission coupons. Eugene Vicknair to print those.
- Ann Morningstar and Matt Shuman will volunteer for this event.

### **NB2 – Mohawk Valley Independence Day Event (Vicknair)**

Discuss possible participation in event on Sunday, July 1 in Graeagle.

- Written info provided.
- Suggestion we develop a prep set for info table shows. Put together a “go box”.
- Do same set up as Patrick Ranch.
- Look for 2 volunteers to work the event.
- Also offer discount admission.

## **Good of the Order**

### **President’s Report**

- Written report provided
- Discussion of possible contract with Amerigas. Appears they can beat current rate we are paying.
- Discussion about buying engine oil for RAL engines.

## Financial Reports

- Reports provided
- Discount RAL offer got a lot of attention and we booked several thousand dollars in RALs.
- Discussion about refining some of the reports.

## Director's Reports

none

## Event Reports

- *2018 Historic Convention* – written report provided. Lots of positive comments and very impressed attendees. Felt “comfy” and not rushed, but full of info. We are looking to stock Rio Grande group’s “Prospector” magazine.
- *2019 WP – PCR Convention* – written report provided. Discussion of event.
- *Light the Fire WP 165 Fundraiser* – written report provided. Set up nearly complete.
- *May Work Weekend* – written report provided. Eugene Vicknair donated a bunch of portable cooking appliances for use by the Society.
- *2018 Members Dinner* – written report provided. Janet Steeper will take lead. Suggestion to do potluck. Will contact members for RSVP and potluck volunteers.

Charlie Spikes had to take break from meeting – 2:03 PM

## Department Reports

- *Webmaster* – written report provided. Discussion about audio tour.
- *Historical / Archives* – written report provided. Micheal Garritta asked on behalf of Jan Breitweiser for pictures of WP 259 steam locomotive for mural painter. Eugene Vicknair and Frank Brehm sent photos for use. Janet Steeper is familiar with Past Perfect software. Will talk with Kerry Cochran.
- *General Superintendent* – written report provided. Bil Jackson has resigned as CMO. He has indicated that he will continue to work in department.
- *Mechanical* – need oil for RAL engines, about 3 barrels. David Elems is now back from school break. UP GP30 849 is being coordinated with Western Rail. Hoping to get that work done this month. Will need to use the derrick. Roger Stabler to run derrick. David to look at SP TR6A 1100 due to fuel issues.

## Committee Reports

- *Election* – written report provided – Appoint Election Tellers – 231 ballots received to date. Committee asked if Board is going to send observers. Suggestion to ask Patty Clawson, Ethan and Ali, Robert Meacher. Matt Shuman and girlfriend Debbie will do tellers. Ask Patty Clawson to be third teller.

## Legal / Insurance Report

- Still waiting for UP to provide written acceptance of new insurance.

Charlie returned at 2:25 PM

## Status of Surplus Property Report

- Questions about Plymouth and UP GP30 849 status. Plymouth will be departing soon and still planned for restoration to operation and painted in US Army Transportation Corp paint.

## Safety Report

- Need to have meeting of safety committee.

### **Public Comments**

- *Ann Morningstar* – retiring next Thursday from Shasta College. College welding club may want to come up and do welding for museum. Discussion about certifications needed.
- *Eugene Vicknair* – Robert Meacher has resigned as Portola City Manager.
- *Charlie Spikes* – Thanks to Roger and Bob for paying for tickets to the dinner for 165 volunteers.
- *Bob Sims* – Donating three items to Society and Maritime Museum: hard wood box for holding silverware from WP heavyweight diner 504, cast iron equipment trust plate for WP freight car. Bob also found engineer's license for WP worker who served on Hercules and Jeffrey ferry. Going to Maritime Museum.

### **Notices**

- "Light the Fire" fundraiser on May 12
- Work Session will be May 19-20
- Membership Dinner and Annual Meeting on June 2

**Closed Session** – requested by Director Vicknair and President Habeck – 2:41 PM – 3:18 PM

- Business Issue – 2019 Convention Event
- Legal Issue – Meeker vs. FRRS and Vicknair

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### **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at: 3:21 PM  
Next Meeting: June 2, 2018 – 1:00 PM  
Location: WPRM Meeting Room – Portola, CA

Respectfully Submitted, Eugene Vicknair – FRRS Secretary