

**Feather River Rail Society  
Board of Directors Meeting – February 9, 2019 – 1:00 PM  
“Two Rivers” Railcar – Woodland, CA**

President Steve Habeck called the meeting to order at 1:03 PM

**Attendance**

**The following Directors were present:**

Steve Habeck

Roger Stabler

Charlie Spikes - phone

Janet Steeper - phone

Kerry Cochran

Greg Elems

Matt Elems - phone

Bob Sims - phone

Eugene Vicknair

9 directors present – Quorum achieved.

**Guests present:**

Paul Finnegan – webmaster, Train Sheet co-editor

Eric McKay

David Elems – Asst. CMO

Richard Voliva - Solar Management

Richard Oconell – Solar Management

**Correspondence**

*Vicknair* – more 4 and 5 star reviews in the month plus since Santa Train.

**Consent Calendar**

Approval of the minutes of the January 2019 BOD Meeting and February 2, 2019 Special Meeting.

Motion 02-19-02

Approve the minutes of the January 2019 BOD Meeting and February 2, 2019 Special Meeting as presented.

Vicknair / Spikes. Aye – 9, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

**Old Business** - none

**New Business** - none

**Good of the Order**

**President's Report**

- Written report provided.
- Company that is rebuilding Senior Apartments in Portola this year asked to store some equipment / containers on the museum property on hospital property. Will be working on this for next 18-24 months. Steve thinks the company may be open to paying for use or doing us some favors. Roger Stabler mentioned that car storage is about \$1 per foot per month.
- Discussion with Christina (KC) about restocking for season and convention. Sold out of CZ mystery books. Noted that writer of these books did a lot of research into the CZ history and they are very accurate. Eugene Vicknair has reached out to author about signing books at convention. KC reaching out about restocking in time for convention.

- Question about status of inventory. KC and Taj are working on it. Got quite a bit done before the recent storms.
- Noted restrooms LP tank getting low.

### Financial Reports

- Financial reports provided.
- Bart Hansen working on updated budget.
- Bob Sims had question about borrowing among accounts. Eugene Vicknair to get tracking number for accounts.
- Noted Endowment is down due to losses in the stock market.

### Director's Reports

- *Vicknair* – written report provided. PFE 55069, grants, promotion, fundraising.
  - Updated cooperation agreement received from CTRC.
  - Update on PFE 55069. Housemover workers are willing to donate their time which lowers cost by about \$6,000.
  - Janet Steeper noted that they have two good grant writers with Dayton Valley Historical and they have offered to assist us.
- *Cochran* – written report provided. Volunteer hours report for Kerry's hours in 2018.
  - Noted by Kerry that everyone should be submitting volunteer hour reports.
  - Discussion about requirements to note volunteer hours. Does not have to be hours at museum.
  - Documenting these hours will become more important.

### Event Reports

- *2019 WP – PCR Convention* – written report provided.
  - Pre registration extended to March 15.

### Department Reports

- *General Superintendent* – written report provided.
  - Background check program is moving along.
  - Additional discussion of Convention status.
  - Question about WP 165 schedule vs. convention. Roger Stabler noted that he will be in Portola week ahead and week of convention. Roger's vacation time is set and cannot shift. Planning to be at Museum week ahead to do 165 work and paint 1503. Steve Lee will also be there those two weeks. Schedule also avoids Easter and Mother's Day.
- *Historical / Archives* – written report provided.
  - Garth Groff donated about 800 slides to us. Greg Elems received them and they are now in the archives storage.
  - David Elems had question about donation letter.
- *Train Sheet* – written report provided.
  - Timeline of last issue provided along with cost analysis. Reported that cost for 12 page vs. 16 page is only about \$190. Wants to standardize on 16 page.
  - Paul Finnegan noted that he is trying to get more info out including small items.
  - Getting more email delivery signups which lowers our cost.
  - Extra Train Sheets handed off to Eugene Vicknair.
  - Paul Finnegan has question about Life and Family Life members (240+): wants to know how many are still accurate and valid. Asked if we can audit the list. Paul and Eugene will work on this.
  - Question about RAL promotion. Concern about mechanical condition of locomotives. We can promote 2873 and 1100 with caveat on mechanical issues. Question about condition of WP 501. Seth Adams is considering purchase of injector set. That is the last thing 501 needs. We will also put WP 2001 back onto website.

- Las Vegas print shop called Paul and asked what was up with our order.
- Question if we want to start member spotlight again. We will do that.
- Kerry Cochran has heard from a couple members that they are glad to see relevant timely discussion and dumped old out of date news. Noted that for some members that the Train Sheet is the only way they hear what is going on.
- *Webmaster* – written report provided.
  - Scattered around website are Google search bars. Noted that they are not being used much. Paul Finnegan has updated the searches so that it will now search Minutes and Board Reports.
  - Migrating materials to frs.wprm google account.
  - Has comparison on web page views for 2017 vs. 2018. Noted RAL views were down, while Santa and Pumpkin train views were up.
  - Roger Stabler expressed that he feels Santa and Pumpkin Trains have become our most important fundraising events. Said that we need to capitalize on these better. Discussion that we should look at raising the price. Put on future agenda.
  - Has started 2019 photo gallery.
  - Question about privacy policy. Legal is reviewing.
- *Marketing* – written report provided.
  - Discussion about RV park advertising. Eugene Vicknair to review this with marketing and report next meeting.
- *Mechanical* - written report provided.
  - Getting pricing for upcoming projects.
  - WP FP7 805-A needs air brake work. Should be shown out of service right now. Until air brake work done, can only be used as trailing unit. Roger Stabler and David Elems discussed ways to handle repairs.

Matt Shuman joined meeting to discuss Election Report – 2:13 PM

- *Operations RAL* – written report provided.
  - Analysis of RAL days and plans provided for last 2 years.
  - David Elems says he thinks he can get some new locos working this year.
  - Question about who to deal with to get traction motor to Cle Elem. Will discuss off line.

### **Committee Reports**

- *Election* – written report provided.
  - Matt Shuman provided update to report.
  - Currently we have a white ballot situation. Procedure is unclear as to how to proceed.
  - Suggestion to hold write-in ballot deadline to March 4.

Motion 02-19-03

Motion to set write-in notification deadline for March 4, 2019. As quickly as possible FRRS shall send electronic communication and mailed postcard for those who do not have emails on file with us to notify write in deadline.

Vicknair / Stabler. Aye – 9, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

- California Corporation Law requires the notification and option for write-in.
- Bob Sims asked that we make it clear what would be entailed and cost. Asked that we find a way to head off frivolous write-ins.

**Legal / Insurance Report** - none

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

- UP GP30 849 has been photoed on BNSF in Washington State.

- VIA Lounge and Magnolia Grove still on property.
- Santa Fe diner update. Bill Wisneski contacted us. Board prefers to have Bill retain and move car so we don't have to deal with it. Eugene Vicknair to talk to him about back rent status coming current.
- Greg Elems talked to person who wants caboose. Will not be ready until fall.

### **Safety Report**

- Written report provided.
  - David Elems wants to clean out shop before heavy work begins this year. Wants to install fall arrest on track 1. Steve Habeck feels any money spent here is a lot cheaper than fines or insurance settlements. David looking at getting new man lift basket.
  - Planning for Safety Committee and Forklift Training.

### **Public Comments**

*Eric McKay* – Can't make it for the Volunteer Breakfast, but made a \$100 donation to help cover food for the Breakfast. Board thanks Eric for his donation.

### **Notices**

- If March weather still bad, may move meeting to Habeck Residence.

### **BREAK – 2:42 PM – 2:50 PM**

**Closed Session** – requested by Director Vicknair – 2:51 PM – 4:00 PM

- Business Issue – Whitman Building Funding
- Legal Issue – Meeker vs. FRRS and Vicknair

The Board heard a report on a business issue – Whitman Building Funding.

Motion 02-19-04

Motion to draft Letter of Intent with Solar Management for solar lease on museum property with income from lease to support construction of the Whitman Building with management and general contractor support from Solar Management.

Vicknair / Stabler. Aye – 9, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

The Board heard a report on a legal issue – Meeker vs. FRRS and Vicknair. Consensus direction given. No reportable action taken.

### **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at: 4:04 PM (Vicknair / Cochran)

Next Meeting: March 9, 2019 – 1:00 PM

Location: WPRM Meeting Room - Western Pacific Railroad Museum - Portola, CA

Respectfully Submitted, Eugene Vicknair – FRRS Secretary