

**Feather River Rail Society  
Board of Directors Meeting – April 13, 2019 – 4:30 PM  
WPRM Meeting Room – Portola, CA**

President Steve Habeck called the meeting to order at 4:46 PM

**Attendance**

**The following Directors were present:**

Steve Habeck  
Charlie Spikes  
Janet Steeper  
Kerry Cochran - phone

Greg Elems  
Matt Elems – phone, arrived 5:26 PM  
Bob Sims - phone  
Eugene Vicknair

7 directors present – Quorum achieved.

**Guests present:**

Matt Shuman – Election Chair 2019  
Ann Morningstar – Election Committee  
Debbie Shuman – Election Committee

David Elems – Asst. CMO  
Ethan Doty – arrived 5:10 PM

**Correspondence**

none

**Consent Calendar**

Approval of the minutes of the March 2019 BOD Meeting.

Tabled to May 2019 BOD Meeting

**Old Business**

**Railroad Days Replacement Event**

---

Discuss opinions / options for holding an event in summer to replace Railroad Days.

- Official notice came out about 2 weeks ago from old RR Days Committee that there will be no city Railroad Days this year.
- Steve and others are catching flack from town claiming that FRRS is responsible for no railroad days. This is not true. We will be doing our own event.
- Someone came in and ragged on Taj. When she asked if he would help out, he said he would attend.
- Eugene, Greg and Patty have been talking about doing our own event during the last weekend of Hot August Nights. Do advertising to try and get people coming in as they are leaving Hot August Nights.
- Has been a lot of discussion in years past about moving date.
- Discussion about inviting “The Chiggen” steam engine to the event.
- Owner is looking for possible storage place for the engine.
- Board wants to do replacement event, call it something like “Western Pacific History Days”.
- Discussion about dates and advertising. We have a Trains Magazine deadline coming up.
- Discussion about advertising in Trains and at the convention, lock in “Chiggen” for second weekend of August. Look for sponsors for Chiggen visit.

- Board is open to long term storage of the Chiggen.
- Eugene will continue discussions with Stathi Pappas on Chiggen participation.
- Look at other steam events with Chiggen.

Motion 19-04-01

FRRS to hold event to be called Western Pacific History Days on August 2-4, dependent on Chiggen availability.

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

- Eugene to discuss movement timeframe with Stathi and offer earlier move.
- Discussion to lock date as August 2-4. Date changed in motion.

**New Business** - none

**Good of the Order**

**President's Report**

- Written report provided.
- Rotary Run event was last minute but we got great cooperation from local team and lots of marketing support.
  - Went over way better than expected.
  - Next year, plan is to set up Rotary train right after Santa Train. If we get enough snow, do event again.
- Passengers cars on West Pass may be moving soon. UP inspector found a couple minor issues and they have been or are being fixed by David Elems.
- Arizona State Railroad Museum and Stan Garner contacted Steve Habeck about moving beet gon that we donated to them a couple years ago. Working on moving both cars.
  - Steve will continue talking to Stan.

Matt Elems arrived on phone, Charlie Spikes has to leave and will call in from car.

- Greg mentioned that we may have a new source for trucking.
- Steve ordered thank you signs for the mattress donation to be placed into the troop sleeper.
- Museum is in maintenance mode.
- Eugene talked to Bill Wisneski today. He is mailing \$9,000 check on Monday for diner storage rental.
- KC wants to order products for the store. Are going to order Jeff Asay WP books and Janet Dawson Zephyr mystery books.
- Noted it took about 2 weeks to get Rotary Event together.

**Financial Reports**

- Financial reports provided.
- Discussion about costs during the first part of the years and memberships coming in.

**Director's Reports**

- *Vicknair* – written report provided.
  - Talked to Bill Wisneski, he is sending check for diner car rental and wants to donate track tools and 17' box truck.

**Event Reports**

- *2019 WP – PCR Convention* – written report provided.

- Got some additional shows. Greg Elems found a bunch of slides from 76-92 on the Tidewater Southern. Will do a show.
- Headlight 17-18 special reproduction is taking time. Just received photos for the new layout. Kerry may have someone who can take it over and get done quicker. Will front the money to have 200 copies printed at the convention. If we cannot make the deadline, we will have samples printed and take pre-orders at the convention.
- *2019 Work Weekend* – April 13-14.
  - Eugene Vicknair, Janet Steeper, Charlie Spikes and non-member Christopher Kapreilian worked on Troop Sleeper and Board Room. Old food, utensils, paper plates, etc. were contaminated and all needed to be thrown away.
  - Issues with food and contamination will be covered in Crew Training.
  - Noted that Silver Debris lounge is pretty dirty right now.

### Department Reports

- *Marketing* – written report provided.
  - Reports coming in that other tourist venues in the region are having slow start to the year.
- *Webmaster* – written report provided.
  - Now have on-line rules exam available on the website.
- *Train Sheet* – written report provided.
  - Issue 180 in the mail.
- *General Superintendent* – written report provided.
  - Discussion on volunteer background check program.
- *Historical / Archives* – written report provided.
  - Will be back working on archives soon.
- *Mechanical* – written report provided.
  - Reviewed plans for SP GP9 2873 and WP SW1500 1503.
  - Discussed filter purchases and need for new set of batteries.
  - Currently working on telehandler.

### Committee Reports

- *Election* – written report provided.
  - Election Committee did not receive any additional requests or notices by March 15 deadline.
  - Committee declares that a “white ballot” situation exists and Board needs to note and certify election.
  - Recommended to accept report and finding of committee. No candidates aside from incumbents, no mailout election required.

Motion 19-04-02

Board accepts the finding of the Election Committee that a “white ballot” situation exists and no mailout election is needed for 2019.

Vicknair / G. Elems. Aye – 8, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

- Requested if the current committee will continue for 2020.
- Committee will be making recommendations to modify election policy.
- Board expresses their confidence and appreciation in the election committee’s work.

### Legal / Insurance Report

- Received bill for Porter-Simon doing contract review.

### Status of Surplus Property Report - none

## **Safety Report**

- Looking at fire extinguishers. In particular need to catch ones in cabooses which are coming due.
- Working on forklift training with Kerry.

## **Public Comments**

*Matt Shuman* – Shasta Cascade group is discussing changing their by-laws. Having concerns about groups trying to take over their group to divert funds or resources. Looking at changing requirements to director eligibility to 2 years of membership and have certain attendance levels for events and meetings. Matt and Debbie want to replace our flags as they are getting worn. They are donating 2 US flags and 2 POW flags. Also made \$100 donation to fuel fund and Ann Morningstar is donating \$200 to fuel fund.

## **Notices**

- April 13-14 will be Work Weekend to get museum and exhibits ready for opening. Volunteers needed!

## **Closed Session** – requested by Director Vicknair – 6:50 PM – 7:06 PM

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

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

The Board heard a report on a business issue – Whitman Building Update. Consensus direction given. No reportable action taken.

## **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at: 7:07 PM (Vicknair / Greg Elems)

Next Meeting: May 11, 2019 – 1:00 PM

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

Respectfully Submitted, Eugene Vicknair – FRRS Secretary