

**Feather River Rail Society  
Board of Directors Meeting – May 11, 2019 – 1:00 PM  
WPRM Meeting Room – Portola, CA**

President Steve Habeck called the meeting to order at 1:08 PM

**Attendance**

**The following Directors were present:**

Steve Habeck

Charlie Spikes

Kerry Cochran - phone

Greg Elems

Matt Elems – phone

Bob Sims

Eugene Vicknair - phone

7 directors present – Quorum achieved.

**Guests present:**

David Elems – Asst. CMO

Bart Hansen - Treasurer

**Correspondence**

*Spikes* – Received letter and donation from visitor for Troop Sleeper.

*G. Elems* – Heard from Brett Tallman that plan is to do locomotive swap late in May.

**Consent Calendar**

Approval of the minutes of the March and April 2019 BOD Meeting.

Motion 19-05-01

Approve the minutes of the March and April 2019 Board Meetings as presented.

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

**Old Business**

**Western Pacific History Days Event**

Discuss on next steps for August 2-4 event to replace Railroad Days.

- Written report submitted.
- Asked for appointment for committee to put on event. Steve Habeck, Greg Elems, Eugene Vicknair are appointed.
- Suggestions presented in report on things to have for event.
- David Elems will invite small engine operators.
- Eugene Vicknair will invite hot dog and candy vendors.
- Live steam guy wants to come back.
- Greg Elems to talk to Animal Ark.
- Eugene Vicknair will invite modular clubs from Reno and Carson City.
- Talk to Loren Ross about scout assistance.
- Steve Habeck to talk to UP about heritage engines.

**New Business**

**Archive Research Room HVAC / Climate Control Costs**

Report on cost to apply climate control systems to MoP baggage car.

- Written report submitted.
- Discussion about doing archives fundraiser.
- Discussion about which car to do first. Opinion is to do the MoP baggage car first.
- Priority is to get Meeker Collection into upgraded climate control and close current climate control in Reno.
- Noted that savings on rented climate control will pay for climate control install in less than 1 year.
- Discussion about fire suppression system needs.
- Bart Hansen to donate mailing costs and Eugene Vicknair to donate mailing materials for fundraiser. Monies raised will go back into Archives fund.
- Kerry Cochran will be lead on the project.
- Noted that David Hansen, Eric McKay and Duane van der Veen are qualified licensed electricians and can assist.

Motion 19-05-02

Approve proceeding with ordering and install of HVAC / climate control system immediately for MP baggage car / Archives Reading Room. Director Vicknair to put out archives focused fundraiser to help offset costs. Expenses will be paid for out of Archives Restricted Fund line item.

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

### **Mohawk Valley Independence Day Festival**

Consider participation in festival Sunday, July 7, 2019..

- We have had a request to participate.
- Duane van der Veen will likely be doing parade.
- Have events on either side of date.
- Charlie Spikes offered to paint motor car for parade.
- Eugene Vicknair to contact Matt Shuman and Ann Morningstar about doing booth at event. If they can't event, we will just do parade.

### **Good of the Order**

#### **President's Report**

- Written report provided before meeting.
- Back rent check received from Bill Wisneski.
- Grossed over \$3,000 from convention store table.
- Bank deposits for store had not been made for 3 months. Steve is changing system.
- We need fuel for RAL engines. Steve going to order fuel and get parts for RAL engines.
- We need to get fire extinguishers serviced.
- Store will be restocking on hats and shirts.
- RAL income is picking up.

#### **Financial Reports**

- Financial reports provided.
- Large deposits went in after reports generated.
- Store and museum now open 7 days a week.
- Discussion about issues with soda machine supplier.

#### **Director's Reports**

- *Vicknair* – written report provided.
  - We have received about 6 donations in mail toward PFE reefer.

- Discussion about Lionel Collectors tour in July.
    - Follow up on structures of tours for Lionel group.
- *Sims* – written report provided.
  - Bob and Eugene had been discussing getting tarps on dome cars.
  - Questions about how to tarp cars.
  - David Elems has volunteered to operate telehandler with man basket.
  - Tarps and straps donated by Steve Lee.
  - Summary of WP 165 work.
  - Visitor talked to Bob and has some photo prints he wants to donate. Bob feels they would be good to scan. Some are wooden trestle of Williams Loop and others are building Reno Branch. Bob will follow up.
  - Making progress on window tint film project.
  - Donating 17 more books for sale in store.

### Event Reports

- *2019 WP – PCR Convention* – written report provided.
  - Thank yous for folks who helped with convention.
  - This will be Eugene's last convention as coordinator. Put business item on next meeting agenda to appoint new coordinator.
  - Thanks to Kerry for his assistance in selecting and setting up archive photos.

### Department Reports

- *Publications* – written report provided: 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary CZ publication
  - People at convention were impressed. Paul Finnegan spent over 76 hours on this, plus work by Kerry, Eugene and Frank.
- *Webmaster* – written report provided.
- *Train Sheet* – written report provided.
- *General Superintendent* – written report provided.
  - Question on background check system.
- *Historical / Archives* – written report provided.
  - Greg Elems received more materials from Garth Groff. Put them aside for Kerry.
- *RAL Operations* – written report provided.
  - Bookings starting to pick up.
- *Mechanical* – written report provided.
  - Reviewed work plans.
  - Questions about using WP 501 vs. WP 512 for RAL.
  - Need to prioritize RAL engines.
  - Need to purchase air intake filters.

### Committee Reports

none

### Legal / Insurance Report

- All insurances up to date and paid.

### Status of Surplus Property Report

none

### Safety Report

- Fire extinguishers. Trying to contact Alpine to get extinguishers serviced. Priority will be extinguishers in locomotives and cabooses. Then move to lounge car, sleeper and other areas.
- Need to purchase some new extinguishers for rubber tire equipment.

- David Elems will be present when extinguishers are worked on to ensure all are looked at.

### **Public Comments**

none

### **Notices**

- Next meeting date is Membership Dinner and Meeting.

### **Closed Session** – requested by Director Vicknair – 2:43 PM – 3:12 PM

- Legal Issue – FRRS vs. Kasten / ITAC / Gateway
- Legal Issue – Meeker vs. FRRS and Vicknair
- Business Issue – Whitman Building Update
- Business Issue – Future Business Possibility

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### **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at: 3:13 PM (Vicknair / Spikes)

Next Meeting: June 1, 2019 – 1:00 PM

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

Respectfully Submitted, Eugene Vicknair – FRRS Secretary