

**Feather River Rail Society  
Board of Directors Meeting – December 14, 2019 – 1:00 PM  
WPRM Meeting Room – Portola, CA**

President Greg Elems called the meeting to order at 1:03 PM

**Attendance**

**The following Directors were present:**

Charlie Spikes

Greg Elems

Kerry Cochran - phone

Bob Sims - phone

Steve Habeck – arrived 1:54 P

Matt Elems - phone

Eugene Vicknair

Janet Steeper

7 directors present at meeting start – Quorum achieved.

**Guests present:**

Bart Hansen – Treasurer - phone

David Elems – Asst. CMO, Safety Officer

**Correspondence**

- *Vicknair* – Received 4 and 5 star reviews on Yelp and Google after Santa Trains.
- *G. Elems* – People are receiving their 2020 Photo Calendar mail orders.
- *M. Elems* – There has been some confusion on Facebook about what cab rides are.

**Consent Calendar**

Approval of the minutes of the November 2019 Regular Meeting.

Typo in minutes noted and corrected.

Motion 19-12-01

Approve the minutes of the November 2019 Regular Meeting as amended.

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

**Old Business**

**Western Pacific 512 Restoration and Painting** – tabled from November meeting

Review paint scheme options and fundraising proposal.

- Written report provided.
- David Elems has not been able to look further at WP 512.
- Wheels on engineer side are shot.
- Does not expect any other mechanical issues.
- Table to March 2020 BOD Meeting.

**New Business**

**Proposed Pumpkin Patch Event Changes**

Discuss proposed changes for the 2020 Pumpkin Patch Express.

- Written report provided.
- Opinions that we need to raise the admission.
- Opinions to eliminate EPCAN for Pumpkin Patch and keep for Santa Train.
- Raise car admission to \$12. Concern about making change.
- Suggestion to go for \$10 per car, no discount for 2020. Look at raising following year.
- Suggestion to have card reader tablet at the gate.
- Still allow canned goods donation with no discount.
- Ensure that advertising is very clear about eliminated discount.

Motion 19-12-02

Approve eliminating the \$5 EPCAN admission discount for Pumpkin Patch Trains and having flat \$10 per car admission. Revisit after 2020 event.

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

### **Proposed Admission and RAL Plan C Increase**

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Review proposal increases for admission, events and RAL Plan C.

- Written report provided.
- Volunteers have been suggesting we review admission and Plan C RAL fares.
- Suggestion to have Youth be 5-18 and Child is 4 and under free.
- Questions about family admission. Suggestion whether it should go to \$30.
- Suggestion structure is:
  - Adults 19 -64: \$10.00
  - Youth 5 – 18: \$5.00
  - Child 4 and under: free
  - Senior (65 and up) and Active Military: \$8.00
  - Family (defined as 2 adults plus any related children 18 and under): \$25.00
  - Group admission (12 or more): \$10.00 each but visit includes docent guide

Motion 19-12-03

Approve new admission structure as listed above. Revisit in December 2020.

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

- RAL Plan C discussion.
- Right now discount over combined Plan A and B is \$175 discount.
- Suggestion to eliminate PLAN structure and individually price locos.
- Consensus to table to January 2020 and reconsider new structure with per locomotive price.
- Consensus to keep Santa Train at same with EPCAN discount for now and reconsider in July 2020.

Steve Habeck arrived at 1:54 PM

### **Equipment Photography Service**

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Discuss concept for providing equipment photo surveys to public.

- As we have been getting requests for photos of our equipment for modeling and research purposes.
- Suggestion to offer that as a paid service.
- Have received requests for SP Rotary and other equipment photos and measurements.
- Build up library of photos and market them to public.
- Suggestion to charge \$50 for non-members, \$25 for members. Suggested \$20 for Life and Sustaining members.

- Consensus direction to continue refining the idea and bring back for final approval.
- Question about if a company wants info, what do we get from them.

### **Account Signer Approval**

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Add signers on FRRS accounts.

- Review recommendations.
- Steve Habeck will coordinate changes with RBC.

Motion 19-12-04

Designate Greg Elems, Steve Habeck, Eugene Vicknair, David (Bart) Hansen and Susan Scarlet as signers on the Plumas Bank accounts. Designate Greg Elems, Steve Habeck, Eugene Vicknair and David (Bart) Hansen as signers on the RBC Investment Accounts. Any other signers on accounts to be removed.

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

### **WP Convention Custom Model Car**

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Approve budget for custom WP model car for convention.

- Written report provided.
- Accurail does not take credit cards. Would require check to be sent for deposit.
- Charlie Spikes, Matt Elems, David Elems and Janet Steeper offered to donate \$50 each. Greg Elems and Kerry Cochran offered to donate \$100.

Motion 19-12-05

Approve ordering of custom convention car, 48 pieces, and payment \$500 deposit to Accurail. Cost to come from line item WP Convention – 54510.

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

- Question about balance of payments for build. Needs to be sent just before delivery of cars. Will start selling online and raise rest through sales.

### **Store Manager Change**

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Discuss search for new store manager.

- Kristina “KC” Dunn is moving to Oregon in June. We need to review job description and start looking for new manager.
- We do have a Manager and Store Employee job description.
- Question if we want to have separate event manager. Noted that we need to expand event capability.
- Search committee is Greg Elems, Janet Steeper and Charlie Spikes.
- Kerry Cochran to send latest job descriptions to committee.

### **Good of the Order**

#### **President’s Report**

- Written report provided.
- Question about proposed photo class at the museum. We will start with a trial class and could become regular event. Discussion about spinning events off the class.

#### **Financial Reports**

- Written reports provided.
- Budget will be available for next meeting.

- Reviewed financials.
- Internal review committee will send report before next meeting.

### Director's Reports

- *Vicknair* – written report provided.
  - Fundraiser has raised about \$3,500. Patty and Eugene will be trying new fundraising idea in January or February.

### Event Reports

none

### Department Reports

- *Webmaster* – written report provided.
- *Train Sheet* – written report provided.
- *General Superintendent* – written report provided.
- *Historical / Archives* – written report provided.
- *Facilities* – David Elems is looking at redoing all the lights in the shop and outside with LED bulbs. Current lights are pulling 3.37 kW when all are on. With heaters, we are probably pulling 10-13 kW. LED lights will cut wattage by 50% to 63% on lighting. There is a sale going on right now for 32 watt LEDs. Cost will be \$800 or less. David will donate \$100-\$200 toward the lights. Greg Elems also offered to donate.

### Committee Reports

- *2020 Western Pacific Historical Convention* – Registration is open.
  - Room discounts end January 18.
  - Vendor forms are out.
  - Greg Elems is waiting on response from banquet speaker.
  - Convention info going into next Train Sheet.
  - Kerry Cochran just received email from another presenter. Kerry is working on presentation schedule.
  - Bob Sims is showing 4 registrations and 6 people so far.

### Legal / Insurance Report

- Property insurance bill has been received.

### Status of Surplus Property Report

none

### Safety Report

- Bringing Alpine in this week on fire extinguishers. David Elems will handle costs.

### Public Comments

none

### Notices

- Santa Trains are tonight and next Friday and Saturday evenings.

**Closed Session** – requested by Director Vicknair and President Greg Elems – 3:04 PM – 3:24 PM

- Legal Issue – Meeker vs. FRRS and Vicknair
- Business Issue – Museum Store
- Business Issue – Future Business Possibility

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 – Museum Store. Consensus direction given. No reportable action taken.

The Board heard a report on a business issue – Future Business Possibility. No reportable action taken.

**Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at: 3:26 PM (Vicknair / G. Elems)

Next Meeting: January 11, 2020 – 1:00 PM

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

Respectfully Submitted, Eugene Vicknair – FRRS Secretary