

**Feather River Rail Society  
Board of Directors Meeting – January 11, 2020 – 1:00 PM  
WPRM Meeting Room – Portola, CA**

Vice-President Steve Habeck called the meeting to order at 1:01 PM

**Attendance**

**The following Directors were present:**

Charlie Spikes

Kerry Cochran - phone

Bob Sims

Steve Habeck

Matt Elems - phone

Eugene Vicknair

Janet Steeper

7 directors present at meeting start – Quorum achieved.

**Guests present:**

Patty Clawson – Big Fish Creations

David Elems – Asst. CMO, Safety Office

Bart Hansen – Treasurer

Tom Hervey

**Correspondence**

- *Habeck* – We received new credit card for BofA account. Finishing liability policy application for end of the month.

**Consent Calendar**

Approval of the minutes of the December 2019 Regular Meeting.

Motion 20-01-01

Approve the minutes of the December 2019 Regular Meeting as presented.

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

**Old Business**

**Revision to RAL Pricing Structure**

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Review proposal to revise RAL Pricing Structure.

- Written report provided.
- Opinion that it looks confusing.
- Suggestion to have multiple letter levels.
- Look at ways to make it simpler.
- Suggestion to bump up costs a little. Suggestion to raise 1100 \$25 and 512 the same. Should minimum be \$250?
- Noted that we include a membership brochure with RAL certificate and get good memberships from that.
- Bart Hansen offered to donate \$1,000 to support giving memberships to non-member RALs.
- Consider membership discounts for RALs.
- Review and solicit more input for February 2020 Meeting.

## **New Business**

### **Adjustment to Age Range on Caboose Train Rides**

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Bring Youth and Child age ranges into alignment with new Admission ages.

- Need to fix codes, window notation and POS system. Plus replace brochures.
- Discussion about Google hours report.

Motion 20-01-02

Approve matching the caboose train fare ages to the new admission fare ages.

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

### **Proposed 2020 Budget**

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Discuss 2020 Proposed Operating Budget.

- Discussions about reducing costs. Discussion about LED bulb replacement to lower electrical costs.
- Bart Hansen to approach Plumas Rural Electric for donation toward LED bulbs. Will also review electric bill to see if rates can be lowered.
- Patty Clawson and Eugene Vicknair to discuss economic development funds with Gabriel Hydrick and the county.
- Look at locomotive sponsorship again.
- Review of fuel and lube oil expenses.
- Directors and department heads to review expenses for February 2020 meeting.
- Suggestion to clean up budget account line items.

### **Revisions to Restricted Accounts and Plumas Bank Accounts**

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Remove unneeded accounts.

- Written report provided.
- 56525 Caboose Restricted account should remain. This is for general caboose work.

Motion 20-01-03

Eliminate Plumas Bank savings account ending in 7507, and Restricted account 40455 – MILW 5057. Redesignate Restricted account 40421 as WP F-Unit Restoration.

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

## **Good of the Order**

### **President's Report**

- Written report provided.

### **Financial Reports**

- Written reports provided.
- Review of items from Treasurer's Report.
- Reviewed internal financial review committee findings.
- Discussion of making changes to Endowment fund to more active management.
- Janet Steeper to look at Endowment fund improvements. Bart Hansen to assist.

### **Director's Reports**

- *Vicknair* – written report provided.
- *Habeck* – written report provided.

### **Event Reports**

- *Great Train Show* – written report provided. Bart Hansen donated \$80 to buy 2 O scale boxcars and cover show meal costs.

### **Department Reports**

- *Webmaster* – written report provided.
- *Train Sheet* – written report provided.
- *Mechanical* – report sent after agenda went out. Reviewed mechanical report.

### **Committee Reports**

- *2020 Western Pacific Historical Convention* – room reservation deadline extended to March 25. Registrations coming in. Tom Hervey will be banquet speaker.
- *Election 2020* – written report provided. Noted that David Epling has also been nominated since report issued.

### **Legal / Insurance Report**

- Liability insurance already mentioned in Habeck director report. Premium is \$24,000. Rate lower than last year.

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

none

### **Safety Report**

- Snowy and icy. Watch out.
- There will be ice melt around in several locations.
- Next set of fire extinguishers to be done before March.
- Trying to get committee meetings together for 2020.

### **Public Comments**

- Matt Elems' girlfriend Deanna cleaned out the refrigerators in the Board Room.

### **Notices**

none

### **Closed Session** – requested by Director Vicknair and President Greg Elems – 3:12 PM – 3:48 PM

- Legal Issue – Meeker vs. FRRS and Vicknair
- Volunteer Issue – Illness Policy
- Business Issue – Equipment Deacquisition

The Board heard a report on a legal issue – Meeker vs. FRRS and Vicknair. Consensus direction given. Action approved and reported in motion below.

#### Motion 20-01-04

To go to Plumas Bank and request loan in the amount of no more than \$30,000 to cover fire suppression and related expenses to archives facility. Initial down payment to be made by Director Steeper and repaid by Society in a timely manner.

Cochran / Vicknair. Aye – 6, Nay – 0, Abstain – 1 (Steeper). Motion carries.

The Board heard a report on a volunteer issue – Illness Policy. Consensus direction given. No reportable action taken.

The Board heard a report on a business issue – Equipment Deacquisition. Consensus direction given. No reportable action taken.

**Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at: 3:50 PM (Vicknair / Spikes)

Next Meeting: February 8, 2020 – 1:00 PM

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

Respectfully Submitted, Eugene Vicknair – FRRS Secretary