

**Feather River Rail Society  
Board of Directors Meeting – February 8, 2020 – 1:00 PM  
WPRM Meeting Room – Portola, CA**

Vice-President Steve Habeck called the meeting to order at 1:02 PM

**Attendance**

**The following Directors were present:**

Kerry Cochran  
Bob Sims - phone  
Steve Habeck

Matt Elems - phone  
Eugene Vicknair  
Janet Steeper

6 directors present at meeting start – Quorum achieved.

**Guests present:**

Paul Finnegan - webmaster  
David Elems – Asst. CMO, Safety Office  
Bart Hansen – Treasurer - phone

**Correspondence**

- *Habeck* – Liberty Utilities will be removing a tree on the edge of our property that is near our power feed. Received a thank you card from Nancy Meyers at EPCAN for the Santa Train food donations. Micheal Bamford needs a calendar sent immediately.
- *Vicknair* – We received more 5 star reviews on Yelp and Google.

**Consent Calendar**

Approval of the minutes of the January 2020 Regular Meeting.

Tabled to February 2020 Meeting.

**Old Business**

**Revision to RAL Pricing Structure** – tabled from January 2020 Meeting

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Review proposal to revise RAL Pricing Structure.

- Written report provided.
- Discussion of levels proposal.
- Suggestion to put WP 707 into Level C. Needs new injectors and oil.
- Discussion about 1857 and 707.
- Solicit more comments including from Loren Ross and review at March 2020 Meeting.

**Proposed 2020 Budget** – tabled from January 2020 Meeting

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Discuss 2020 Proposed Operating Budget.

- Preliminary revised budget provided.
- Discussion about points to improve.

Motion 20-02-01

Approve the preliminary budget for 2020 as presented.

Cochran / Vicknair. Aye – 6, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

13:26 – Bart Hansen left the meeting.

## **New Business**

### **Illness and Volunteers**

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Share warnings from agencies about corona and flu virus and preventing spread.

- Written report provided.
- Information provided by Matt Shuman.
- Kerry Cochran has been researching sickness policy options. Has not found any direct connection or rules about not having sick volunteers on the property. We may need to post these suggestions.

### **Fundraising Mailer**

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Discuss fundraiser mailing to Plumas County property owners.

- Written report provided.
- Consensus to table to March.

### **Headlight Publication**

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Review questions about Headlight publication status.

- Written report provided.
- Looking for new ideas to help stimulate Headlight.
- Discussion about ongoing issues.
- Discussion about issues trying to get articles and material.
- Proposals to improve Headlight put forward.

## **Good of the Order**

### **President's Report**

- Written report provided.

### **Financial Reports**

- Written reports provided.

### **Director's Reports**

- *Habeck* – written report provided. Discussion about liability insurance and changes in the policy. Discussion about signature changes on RBC account. Dodge and Ford trucks are in Planned Non-Op status due to work needed on the vehicles. Insurance has also been suspended.
- *Vicknair* – written report provided. Reviewed grants in progress. Donation thank you letters for 2019 donations should be going out next weekend.
- *Cochran* – written report provided.

### **Event Reports**

- *Historical Convention* – reviewed registration status. Discussed layouts and Oroville depot.

### **Department Reports**

- *General Superintendent* – written report provided. Listed 2019 accomplishments.

- *Historical / Archives* – written report provided. Reviewed new Historical Archives Dept. T-shirts.
- *Webmaster* – written report provided.
- *Train Sheet* – written report provided.
- *RAL* – written report provided.
- *Mechanical* – evaluated 1503 and 2873 and they look good for rotary run. Rotary set in service. When we get snow we are ready to go, SP 2873 could not replicate problems seen at Santa Train. Governor received work. Leaks in oil cooler worse. Need to consider replacing seals before ops season. Looking at cost estimates for March. Annual inspections pushed to March / April. All mechanical paperwork in Ops Office has been sorted. Working on cleaning up records.

### **Committee Reports**

- *Election 2020* – written report provided.

### **Legal / Insurance Report**

- Insurance payments are current.

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

none

### **Safety Report**

- Going to crack down on things that require multi people when required by safety rules. High voltage and operating tests on locomotives, require two people.
- New insurance rules require barricades around work areas even when not active work occurring.
- Working on forklift training with Kerry this month. Electric forklift is out of service except for special use. Needs special procedure to use batteries.
- Discussion about fire lane parking.

### **Public Comments**

- Bob Sims won WP signal lock set on eBay for \$27.

### **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
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### **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at: 3:32 PM (Vicknair / Cochran)

Next Meeting: March 14, 2020 – 1:00 PM

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

Respectfully Submitted, Eugene Vicknair – FRRS Secretary