

**Feather River Rail Society  
Board of Directors Meeting – December 11, 2021 – 1:00 PM  
Western Pacific Railroad Museum Meeting Room – WPRM, Portola, CA**

Vice-President Steve Habeck called the meeting to order at 13:03.

**Attendance**

**The following Directors were present:**

Kerry Cochran – phone  
Bob Sims - phone

Steve Habeck  
Charlie Spikes - phone

Matt Elems - phone  
Eugene Vicknair - phone

6 directors present at meeting start – Quorum achieved.

**Visitors:**

Ethan Doty  
Eric McKay  
David Elems – Asst. CMO, Safety Officer  
Chris Skow

**Correspondence**

*Vicknair*

- Lots of online attention and Facebook notices based on WP 165 steam up.
- Received \$2,000 donation from member in Reno due to WP 165.

*Habeck*

- Got old Spring Fundraiser check for \$1,000 from Max Munger.
- Got letter from Sundance Marketing that costs are going up.
- Took 100 brochures to Lost Sierra Chamber of Commerce.
- Took brochures to Quincy Chamber of Commerce. Received membership in Quincy Chamber for FRRS. \$100 per year membership going forward.
- Going to take brochures to East Sierra Chamber of Commerce.
- AT&T changing internet connection. Received letter that we need to change to wireless modem for \$75 per month. Regular wired internet going away. We were supposed to get modem weeks ago but it has not arrived. We have already been charged a fee but we don't know what for. Deadline is December 13. Kerry is working on alternative.

**Consent Calendar**

- Minutes – Minutes of the November 2021 BOD Regular Meeting.

Minor changes to page count on footer.

Motion 21-12-01

Approve the revised version of the November 2021 BOD Minutes.

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

**Old Business**

**1. 2022 Budget (Hansen / Vicknair)**

Review proposed budget for 2022.

Discussion. Possible Action.

- Discussion about costing.
- Suggestion to adopt and revise in February.
- David Elems going to do an audit of last couple years costing.
- Bob Sims had questions about expenses. Answered.

Motion 21-12-02

Approve the preliminary 2022 budget as presented.

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

## **New Business**

### **1. Possible Annual Meeting Date Change (Vicknair)**

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Discuss whether to move Annual Meeting to avoid bike race date.

Discussion. Possible Action.

- Concern about Annual Meeting as it coincides with the Gravel Grinder bicycle race. Current date is June 4<sup>th</sup>. During bike race it is difficult to get motel rooms.
- Question about meeting restrictions in by-laws. Specific date was removed and we can change the date.
- Discussion about moving date to June 11.

Motion 21-12-02

Move Annual Meeting and June Board Meeting to June 11, 2022.

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

- Kerry to talk to Loren about moving crew training.

## **Good of the Order**

### **President's Report**

- *Written reports provided.*
- Convention hotel contract confirmed.

### **Financial Reports**

- Written reports provided.

### **Director's Reports**

- *Vicknair* – written report provided.

### **Event Reports**

- *2022 Western Pacific Convention*
  - Tom Hervey confirmed as speaker.
  - Hotel contract confirmed. They are honoring 2021 pricing.
  - Michael Coen had been working on layout tours. Going to contact him to confirm rescheduling tours.
  - *Chris Skow* – Wanted to confirm with Board that all plans for previously cancelled convention is still a go for May 2022 dates. Going to hire some folks to help get his G scale layout ready to run starting in March. He will rent minibus to transfer people

- between museum and his house. Society will contract bus from museum to hotel. Chris will also still do programs he agreed to.
- Getting questions about WP 165 running. Depends on how Spring work session goes.

### **Department Reports**

- *General Superintendent* – written report provided.
- *Historical / Archives* – written report provided.
- *Train Sheet* – written report provided.
- *Webmaster* – written report provided.
- *Headlight* – written report provided.
  - Still looking for SN and TS freight car photos.
  - Chris Skow and Norm Holmes talking about starting a series of photo articles shot on duty where railfans cannot access.
- *Funding* – written report provided.
- *Museum Store* – written report provided.
  - Hoping to get into the store starting in March 2022 to complete reset before opening.
- *Facilities* – written report provided.
  - Waiting for water pipes to continue freezing.
  - David Elems worked on heat tape under lounge car. Heat tape had failed and pipes froze. He also put anti-freeze into the toilets and drains in the shower and lounge cars.
  - Need to drain the water heater and cold lines into store side room.
- *Mechanical*
  - Been tracking packages with parts and tools coming in.
  - Clutch master cylinder on white forklift died. New part coming in. FedEx has part floating around. Not sure when it is coming in. Engine on white forklift needs work.
  - All forklifts currently down for repair. This is causing issues in the shop with moving materials.
  - Look at replacing Dodge 2WD truck and electric forklift.

Matt Shuman joined meeting – 2:05 PM

### **Committee Reports**

- *Election* – written report provided.
  - Annual meeting date changed to June 11.

Matt Shuman left meeting – 2:14 PM

### **Legal / Insurance Report**

- Steve Habeck received renewal of liability insurance. Vivian wants renewal by January 3, renews on February 1, 2022.

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

- Trucks and forklifts need to be looked at for sale / scrapping.

### **Safety Committee**

- Not much going on lately. Trying to get ahead of storm coming in.
- Need to stage snowblower.

### **Public Comments**

none

**Notices**

none

**Closed Session**– 2:20 PM – 2:29 PM

- Business Item – Potential Business Opportunity
- Business Item – Property Issue

The Board heard a report on a Business Item - Potential Business Opportunity. No reportable action taken.

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**Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at: 14:30 (Vicknair / M. Elems)

Next Meeting: January 8, 2022 – 1:00 PM  
Location: WPRM Meeting Room, Portola, CA

Respectfully Submitted  
Eugene Vicknair – FRRS Secretary

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