

**Feather River Rail Society  
Board of Directors Meeting – August 13, 2022 – 4:30 PM  
Western Pacific Railroad Museum Meeting Room – WPRM, Portola, CA**

Vice-President Steve Habeck called the meeting to order at 16:32.

**Attendance**

**The following Directors were present:**

Bob Sims - phone	Charlie Spikes	Janet Steeper – phone
Kerry Cochran	Matt Elems - phone	Eugene Vicknair
Steve Habeck	Roger Stabler - phone	

7 directors present at meeting start – Quorum achieved.

Director Steeper arrived on phone at 4:35 PM

**Visitors:**

David Elems – Safety Officer, Asst. CMO  
Logan Beers  
Bart Hansen – Treasurer - phone

**Election of Officers**

Nominations open for President  
Spikes nominates Greg Elems, Cochran seconds.  
Call for further nominations.  
Cochran moves to close nominations, Vicknair seconds.  
Greg Elems remains President

Nominations open for Vice-President  
Cochran nominates Steve Habeck, Spikes seconds  
Call for further nominations  
Vicknair moves to close nominations, Cochran seconds  
Steve Habeck remains Vice-President

Nominations open for Secretary  
Habeck nominates Eugene Vicknair, Spikes seconds  
Call for further nominations  
Cochran moves to close nominations, Spikes seconds  
Eugene Vicknair remains Secretary

Nominations open for Treasurer  
Spikes nominates Bart Hansen, Vicknair seconds  
Call for further nominations  
Cochran moves to close nominations, Vicknair seconds  
Bart Hansen remains Treasurer

**Appointment of Department and Committee Heads**

Review of Department and Committee List  
Some changes noted, Kerry Cochran to update  
Discussion about open positions  
Noted that Ann Carey is doing good job of RAL scheduling  
Appointments approved as per current list with changes

## **Correspondence**

*Habeck*

- Received something from Tehama County Museum. They are having an event on September 10. Offered us a booth at the event.
- Got membership renewal request back for Don Douglas.
- We have completed donation agreement on Western Pacific 302 coach.
- We did not receive Society of Industrial Archaeology grant.
- Received membership from individual as institutional member. Eugene Vicknair to follow up.

## **Consent Calendar**

- Minutes – Minutes of the July 2022 BOD Regular / Membership Meeting.

Motion 22-08-01

Approve the July 2022 BOD Regular Meeting Minutes as presented.  
Vicknair / Spikes. Aye – 7, Nay – 0, Abstain – 1. Motion carries.

## **Old Business**

none

## **New Business**

### **Heritage Rail Alliance Meeting**

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Discuss sending a representative to the Heritage Rail Alliance Meeting.

- We are receiving an award for the WP 165 restoration.
- Discussion about sending someone to represent.
- Banquet is on September 10.
- Suggestion to ask Steve Lee to go.
- Roger Stabler to call Steve and ask.
- Society will cover expenses.
- Bart Hansen offered to go if Steve Lee is unavailable.
- Charlie Spikes offered \$500 out of his budget to help cover.

Motion 22-08-02

Set a preliminary budget of \$2,500 to cover travel and lodging expenses for Heritage Rail Alliance event.  
Vicknair / Steeper. Aye – 8, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

### **Donation of Western Pacific Caboose**

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Offer to donate Western Pacific bay window caboose to FRRS.

- Written report provided.
- Discussion about future plans for it.

Motion 22-08-03

Accept offer of donation of caboose Western Pacific 658 with provision that donor provides for movement as discussed.

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

- Eugene Vicknair to follow up with owners.

## Good of the Order

### President's Report

- none

### Financial Reports

- *Written reports provided.*
- Invoice for new end roll up doors has been paid.
- Review of financials.
- Visa bill not sent.
- Check on Bank Service Fee on transactions.

### Director's Reports

- *Habeck* – written report provided
  - Raccoons have been getting into the passenger cars.
  - Roger and Eugene will seal holes.
  - Looking at LED lights for 105 and Silver Plate.
  - Need to ballast and tamp balloon.
  - Trackwork going on the east lead.
    - Discussion about how much rock and ties we need. Roger believes we need 100 tons of ballast rock and we have enough ties for this year.
    - Priority is to get ballast and we have budget to cover.
  - Need to update processing dates in membership letters and on website.
- *Vicknair* – written report provided
  - Discussion about Pumpkin Patch Trains.
    - Picnic area is full of track materials.
    - No passenger cars on train except for baggage car.
    - We need the following:
      - Picnic area cleaned
      - People to set up decorations
      - People to set up and crew Haunted Railcar – Eugene to contact theater group
      - Someone to purchase pumpkins and hay bales – Bart to handle pumpkins and hay bales
      - Steam planned for October 22-23
    - Discussion about new volunteers coming on board.
    - Discussion of narrow gauge equipment move.

### Event Reports

none

### Department Reports

- *Webmaster* – written report provided.
- *Train Sheet* – written report provided.
- *General Superintendent* – written report provided.
- *Archives / Historical* – written report provided.
  - Discussion about new archive volunteers
  - Need new computer and printer
  - Working with CSRM on cooperative things
- *Funding* – written report provided.
- *Museum Store* – written report provided.
  - New products in
- *Mechanical*
  - Got water pump installed in SP GP9 2873. Bolt broke on feed elbow. Broken bolt removed.
  - Been doing regular work on running engines.
  - Sunday plan is to flush SP 2873 water system. Engine is slowly coming back together.
  - Has a punch list of items to work on if someone is willing to work on them.
  - Quincy TR6A 1100 due for its annual next month. Will be down for a couple of weeks.

- Looking at work on WP GP7 707 and doing radiators on WP GP20 2001. Need to get estimate on radiators from A-1 Radiator.
- SP GP9 2873 will need one radiator at some point.
- Backhoe needs new seals. Boom tram on right side cylinder blew a seal. Still usable for trackwork.
- Roger Stabler working on tamper.
- Phil Schmierrer had brown Ford truck working.
- *Roadmaster* – written report provided.

### **Committee Reports**

none

### **Legal / Insurance Report**

- Kerry Cochran reviewing some of the policies.
- Directors and Officers renewal is done.

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

none

### **Safety Committee**

- Safety and Facilities
- Going to be ordering new stairs for mounting to the dock.
- Has run through stash of LED bulbs.
- Has some newer style LED bulbs that are high cost but much higher quality and heavier duty.
- Looking at retrofitting shop bays with 8 ft LED tubes.

Janet Steeper had to leave meeting at 6:26 PM

- Stairs for UP 105 were reinforced and rebuilt. Need to be painted.

### **Public Comments**

- *Kerry Cochran* – new internet connection being installed starting Monday. Will be lower cost and higher speed.

### **Notices**

- Next Meeting: Calendar Review and Budget Submissions

Bart Hansen had to leave – 6:30 PM

### **Closed Session** – requested by President Greg Elems and Director Eugene Vicknair

6:34 PM – 6:47 PM

- *Business Issue* – Policy Updates

The Board heard a report on a Business Issue – Policy Update. Consensus direction given. No reportable action taken.

### **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at: 18:48 (Vicknair / Cochran)

Next Meeting: September 10, 2022 – 1:00 PM  
 Location: WPRM Meeting Room, Portola

Respectfully Submitted  
 Eugene Vicknair – FRRS Secretary