

**Feather River Rail Society  
Board of Directors Meeting – May 11, 2024 – 1:00 PM  
Western Pacific Railroad Museum Meeting Room – WPRM, Portola, CA**

President Greg Elems called the meeting to order at 13:19.

**Attendance**

**The following Directors were present:**

Greg Elems	Roger Stabler - phone
Steve Habeck	Matt Elems
Kerry Cochran - phone	Bob Sims - phone
Charlie Spikes	

7 directors present at meeting start – Quorum achieved.

**Visitors:**

David Elems – CMO, Safety Officer  
Matt Shuman – Election chair – phone  
Nick Manos – phone  
Brian Waller – phone  
Logan Beers

**Correspondence**

*Habeck*

- Letter from member in Virginia, claims we would not renew his membership, we sent several notices.
- Highway 70 will be completely rebuilt starting May 29, 2024 large project, for three seasons, delays up to 30 minutes.
- Claim form from Master Card Visa, from 2019 for excessive fees Class Action, Steve filed a claim.
- In the Sierra Booster, there was an article on the museum, Opening, Operations, RAL Program and Motorcars. Good coverage.

*M. Elems*

- Facebook – Several questions on upcoming events will be answered as information becomes available.

**Consent Calendar**

1. Minutes – Minutes of the March 2024 BOD Regular Meeting. Noted that April 2024 Minutes tabled to June.

Motion 24-05-01

Approve the March 2024 BOD Regular Meeting Minutes as presented.  
Sims / Spikes. Aye – 7, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

**Old Business**

**O Scale Layout Donation**

Report on offer to donate O Scale kids' layout.

Motion 24-05-02

Motion to table discussion.

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

## **New Business**

### **Offer to Donate Tour Bus**

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Review offer to donate bus by member Charles White.

- Report and images provided.
- Discussion by Board.

Motion 24-05-03

Motion to gratefully decline the donation.

Stabler / Habeck. Aye – 7, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

## **Good of the Order**

### **President's Report**

- Verbal report provided.
- Summit Fire - Contacted and waiting on return call about bill and part needed to finish the job.
- Mast Roofing - Need to contact to keep current estimate in place on roof repair. Will try to take care of that call this next week.
- UP 4014 visit - Meeting with UP PR and local manager on May 22nd. Steve Habeck and Eugene Vicknair will be included.
- Doug Peterson - Phil Schmierer and I will be going down to Lodi to retrieve Wig Wag signal and semaphore on Monday May 13th. United Rental bill will be paid by me for the rental of a ¾ ton truck and trailer.
- Norman Holmes celebration of life will be open to the public and the museum will provide access to the soda machine for the drinks. Steve and crew will assemble a small train for the celebration as a display. WP 653, WP long gondola and Norman's wooden caboose will be used in the train.

### **Financial Reports**

- Financial reports provided.
- Bob Sims notes: \$10,000.00 Transfer from restricted to general account to pay the current bills, now that we are open income is coming in. this was to tie us over until we get mere income.
- General questions on the Steam account. Roger is covering some of the costs and making donations.
- Utility bill is gone up very much, rates have gone up about 35% for everyone.

### **Director's Reports**

- Stabler
  - WP 165 updates provided and has sent the webmaster photos for posting. He will be doing quarterly postings. He is getting ready to perform hydro test.

### **Event Reports**

- *2024 Convention*
  - Working on final report.
- *Independence Day Weekend*
  - Two portable toilets reserved for the weekend.
- *Big Boy Celebration*
  - Four additional portable toilets and a hand wash station arranged for this event.
  - Prices were discussed, General Admission (19-64) On-line \$20.00 at Gate \$25.00, youth (5-18), Senior (65+) and Active Military \$10.00 on-line \$15.00 at gate. 4 and under free and FRRS Members with membership card free. Steve thought the price was steep. He read the UP schedule and about the unit being in Roseville and baggage car open to public. Concern is overpricing when they can go to Roseville for free. More explanation given.
  - More discussion on pricing and that the price set was reasonable for the type of event.

### **Department Reports**

- *Webmaster* – written report provided.
- *General Superintendent* – written report provided.

- *Historical / Archives* – written report provided.
- *Signal* – written report provided. Wig Wag coin system not working. Bypass button not working.
- *Mechanical*
  - Semi-annual inspections, due end of month, in progress. Working with Steam Department on WP 165.
  - Have come across some parts for the Fairbanks Morris, at reasonable prices (compressor). Charlie Spikes will make donation to the purchase. And found some power assemblies for \$400.00 and \$200.00 shipping.
  - WP FP7 805-A: may start work on it by removing all the stuff in the rear and start looking at the brake system.
- *Facilities*
  - Sink in the wood shop had some issues and David is working on it.

## **Committee Reports**

none

## **Legal / Insurance Report**

- Payments being made. All insurances are now in effect and current.

## **Status of Surplus Property Report**

none

## **Safety Committee**

- Stay out of sun and stay hydrated

## **Public Comments**

*Manos*

- Open Cab Days: one volunteer has indicated he was available for both days. Setting up with Steve Habeck and David Elems on setting up the locomotives.
- Concern voiced on the pricing on the Big Boy event and if I had 3 kids and the parents, looking at \$70.00 for entry. That may be a big deal for them, need to look at family pricing. Suggestions after the meeting: Family pricing, 2 Adults and 3 Children (under 18) \$50.00 on-line, \$ 55.00 at the gate.

## **Notices**

- Annual Membership Dinner and Meeting June 8
  - Election Committee will be present to make official announcement of election.
  - No other arrangements have been made for the dinner. Charlie has suggested using Subway for the membership dinner. That is the way we have had to do it in the last couple of year.

## **Closed Session** – none

## **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 14:46

Next Meeting: June 8, 2024 – 3:00 PM (revised to 7:00 PM)

Location: WPRM Meeting Room, Portola

Respectfully Submitted

Kerry Cochran – FRRS Director and Eugene Vicknair – FRRS Secretary