



Report

...from the Board of Directors

By Kent Stephens
Secretary of the Board

July 14, 1991 Board of Director's meeting

Hank Stiles, of the publicity committee reported about extending our radio advertising on KROW radio station until later in the year, and doubling the spot from 30 seconds to 60 seconds. The board voted to give Hank Stiles the authority to use his discretion regarding extending the length the spot will run.

Regarding restoration, Brian Challender reported on restoration work on the dump truck. He has replaced front and rear bumpers. The board authorized Brian to purchase a pintle hitch for heavy towing. Brian has also donated a replacement large capacity fuel tank. Hank Stiles reported on the progress of repainting engine 608. Bruce Cooper reported on the acquisition of the Hotsey hot water cleaning unit. People will have to be trained how to use it. People should keep their hands off if they don't know how to use it. It uses kerosene only.

Norm Holmes reported in the General Manager's report that the DODX flat car that we wish to acquire is now tied up in red tape. Norm Holmes brought up the question of the Low Boy trailer. He suggested disposing of it and acquiring a lighter weight trailer that could be hauled behind a pickup. The state surplus office must be consulted first. The matter will be brought up at a later board meeting.

In a discussion of our shortage of track, Brian Challender proposed that a survey should be taken of locomotives on the property for review by the board as potential candidates for trade or sale from the collection. General agreement was that this should be done. Bruce Cooper suggested that the tank car frames and trucks should at least be picked up and set on the ground to conserve track space. Wayne Monger rejoined that there were plans for both -- one as undercarriage for the PFE reefer, and the second for a skeleton log flat car.

Dave Dewey gave a presentation of the long range plans for museum facilities that he has developed as part of his M.A. studies at CSU Chico. His map was on display and the board voted to accept plan as an introductory item to be further discussed at future meetings.

Kent Stephens brought up a proposal to have a Facilities Planning Committee to develop short and long range plans for the museum site and facilities. The proposal was defeated with the comment that that the full board should make these decisions. At this time, the meeting attendance had dropped from seven to a quorum of four board members.

August 18, 1991 Board of Director's meeting

Norm Holmes reported that some visitor response cards have been received back, and that most were positive.

Regarding restoration work, Norm Holmes reported that the work on engine 608 is going slower than expected, but it will be completed. Brian Challender reported on the work on the dump truck.

The CMO, Mardi Vincent, reported on book on service records of units. The board discussed hour meters for active units. The board voted to have Mardi pursue pricing and work up list for hour meters, initially for 6 locomotives used in the rental program.

Norm Holmes reported that the state surplus office has approved our sale of the Low Boy trailer because we have had it more than 2 years.

The board voted to pursue a method of securing cabs of all operating locomotives. It had been discussed that we are having increasing problems of going into operational units and finding switches turned on, etc.

Hank Stiles reported that the track tamper is running following work on it by himself and member Marion Rice. There are still a few problems to fix.

Sept. 15, 1991 Board of Director's meeting

Hank Stiles discussed extending the TRAINS Magazine advertisement to 12 months per year, noting that winter is when people plan their summer vacation. The board voted to approve this proposal.

Next was a discussion of a problem with the paint refrigerator in that someone changed the 40-watt light bulb from hard wiring that had been intended to have it stay on. It was discussed that we need 2 more junk refrigerators, one of which would be for welding rod.

Mardi Vincent discussed having Dan Ogle appointed as Mechanical Department Electrician. The consensus of the board was for Mardi to appoint Dan as discussed.

Kent Stephens brought up the idea of "quick" restoration of boxcars. Kent said he and Dave Dewey had removed MofW lettering from 4 boxcars by using paint thinner and water.

Norm Holmes picked up 47 surplus mattresses to re-supply the troop sleeper car.

The board appointed a committee of Brian Challender, Kent Stephens and Wayne Monger to evaluate the locomotive collection in terms of historical and museum value as discussed at the previous meeting.

Brian Challender suggested a common logo for non-historic MofW equipment. There was general (but not unanimous) agreement that it isn't a good idea to be putting WP on non-historic MofW equipment that is used for museum maintenance. We should have a logo that identifies the museum. Brian will work on developing a logo and present it to the board at a later meeting.

Kent Stephens suggested protecting the FRRS logo, and he will bring info to the next meeting.

Brian Challender brought up for discussion the need of a table of organization and titled positions. He said we need to have a clear-cut organizational table spelling out responsibilities and authority and job descriptions. Brian agreed to undertake the job of creating it for the next meeting.