



...from the Board of Directors

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Secretary of the Board

Board of Director's Meeting October 13, 1991

Wayne Monger reported that our 2 O&NW Baldwins were both at M-K in Boise, and that one (#4) had been detrucked and was on shop trucks. No. 4 was detrucked to determine the weight of the trucks which turned out to be 57,300 lbs. each. No. 4 has since been retrucked. We have also asked M-K to discard dead batteries on the units to lighten the units up some. Wayne also reported on the progress of moving SD9E SP4404.

The Board discussed the NRHS Central Coast Chapter proposal on the steam excursion train operation, and agreed that further negotiations were in order.

David Dewey reported that we could secure a Museum Accessment Program grant. This would involve a visit by a museum professional who would evaluate the museum and write an accessment report for the museum's guidance. After extensive discussion, it was tabled until the next meeting pending more information.

The board continued with a discussion about members not wearing hard hats while working on equipment. It was agreed that we will renew enforcement of wearing hard hats while working on equipment. Members not wearing a hard hat in a situation where they should be will be asked to put one on. New hard hats are on order.

David Dewey gave a short presentation on the bulletin board mission statement and bulletin board themes. The board agreed with David's sketches and asked David to develop the plan and bring it back to the board.

The Roseville Rail Show was discussed by the board.

Kent Stephens brought up that a historic Diamond Match Co. flat car needed to be preserved. He will report further at the November meeting.

Museum weed control was discussed next with various suggestions being brought up, including the purchase of a Flail Mower.

The board agreed to purchase a selection of new nuts and bolts in a cabinet from a dealer to help ease the problem of never finding the right nut or bolt for a particular job.

Firewood for the Silver Shower car was discussed next. We have plenty of firewood, it just needs to be cut up. The board agreed to purchase a chain saw for the purpose of maintaining a firewood supply.

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The Board discussed various advertising strategies; and noted that the radio ads on Reno station KROW this summer were effective.

Gordon Wollesen reported that every diesel with water in cooling system had been drained for the winter. Reports on batteries, gas and diesel fuel supplies followed.

Bruce Cooper reported that David Dewey plans to write

up proposal on entry way and bulletin boards and send to board members.

Norm Holmes reported that he had talked to Pete Solym about the Southern Regional Meet. It had gone well with about 150 people in attendance.

Reports were made on the TRAIN Convention and SD9E SP4404.

A deal has been made to swap the low-bed trailer for a 3-axle car hauling trailer.

Regarding the Baldwin locomotives, Wayne Monger reported on his progress with talking to people at M-K. Norm Holmes reported on starting to lease 2 DODX tank flat cars to carry the Baldwins.

The board discussed and approved sending people to Salt Lake City to meet with the U.P. and the other organizations involved in next year's steam excursion train to begin to iron out the details.

Norm Holmes reported for Kent Stephens that the Diamond Match Co. flat car had gone elsewhere. Portola was an alternate site.

Discussion ensued regarding joining the Eastern Plumas Chamber of Commerce and the Plumas County Chamber of Commerce to gain a closer working relationship with local chambers.

Norm Holmes brought up the idea of getting an all-door boxcar for storage of traction motors and generators which are now sitting out in the weather with tarps over them. He will investigate sources and he expects to have a proposal at the next meeting.

Hank Stiles received approval from the board for investigating the acquisition of 85 lb. switches and turnouts for increasing track space.

The board discussed hiring help to get engine 2001 finished and out of the shop. The idea is to find someone to contract with, not hire as an employee. The board will consider among its other options contacting a retired WP painter in Stockton, contacting people who know ex-WP painters, having Bill Evans take it under consideration and hearing from interested members.

Bill Evans brought up that the museum staff is up against a workload factor; our volunteer staff can't get everything done. There was a comment that there IS a lot of work done that doesn't show such as Hank Stiles' work on engine 51 and Gordon Wollesen's work on wiring in the shop.

Gordon Wollesen brought up the need to buy a battery charger specifically for engine 51 because of its unique voltage. The board approved this acquisition.

The board approved having a contractor remodel, winterize, frame and heat the operating department office. Hank Stiles was put in charge of seeing this done.

Gordon Wollesen was put in charge of the same project regarding the rest rooms.