



## Report

...from the Board of Directors

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Secretary of the Board

### **Board of Directors Meeting February 8, 1992**

Hank Stiles of the publicity committee reported that *Trains Magazine* had dropped our advertisement 1 month too early, so that they will add 1 month to our advertising renewal. We submitted the renewal just before a price increase. A milk carton ad campaign was discussed.

On the gift shop report, Norm Holmes discussed video tapes. He has ordered a video tape on Trona Baldwin locomotives. Discussion followed regarding the packaging of video tapes of specific events at the museum (such as Railfan Day 1990) and whether the year shown on the boxes should be removed when the tape becomes a year old or more. The consensus was NOT to remove the year.

Regarding grants, Kent Stephens is looking into applying for a grant to restore caboose Santa Fe 999414.

On the mechanical report, Norm Holmes reported on an SP employee who has agreed to come up and work on engine SP 4404. Wayne Monger has learned that Dave Stemac has acquired complete mechanical records for engines UP 1000 and UP 1001. UP 1001 is now our WP 608. The understanding is that he will give us UP 1001's records.

Gordon Wollesen gave the facilities report in which he reported on wiring projects he is working on around the museum, and on water heaters. Security lighting on the east end of the building and power for roll-up locomotive doors are being investigated and are pending. A discussion followed on the state of the fire hydrants on the property.

David Dewey's revised drawing of his proposed museum entrance project was discussed and then approved for construction.

The board discussed obtaining ballast from Green Rock Quarry in Oroville; Kent Stephens agreed to look into it further.

It was discussed that someone had washed a piece of equipment with the Hotsey pressure washer and had left a mess near the oil house that had to be cleaned up with a shovel. It was agreed that we will have to stop heavy cleaning until we have a spot with a catch basin.

A lengthy discussion of the Pacific Limited followed. See story elsewhere.

Regarding the fall TRAIN convention, Norm noted that the booking at the Nugget in Sparks had fallen apart because they had accidentally duplicate booked, so that we have changed the location to Bally's in Reno.

The board discussed acquisition of two McCloud River Railroad all-door cars, which will be investigated.

Norm Holmes reported that we have been offered a chain saw from a member in Oregon which we will pick up in Reno. This is for cutting firewood and other large wooden objects.

Discussion followed regarding participation in Don Olsen's WP video. This issue remained unresolved.

Norm Holmes reported that Janene Matthew has resigned as bookkeeper, and that Sue Cooper has agreed to pick it up.

The treasurer, Gordon Wollesen, reported that he is continuing to have problems with people not putting down what their purchases are for. The problem centers around the hardware and auto parts store. He stated 2 bills from 1991 that were for unknown merchandise from a company that we never heard of with no idea who charged it. Discussion followed that if a purchase isn't handled under rules and is not authorized, the person making the purchase will be left to pay the bill himself.

Norm Holmes discussed what he had learned from a compliance manual regarding hiring outside contractors.

The board agreed to approach David Dewey about attending the Preservation Symposium this year.

### **Board of Directors Meeting March 15, 1992**

In the publicity report, Hank Stiles said he had talked to L&RP about advertising. The decision was to hold off on placing an ad with L&RP. Wayne Monger suggested placing ads in alumni magazines targeting people who are alumni of 2 or 3 specific colleges. We have a letter from Model Dairy agreeing to have us place an ad on milk cartons. Ed Warren is working on the project and will take care of it.

In the gift shop report, it was reported that we sold a great deal of merchandise at Winterail. Bruce Cooper brought up that we need to hire a part time sales clerk for the gift shop because we are losing business when no one is available to staff it. The board agreed and it is being looked into. Wayne Monger brought up that we need a coffee mug for this year, and Bruce Cooper suggested one of engine 512 because it is used a lot on rentals and people want to buy something with 512 on it. Norm will look into having it done.

Regarding the TRAIN fall convention, Norm reported that he has been doing work as a one-man show with input from others, including Nevada State RR Museum. He is in the process of establishing a food committee, a hotel committee, and a transportation committee; and he is still looking for seminar ideas.

In the general manager's report, it was reported that we were looking for switches. UP very graciously donated several 85 pound switches from Sacramento.

Participation in Don Olsen's WP video was again brought up for discussion. Norm gave Don's latest proposal. There was further discussion, and then a decision was made to have an attorney evaluate this latest proposal and to get as many additional specifics as possible before entering into an agreement.

Kent Stephens brought up for discussion the need to preserve the Oroville turntable. Both the pros and cons were discussed. The board approved investigating the possibility of acquiring it and into the costs involved in moving it.

Brian Challender reported on the investigation of purchasing cabinets with a large assortment of nuts and bolts. The cabinet would be set up by the supplier, and the board approved acquiring it.

California State Railroad Museum is having a program involving a display of diesels sometime in June. There is some indication that we will be invited to send a diesel unit down there. No details are available yet.

A letter from a member was discussed that had asked the board to publish a membership directory. During discussion, it was determined that many members would choose NOT to be included in it, so that any such directory that we might publish would not be complete. Also, the board talked about the legal ramifications of publishing such a directory and then decided not to publish it or to allow the release of any membership information for others to use.

The board approved participating in the SP Sacramento auction.

Kent Stephens brought up donation of San Francisco Market St. Ry. cable car truck found by David Dewey on a ranch in Butte County. The board agreed to accept the donation of it. Since it does not fit the theme of the museum we may try to trade or sell it to another museum.