



Report From the Board of Directors

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Secretary of the Board

Board of Director's Meeting April 4, 1993

Hank Stiles reported that the NMRA PCR Silver State Model railroad convention coordinator requested 500 plastic bags with the FRRS and PCR logos on them. The board voted to explore the cost of further production of bags with the FRRS logo.

On the public relations report, Bruce Cooper reported on articles to appear in various newspapers. Bruce also will contact the Japanese Embassy in San Francisco about sending out info for Japanese visitors to the Reno area.

Kent Stephens reported that the museum in Rio Vista has had free public service announcements on Channel 12 in Chico. He is trying to contact the station manager there to see about having the same type of announcements for the FRRS.

Under steam acquisition, Hank Stiles made a report on the proposed acquisition of SP 2252. Various alternatives were discussed as well as the possible high cost of restoration of SP 2252.

Regarding restoration, a lengthy discussion took place of how to go about finding someone to get the 2001 finished.

On the grants report, Kent Stephens says that the FRRS now has a professional grant writer. She will do all of the final work on each grant application before submitting it to an organization. Kent also has identified a few more foundations for grant applications.

Gordon Wollesen reported on the facilities report that there was considerable damage done from the winter snows, including roof damage on the north facing roofs. The fence along the parking lot was damaged also.

The FRRS 1994 10th Anniversary Celebration was discussed at length.

There was a brief discussion of the donation box versus the number of visitors which precipitated the "suggested admission donation" which is now in effect.

The idea of the proposed trade for the 3-truck Shay at Heber City from the Nevada State Railroad Museum was discussed extensively. The board confirmed by vote that the FRRS does indeed wish to acquire the Shay.

Next was a report of WP wood cabooses 614 (body only) which is owned by an individual in Medford, Oregon and located east of Yuba City. Norm Holmes has sent a letter to

the owner stating that the FRRS is interested in purchasing it.

The board voted to agree to the participation by the FRRS in sending a "log" train to Loyalton for display next October. Norm and Bruce will look into the details.

The board discussed the mobile barricades which are now in place in the shop area and loading dock.

Bruce Cooper reported that he had contacted the owner of a road grader for sale at Chilcoot. Bruce will evaluate the purchase and make a report to the board.

Regarding the gift shop, we need to find one or two steady volunteers to help operate the gift shop this summer.

The reprinting of the book, "Western Pacific Diesel Years" was discussed with the board deciding to wait.

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Regarding publicity, it was reported that we have signed up with a company who puts up fixed advertisements on "community bulletin boards" to put some up for us including one at the Holiday Market in Quincy. Bruce Cooper reported that recent articles in local newspapers have resulted in good local feedback of people wishing to volunteer time at the museum. Vic Neves mentioned that we should look into being on the PBS television program "Tracks Ahead." Kent Stephens has contacted Channel 12 in Chico who has expressed interest in sending a crew to the museum to film a public service announcement.

On grants, Norm Holmes stated that we have applied for grant money through the City of Portola to prevent future flood and weather damage. If successful, it would be used to make a concrete curb around the building, and plywood protection for upper windows, and other such improvements.

Next was a discussion of the need for several carloads of ballast to use on the museum trackage.

The proposal to run a logging train on the Loyalton Branch probably will not happen due to objection of UP of running any additional traffic on Loyalton Branch.

The Golf Tournament was cancelled due to lack of sufficient response. Next year it will be scheduled early in order to get a weekend date.

Lengthy discussions regarding steam acquisition followed.

Desperate Down Under

WP modeller in Australia requires two Oriental Models CZ cars to complete train as it originally ran. Cars required: one each of Dome Chair Car and Dome Lounge Dormitory (Dorm obs not required). Also interested in any Overland WP steel bay window cabooses. Contact Rick Schonfelder, 5 Allinga Place, Donvale Victoria Australia 3111.