



REPORT

from the Board of Directors

as transcribed by Peter Langdon.

Board of Directors Meeting, February 19, 1995.

On public relations, Bruce Cooper stated that he is contacting various politicians requesting that they visit the Museum to see what we have achieved.

Hank Stiles put forward a proposal by himself, Dave Anderson and Tom Graham, that new members of the Society be mentioned in the Train Sheet in the form of a "welcome new members" slot. The Board agreed that this would be an excellent idea.

On the facilities report, Gordon Wollesen mentioned that the shop has fewer leaks this year compared to previous years. He is also going to try a mastic sealing compound for the roof that has been recommended by Tom Graham.

On the CMO Report, Hank Stiles produced a copy of the electrical circuit print for 512. He then mentioned that he is working on upgrading the annual inspection reports, first created by Mardi Langdon. When the SN 146 was started up, the #1 engine was found to have a lot of problems, particularly water leaks. After much discussion, the Board agreed that Hank should get an estimate of what is involved to rebuild the engine and the cost. When he has all the information, he will produce a report for the Board. The annual inspections of the operational locomotives will be starting shortly. The status of the wheel lathe was discussed next, and as a result, the board voted that Hank should contact either the McCloud Railway or the M & ET, to see if they would be willing to send someone to Portola to show Hank and the Society how to use the wheel lathe.

On the Beanery Report, Sue Cooper produced a written financial Statement for 1994. Sue mentioned that she would like to replace the upright freezer with a larger two door model. The board then voted the necessary funds to purchase a two door freezer.

Reporting on restoration, Wayne Monger mentioned that a magazine publisher living in Chico intends to hold a fund raiser to help us buy the paint for the SN 146.

On the Pacific Limited Report, Steve Habeck reported that Pacific Limited is expecting a healthy profit from the ACS and Pacific Northwest trains. Steve mentioned that UP may be giving Pacific Ltd. the opportunity to operate excursion trains over the whole system, because they are dissatisfied with some of their other passenger train operators.

Regarding correspondence, a letter was received from Union Pacific Railroad President Dick Davidson thanking us for sending the painting by Ken Roller of a Missouri Pacific steam locomotive for display at Omaha. The FRRS has received brochures of the upcoming auction of Norfolk

Southern steam equipment. Norm Holmes produced a letter from Simplot stating that they are unable to assist us in the restoration of SP 4004.

The Union Pacific has sent a letter, stating that they are considering selling 13 acres of land within our boundary to a local developer. The developer desires the land so that his other land will be attached to the City so he can get easements. After much discussion by the Board, including examining maps of the affected location, (the parking lot/picnic area) and the possibility of us purchasing the land concerned, the board voted to ask our Attorney to examine the issue and advise us what to do next. [We are pursuing every option that will benefit us.]

On the Museum Executive Director's Report, Norm Holmes reported that the antique ditcher that has been offered to the Museum, is still available and he recommended that we collect it as soon as possible. Norm also mentioned that he is still pursuing the acquisition of a Budd RDC car.

The 805A Re-Dedication was discussed next. The Board discussed certain details of the event including having the names of the people involved in acquiring and restoring the locomotive on the program.

On budget matters, Gordon and Norm mentioned that keeping the books is more work than they have time for. So as a result, the board voted to hire a part time bookkeeper to take care of our accounting.

Regarding the proposal for "perks for members," the Board discussed a proposal put forward by Tom Graham, Dave Anderson and others, to give FRRS members "perks" for time spent working, etc. on behalf of the Society. After discussion the board approved the proposal. [See story elsewhere.]

The Board discussed changing the rules to allow members who are presently below our minimum age limit for Operating Dept. crew, to become train crew, etc. After some discussion, including bringing the matter to the attention of our insurance carrier and attorney for their advice on liability etc., the Board generally agreed to the idea and decided to establish criteria for under age crew etc., for presentation at a future meeting.

Norm Holmes made a request at this point to further investigate the possibility of obtaining the ex SP 1215 0-6-0 steam locomotive from Hanford and the Alco S4 from Foster Farms. The Board agreed to Norm's request.

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Transcript was not available of this meeting at press time.