

## Minutes of Previous Board Meetings

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Meeting Adjourned at 15:22 hours.

### March 1999, Not Available

### April 1999, Not Available

### May 1999

Meeting called to order by President Englert at 9:09 am

**Roll Call:** Present Anderson, Englert, Holmes, Monger, Morgan, Mueller, Neves, Stiles, and Wollesen. Absent Brehm-Work.

Discussion of VIA units' sale prior to general meeting: Chaired by President Englert. Issues about lack of information, ethics and no communication were brought up. Upon completion of discussion it was determined the vote for the sale would remain majority and unchanged. Issue closed.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** April's minutes were accepted

**Financial Report:** Accepted

**Correspondence:** Executive Director Holmes read a letter from the Yolo Shortline tendering an offer to purchase the VIA lounge car for \$18,200.00

**By-Laws:** Discussion followed regarding acceptance of most recent proposed by-law changes Motions followed

**2001:** CMO STILES informed the BoD the 2001 is almost complete and is scheduled to begin its "shakedown" runs on the YSL. He noted the speed recorder had been installed.

**2001 to Roseville:** Doug Morgan advised the BoD that due to certain "political" consideration the UPRR decided not to have "foreign" power on sight for the yards rededication.

**Silver Hostel:** The "Silver Hostel" has been successfully acquired by the FRRS. Doug Morgan explained the intricacies involved in both preparing and shipping the car to Portola. He was instructed to collect more data and dollar amount and return this information to the BoD

**Quincy #3:** The 44 tonner arrived on the flat car from Quincy. Discussion regarding movement of the ALCO ensued. The UPRR has advised they will not permit the movement of that unit under its on power leasing 2 options. One is to return the flatcar to Quincy and put the locomotive on the car. The other is to truck it. The BoD will decide on a method of movement upon installment of the new BoD.

Vic Neves presented a mission statement to the BoD for consideration:

**MISSION STATEMENT:** The primary goal of the Feather River Rail Society is to preserve the memory and history of the Western Pacific Railroad with a secondary goal to preserve the memory and history of subsidiary and interchange railroads within the territories it served.

**MISSION GOALS:** To preserve and interpret the history of the WP ("willing people") as a vital link in the development of the rail industry on the west coast, including the steam and diesel evolution, WP's influence in the passenger tourism in-

dustry, the impact of freight completion between neighboring railroads. The Society also recognizes the WP's influence in the lumber, mining and agriculture industries from Plumas county through Northern California.

**Motion 05-99-01:** "An Offer Was Made By The Yolo Shortline To Purchase Via Lounge Ear The Purchase Price Of This Car Shall Be \$18, 200.00" Yes-0 No-8 Anderson, Holmes, Mueller, Wollesen, Monger, Neves, Morgan, Stiles Abstained-L Englert.

**Motion 05-99-02:** "Accept The Submitted by-laws Changes" Yes-1 No-7 Abstained-1 Englert.

**Motion 05-99-03:** "Return (With Comments) To Committee The Rejected by-laws Changes For Review And Modification" Yes-7 No-L Abstained-1 Englert.

GP9s: Discussion regarding painting the GP9s . I t was decide to let an outside vendor inspect and put in a bid.

**Motion 05-99-04:** "Accept The Proposed Mission Statement And Goals As Drafted By Vic Neves" Yes-5 Anderson, Holmes, Mueller, Monger, Neves No-3 Wollesen, Morgan, Stiles Abstained-1 Englert.

**Motion 05-99-5:** "Budget Request For The FRRS Costs At Railfair '99 Amounting To \$13, 500 (Budget Sheet Prepared)" Yes-6 Anderson, Mueller, Monger, Neves, Morgan, Stiles No-2 Holmes, Wollesen Abstained-1 Englert

Executive Director Holmes presented the board with a photograph of a box car converted to an " open air" passenger car, He explained he would do it and felt it would be an option for those who did not want to ride in cabooses.

**Motion 05-99-06:** "Convert Box Car WP 22009 To A Passenger Carrying Car At A Cost Of \$ 1200 Yes-5 Anderson, Holmes, Mueller, Wollesen, Monger No-3 Neves, Morgan, Stiles Abstained-1 Englert.

BoD discussed impending retirement of Executive Director Holmes—see next motion

**Motion 05-99-07:** "The FRRS Board Will Form An Ad Hoc Committee To Study Guidelines For The General Manger Position" Yes-8 Anderson, Holmes, Mueller, Wollesen, Monger Neves, Morgan Stiles No-0 Abstained-1 Englert.

**Motion 05-99-08:** "The BoD Of The FRRS Shall Modify The Previous Motion Numbered 05-99-04, Calling for A \$20,000.00 Deposit To Be Tendered To The Illinois Transit Assemble Corp Towards The Purchase Of Ex WP Zephyr Car "Silver Hostel". The Modifications Shall Be All Cash, \$50,000.00 For The Purchase Of The "Silver Hostel" Yes-7 No-0 Abstained-1

Meeting adjourned at XXXX hours

### June 1999

Meeting called to order at 1806 by Vice-Pres. Hank Stiles.

**Roll Call:** Present Monger, Brehm, Holmes, Morgan, Neves and Anderson. Excused: Englert. Absent: Mueller and Wollesen.

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**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Minutes from the May meeting were reviewed and due to some discrepancies the approval was withheld until final review at the July Meeting.

**Correspondence:**

Letters from Pat Brimmer and Gary Hall were read regarding Rail Fair costs. After much discussion the Board decided to make results of the audit of the Rail Fair costs available to all at the July Board meeting. It was felt that the 10 day ultimatum proffered by Tom Graham would allow insufficient time to complete an accurate audit.

**Financial Report:** No Financial Report was available and the same was true of the Executive Director and committee reports.

**Old Business:**

**A report** was given on the grant that was given to the Plumas Corp. to advance feasibility studies for the Portola Railroad Museum. The results of this study will produce a site plan and a marketing plan which will be offered in Portola on July 14, 1999. In as much as the Board meets on July 17, 1999 those Board members who can attend the July 14th meeting will bring to the entire Board the results at our July Board Meeting. It was also noted that Plumas Corp. was willing to host a motivational meeting for the Board and the prospect of this being developed will be brought to the next Board meeting.

**The Mission Statement** was discussed at great length and there were feelings among some of the Board that in its present state it did not convey a complete meaning. Each member of the Board was asked to review the statement and bring their thoughts concerning the change in text to the July meeting.

**Changes in the By-laws** were also discussed and that too will be held over. As to the election: After some discussion a white ballot was cast for four new members. They being: Ed Wegner, Frank Brehm, Hank Stiles and Andy Anderson.

**The T/S-H/L** job description was discussed with resolve to come later.

**As to the C/Z** car Director Morgan is to present a preferred and alternate plan on how to retrieve and deliver the car to the Museum.

**The GP9** paint project also was put on hold until such time as a detailed plan is developed and approved.

**New Business:**

The Board was pleased with the announcement that Bruce and Sue Cooper are returning as operators of the BEANERY and it was moved and approved by a vote of 7-0 that the contract offered by them be approved.

**Motions by Director Brehm:**

**Motion #1:** That Director Holmes be reimbursed for any charges to his personal credit care for the subscription service from MyPostageRateSaver GOLD. This shall be in effect until such time that the Feather River Rail Society has its own means of taking care of charges such as this. Invoices will be provided to Director Holmes and the Board of the Feather

River Rail Society regarding these charges. Passed by a vote of 7-0.

**Motion #2:** The Feather River Rail Society shall purchase one subscription for MyPostageRateSaver GOLD at the initial price of \$75.72. Motion passed by vote of 7-0.

**Motion #3:** The Feather River Rail Society apply for a VISA credit card to be used only for official Feather River Rail Society business purchases as approved by the Board of Directors. Passed by a vote of 7-0.

**Motion by Director Neves** for acceptance a new sign for the Museum gate. Motion passed by a 7-0 vote to accept the proposal.

**Motion by Director Morgan** a proposal for black topping a portion of the entrance road. In the proposal was the offer of \$.95/sq. ft. After much discussion a motion was made and passed by a 6-1 vote to allow Director Morgan to proceed with this project.

Meeting adjourned at 1959 hours.

### July 1999

Meeting called to order by Pres. Englert at 1340 hours.

**Roll Call:** Present Brehm, Englert, Holmes, Morgan, Neves, Stiles and Anderson. Absent Monger, Mueller and Wollesen. The following were elected, re-elected and installed as directors: Ed Wagner, Hank Stiles, Andy Anderson and Frank Brehm. Immediately following the election and installation of the new board members nominations were opened for election of officers. New officers are; President, Andy Anderson. Vice President, Hank Stiles. Secretary, Ed Wagner.

At this time control of the meeting was turned over to President Anderson by Director Englert.

Action was then taken to fill a board vacancy by appointing Eugene Vicknair to the BoD.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Due to the fact that some members of the Board did not have a copy of the minutes of the June meeting and that a complete financial report was unavailable these two items were tabled until the August meeting.

**Correspondence:**

Director Holmes and Englert read correspondence and the appropriate action was taken.

**Committee Reports:**

Director Vic Neves gave a report on RAIL FAIR '99.

Director Hank Stiles gave his report on Engine 2001. He submitted a detailed expense report and request for reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses. Request granted.

Director Neves reported on an additional magazine he wishes to have the museum advertised in.

Director Vicknair updated the Board on a Silver Hostel Fund-raiser endeavor.

**Old Business:**

Director Morgan reported on the preparation and installation

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