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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.

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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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of an air conditioning system for the membership sleeping car.

Director Brehm gave an update on the "Train Sheet" and "Headlight".

Also discussed was the RAL fleet.

New Business:

Dan Brady was appointed Treasurer of the FRRS.

Director Holmes offered a motion to have the museum roof painted. Authorization was given to do this prior to "RAILROAD DAYS". An endeavor will be made to solicit funds to offset the cost. The entire Board thought this to be a good idea.

Director Englert moved that we give the Old Town Merchants \$200 for purchase of paint to paint the railroad tracks on the streets of Portola that shows the direction to the museum.

Passed unanimously.

A discussion ensued concerning the work that Director Holmes has started on the W. P. Boxcar to make it a part of the fleet of cabooses for train rides. Director Vicknair raised the issue of the Board pre-empting the A ~ D committee in approving this effort. After a lengthy discussion the Board, on a split vote, moved that Director Holmes delay further work until the A & D committee meets and brings a decision to the Board.

Director Morgan was authorized travel expenses up to \$1500.00 to prepare the CZ car "Silver Hostel" for transportation from St. Louis to Portola.

A proposal to have the Plumas Corp. sponsor a meeting of the Board with a facilitator was discussed. This effort will allow the Board to discuss situations and in effect alleviate some of the pressure of existing conditions. The Board thought this an excellent idea. This will be scheduled for sometime in September, 1999.

On the morning of this meeting (7/17/99) members of the Board and officials of the City of Portola heard comment in a presentation by Roger Clem regarding a grant from the Forest Service for a feasibility study for a marketing and site plan.

In closing, I freely acknowledge that much of this meeting content is absent from print and in order that this not be the case, henceforth, steps will be taken to prevent a future occurrence.

Meeting adjourned at 1635 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Andy Anderson

(Editors Note) Space constraints prevent printing the motions presented at this meeting. They will be included in the next issue.

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