

Minutes of Past Meetings

tion of an Aims, Goals & Objectives Committee. Motion passed # 6-9/99

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion was held on development and adoption of a Procedures/Policy Manual. The Chair presented to the Board a manual prepared by Kerry Cochran. The Board felt that in addition to what he has already prepared, a study of past minutes regarding policies adopted should be included. Director Monger will produce past copies of minutes to re-search these items. The Board is most appreciative of Kerry's efforts.

SALT LAKE CITY 44-tonner: After much discussion the Board delayed the decision of bringing the unit as is to Portola or to part it out at its present location. There were two bids for transportation received: TW Construction - \$3275.00 and ARCO Trucking - \$4500.00. Final decision will be definitely made at the October Board Meeting.

LUMBER DONATION: The Chair will endeavor to arrange transportation of lumber, now located at the Quincy Mill, delivered to museum. Also will explore the possibility of having the two lumber cars returned from Loyaltan to Portola.

SILVER HOSTEL: Director Morgan is scheduled to leave for St. Louis on 9/14 to make arrangements for transportation & delivery of the Silver Hostel unit to Portola.

RAILFAIR EXPENSES: A discussion ensued regarding payment of out-of-pocket expenses to Director Monger. This item to be handled as soon as possible.

NEW BUSINESS:

Report from Jim Gidley - Operations Dept.:

1. Notes that due to unsafe track at two locations the train speed has been lowered until repairs are done.
2. Requests that Special Events Chairs let the operations dept. know at least 30 days in advance of event the engine selection. Expressed concern that without the Train Sheet it is difficult to let people know about dates and makes getting help very difficult.
4. Recommended that a business card be made up for RAL Engineers and Department Heads. The Board thought this was an excellent idea. Chair Anderson will take care of this.
5. Suggested that we send a thank you to Bruce & Sue Cooper for running the Beanery this year.

C/Z CARS: Director Holmes found 66 cushion assemblies and 44 seat backs in Los Angeles. Total for these was \$329.00. Transportation would be extra. Director Holmes to make arrangements for delivery and payment, he to be reimbursed upon arrival unless the Museum credit card can be used.

Storage of Property: Tabled until October meeting.

Motion by Director Stiles regarding paying registration and hotel for Dan Brady to attend Vancouver Convention. Motion 12-9/99 Passed.

Motion 11-9/99 That Director Morgan be appointed negotiator for the acquisition of Steam Locomotive WP 164 & the F.R. R. Shay #1 from the City of Oroville. Further negotiate with CSRM for the possible trade of the Silver Plate as well as with the Gold Coast R. R. Museum concerning the Silver Stag. Passed.

Motion 10-9/99 - That the Board approve the purchase of a snowplow to attach to the Case Backhoe. Expenses not to exceed \$3500.00. Passed.

Motion 9-9/99 - To designate Director Holmes to approach the U.P.R.R., Preferred U.P. scrappers and any other Railroad or Business holding significant items of WP/SN/TS equipment with a request that the FRRS be considered and notified if and when such items become candidates for sale or scrapping. Passed.

Director Vicknair was instructed by the Board to convey to the owner of the Silver Thrush the possible interest in acquiring this unit.

RAIL FAN DAY - Discussion as to the location of the sleeping car during this weekend and the hiring of security for the upcoming Rail Fan Day. The decision was made to move the sleeping car outside the building during this event. Director Holmes is to arrange for security. Policy on security will be discussed at a future Board meeting.

Chair to contact Beckwourth Fire Dept. re: fire protection during this weekend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Board meeting will be October 16th at 1 p.m. - Portola Library.

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

October 1999

The October Board meeting of the Feather River Rail Society was called to order by Chairman Anderson at 1 p.m. on October 16, Portola Library meeting room. Directors present were: Brehm, Holmes, Morgan, Englert, Vicknair & Anderson. Other guests present: Treasurer Dan Brady, Chris Simpson, Jim Murphy, Lolli Bryan.

Minutes were approved as corrected.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Treasurer Dan Brady explained procedure for depositing money etc. There will be one checking account at Bank of America in Portola and the Society will also have a Safe Deposit Box at Bank of America in Portola. Signing of checks explained in "policy adopted". Because of having credit cards distributed to four members; gas cards will be cancelled. A Property Records File will be set up on all property the museum has. Dan Brady will chair this project. A written loan agreement will be present on all rolling stock in the yard.

MOTION 18-10/99 - The Board authorized Treasurer Dan Brady to consolidate and invest 40% of the museum's money accounts into high yielding security bonds in order to generate more income.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT:

Executive Director Holmes handed out a written report on the two conventions he recently attended. Informed us that the seats recently purchased from Los Angeles were backs only. At this time Executive Director Holmes mentioned the final Master Plan for the museum. All members in attendance

Minutes of Past Meetings

were given a copy. Other copies can be obtained at the museum.

CORRESPONDENCE: Letter from Gary Thomas, St. Paul Insurance Co. (museum insurance) advising the Board that from 9/29/99 he and his associates will handle any investigation regarding the 921 incident.

Chairman Anderson read a letter he has sent to the Mayor, City of Portola, County Supervisor Fran Roudebush regarding the roof of the museum. At this time City Manager Jim Murphy reported that the results of the correspondence brought forth a grant of \$10,000 to repair and paint the roof & building. Mr. Murphy also reported that the Portola City Sewer Treatment plant and surrounding areas are being cleared. He also reported that the City was putting together a "Volunteer Work List" that we will be able to utilize at any time.

Director Vicknair presented correspondence regarding various types of rolling stock for purchase. He was advised to pursue acquisition possibilities.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

R.A.L. - Lolli Bryan reported on RAL donations as follows:

15 gift certificates	1800.00
General donations	285.00

She also advised that she is in charge of the RAL reservation phone and suggested considering marking a portion of RAL receipts to go toward maintenance of engines. At one point only 2 of the RAL engines were operating. This discourages people from making any reservations if they want a specific engine. She also reported Sunset magazine informed us that the inquiries for the RAL were higher than any other inquiry in California.

A & D COMMITTEE: The Board appointed the Chair of the A & D Committee to be Tom Mueller.

LIBRARY CAR: Work progress continues and John Walker, as head of the committee, is making great strides in bringing this project to fruition.

TRAIN SHEET: Frank Brehm presented the schedule for the Train Sheet as follows: July, August & September/October, November & December/January, February & March This will put the publication back on the schedule of 6 issues/year.

DIRECTOR MORGAN: Director Morgan reported on the possible acquisition of a Camp Car situated in Oroville, negotiations will continue. Both he and Dan Brady gave a report on the ARMS Convention they attended in Vancouver.

OLD BUSINESS:

Silver Hostel: Due to the seller renegeing on the original contract acquisition of this unit is in limbo and from all appearances, unless the seller abides by the original contract, litigation will ensue. The main bone of contention is the sellers intent to remove existing set of trucks and replace them with a set of lesser value. This is not acceptable and the museum will continue to obtain the car in the condition in which it was purchased. Director Morgan was instructed to have Thomas Jacobson, Attorney at Law, write a letter regarding this situation.

2001: Conversation concerning the return of 2001 to Portola

brought about no resolve and from all appearances, owing to the fact that the engine at this time is inoperable, return should not be expected before Spring.

Salt Lake City Engine: Executive Director Holmes in accordance with the Board action in August will arrange for transportation of this unit from its present location to the museum in Portola. Title and transfer of ownership must be transmitted to the museum prior to removal.

Silver Thrush: Director Vicknair brought to the Board the gist of his efforts to obtain the Silver Thrush and the Board, given the \$110,000.00 price tag, felt this was not doable. Director Vicknair indicated this was not a rush situation; that the owner was amenable to negotiations.

MOTION 13-10/99 - Director Vicknair be authorized to go to LaMirada to inspect the Silver Thrush and continue preliminary negotiations to determine the feasibility of acquisition. Expenses not to exceed \$350.00.

NEW BUSINESS:

Acquisition of Thomas Phillips Collection: The Board by motion 14-10/99 approved the acquisition of the Thomas Phillips Collection of Western Pacific Historical Documents pursuant to inspection by John Walker with the purchase price not to exceed \$2500.00.

Motion 15-10/99 - To rescind and eliminate the title and office of Contract Officer failed to pass.

Motion 16-10/99 - That all private equipment, furniture and files be removed from the Corporate Office Car and that it be sued by the Corporate officers and the Board of Directors for the business of the F.R.R.S and the museum. Motion denied
 Motion 17-10/99 - That the F.R.R.S. shall approve the Zephyr Project funding proposal for the restoration of the Silver Hostel and 805A as outlined in the attached document with the exclusion of #6. Motion passed.

Treasurer Brady was instructed by the Board to formulate a policy for the use of Museum credit cards. All Gas cards will be cancelled as of 10/18/99. Chairman Anderson will attend to this matter.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

The Chair advised the Board of the intent to move the UP 737 4-4-0 Steam Engine into the covered facility for the start of cosmetic restoration work which would allow this locomotive to become a more attractive static display. Conversation regarding the Ingersol-Rand Engine and its historical value. It has been determined that this is the only one in existence, making it a truly valuable and historical piece of equipment. The Board decided that it should too be placed under cover to preclude further deterioration. Director Morgan asked the Museum to become a part of the formation of the West Association of Railroad Museums. Director Morgan was appointed to represent the Board in the formation procedures.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Board meeting will be November 13th at 1 p.m. - Portola Library.

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned.