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possibility of other cars being suited for this purpose.

RAL: Director Englert brought forth the possibility of restricting RAL operations to weekdays only and after discussion the Board asked to have Director Englert survey the possibility of such action and the item would be discussed at a future meeting.

PAVING: Director Morgan moved that appropriations in the sum of \$700.00 for the paving of the membership entrance driveway (including preparation of the crossing for crosstie inspection, replacement of defective ties and the installation of guardrails). After minimal discussion the Board approved this action. MOTION 4-8/99

RAIL FAN DAYS: Director Englert moved the Board pay for room and travel for Arthur Lloyd to attend this function in order to promote the C/Z restoration at a booth for the Silver Hostel. The Board was in complete agreement that this was indeed something that would enhance the possibilities of restoring this unit. Expense for this outing not to exceed \$150.00. MOTION 5-8/99

FILES IN SAN FRANCISCO: Director Holmes advised the Board of his desire to journey to San Francisco to retrieve and return 27 file cabinets donated to the museum. After discussion the Board was in agreement that it was in the best interest of the museum for this to occur. Director Holmes was asked to accomplish this in a manner that would be least expensive to the museum.

MUSEUM VAN RETURN: A discussion ensued as to the possibility of the return of the van, belonging to the museum and now being used by Director Stiles in his efforts to maintain Engine 2001. It would be used by the museum to pick-up people at the airport for transport into the museum. Portola City Administrative Officer Jim Murphy indicated that the city had a car that could be used for this purpose and they could make it available if such a need arose, Director Stiles indicated that there was still need for the van at its present location and he desired to retain it. He indicated it would be returned when work was completed on 2001. Director Morgan indicated that it was the original intent to dispose of the van when it was no longer needed at its present location due to the expense of repair and insurance. This item to be continued to the October meeting.

AIMS, GOALS & OBJECTIVES: The Chair indicated that the process of forming an Aims, Goals & Objectives Committee is moving ahead. Information regarding this committee will be forthcoming.

CAMP CAR: The A & D committee will address this project.

LUMBER ACQUISITION: Sierra Pacific Industries has donated a considerable amount of lumber, which was originally intended for shelving and storage space in the Library Car, and arrangements are being made for transportation from the Quincy Mill to the museum site. Portola City Administrative Officer Jim Murphy again offered the services of the City to assist in this endeavor. In the event it cannot be used in the library car there are no doubt other possible areas of construction that would be appropriate for its utilization.

TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT ACTIVITIES (TEA): Director Holmes presented a document for the TEA program in which a letter of proposal was exhibited and after some discussion Director Vicknair agreed to take this to the A & D

committee. This would be a good program in which the museum could acquire monies to enhance museum activities. Among those projects that might be considered would be the Silver Hostel. The proposal and request must be in place by September 10, 1999

POLICY: Director Stiles proposed the consideration of developing and adoption of a POLICY PROCEDURES MANUAL. It was decided to definitely pursue such development of a manual such as this as soon as possible.

PAINTING OF RAILROAD TRACKS ON STREET: The Board discussed the painting of the Railroad Tracks on Commercial St. in Portola. Director Englert was uncertain as to the time of application. Director Stiles felt that given the time limitations that perhaps this project should be delayed until next year. The Board directed Director Englert to resolve this issue.

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

September 1999

Meeting was called to order at 4:45 p.m. Director Englert, Neves & Brehm were noted absent. Minutes of August meeting were approved. Financial report was presented in part and a full & complete report is expected from our auditor at the October 16th meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Correspondence was read from:

Dan Brady - re: financial report

Thank you from San Francisco Cable Car Museum

Dakota Southern R. R. - trade of cars available

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

1. T.R.A.I.N. Convention costs - Motion 8 - 9/99 Director Holmes to represent us at convention. Expenses not to exceed \$ \$1300.00

2. Train Sheet should be in mail within the week

3. Calendar Ad - Chairman Anderson to address this

4. 24 file cabinets from San Francisco are in Portola

5. Las Vegas Convention - Motion 7-9/99. Dir. Holmes to attend. Expenses not to exceed \$450.00

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A&D COMMITTEE. Director Vicknair gave a report on:

1. Alco S-2 Switcher and camp car. Director Vicknair will investigate the possible acquisition of the Camp Car. Other acquisitions will also be investigated.

2. T.E.A. grant request (copy in file). Director Vicknair also advised the Board that he was no longer a member of the A&D Committee.

The Board voted not to buy the Santa Fe RDC-I. Discussion concerning the WP 4-8-4 tender was held re: the possibility of leasing this unit. Director Morgan appointed to look into this. It was the recommendation of the committee not to sell the 4404.

A.G.O. Committee:

A motion by Director Morgan that the Board accept the crea-

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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