

Minutes of Past Meetings

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MEMBERSHIP: Chair Kerry Cochran will submit a preliminary budget at the next Board meeting. He asked that he be allowed to update membership cards and to furnish him with stamped envelopes. He also stated his concern of the Board's seeming inability to carry through with projects in a timely manner. Chair Cochran also asked Dir. Brehm as to why he had not received a Train Sheet as of this date.

A & D: Chairman Vicknair reported that the following were recommendations from the A & D committee:

1. Camp Car and 44 Tonner would be good additions to the museum and are available. This situation will be considered.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Silver Hostel. Is in Portola and plans are underway to establish fundraising ability for restoration.

2. Silver Thrush. After much discussion concerning the availability and possible purchase the Board decided by a vote of 6-3 that purchase of this unit would not be a prudent move for the museum.

3. Master Plan. Director Vicknair gave a report on the Master Plan and planning meetings for such. Tentative date for the first meeting will be 2/13/2000 in Sacramento at the C.S.R.M. conference room. More information on this will be forwarded to members. Any questions contact Eugene Vicknair, Wayne Monger or Vic Neves.

4. The Board asked Steve Habeck to be liaison with Union Pacific concerning possible acquisitions and Doug Morgan to be the liaison between the museum and scrapers.

5. ST&E Alco. Director Vicknair reported that the museum would be notified of their availability and that they are in use at this time.

6. Lumber Cars. Director Monger inquired as to the status of the Lumber cars in Loyaltan. Given that track space has not been prepared the cars will be returned to the museum and placed on ties until such time as track is ready. Chairman Anderson will handle transportation of such cars. Director Morgan will prepare tie placement for storing. Cost of transportation of cars to Portola will be \$750-00 with a \$100.00 donation by Wilburn Construction & Transportation.

7. RAL Gift Certificates and Operating Certificates. Director Vicknair presented a sample of the 2500 Operating Certificates and 750 Gift Certificates we have. This action was approved by the Board. The Board asked Director Vicknair to review all forms, certificates etc. & update them.

Discussion ensued regarding the storage of equipment and the lack of space needed to store same. Yard Master Steve Habeck is in charge of the placement of the apparatus to be stored during the winter months.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Laser Printer. Board Motion 24-12/99 - authorized Director Morgan to purchase a H.P. Laser Printer at the cost of \$394.00.

2. Tom Graham Requests. Member Tom Graham requested a report on the 921 Incident which is still being formulated. He

expressed a concern as to insurance coverage for volunteers working at the Museum. In order to ensure accurate answers to these questions the Chair was instructed to ask St. Paul insurance representative Michael Deeble to be in attendance at the January Board meeting to explain in detail any questions regarding coverage. He also felt that the members who worked at the Museum during the Rail Fair in Sacramento had been slighted by not receiving recognition in the Train Sheet or shirts that were issued to those who did work at the Rail Fair. Director Monger indicated that only shirts were purchased for the crew at Rail Fair and Director Brehm indicated that acknowledgement would be forthcoming in the next Train Sheet. The Board also indicated that all members would be informed of the insurance coverage information.

3. Election year information. The following Directors terms are up for re-election: Director Englert, Director Vicknair, Director Monger. The first mailing regarding the election process will be mailed on or about January 2 or 3rd. Committee member Don Borden will coordinate with Committee Chair Graham regarding this mailing. Director Brehm will provide one set of mailing labels a.s.a.p. and two more in March.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Director Morgan presented Motion 25-12/99 to approve an appropriation not to exceed \$5000 for the moving of the 44 Tonner from Salt Lake City to Portola. Motion passed.

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Grant Money Received

A grant of \$30,000 was authorized to be spent to replace the diesel shop roof. The money will come from a portion of the Lake Davis trust fund and was jointly approved by the county and the city.

An inspection of the roof, for repair, revealed serious deterioration of the 45-year-old roof. A full replacement was indicated. Andy Anderson approached the City of Portola and Board of Supervisors for assistance and the grant was approved. Work should start in early spring.

Recent Donations

Don Davella donated 24 - 5 drawer matching filing cabinets from the old Southern Pacific Office Building in San Francisco. We rented a truck and hauled them from San Francisco to Portola. Don also donated half of the transportation costs. They will be used in the Library car for archive storage.

Bill Bromer donated a large amount of special aluminum extrusions specially made for Zephyr dome cars.

David Whitney donated and delivered an air conditioner to the museum.