

## Minutes of Past Meetings

### **MARCH 2000**

The meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m. at the Portola City Library. All Directors were present with the exception of Director Monger.

Guests present: Mike Taborski, Feather river Publishing, Clay Dyrr, Jim Gidley, Jim Murphy.

Minutes were read and approved as corrected.

All Directors were given reports on Finances, Insurance and Winterail.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Thank you from Eastern Plumas Chamber of Commerce. Feather River Little League request for donation...held over until April meeting.

#### **PRESENTATIONS:**

Mike Taborski of Feather river Publishing regarding marketing of our museum and RAL in Plumas and Lassen Counties was given. After much discussion he agreed to bring an advertising proposal to the May meeting.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

TRAIN SHEET. Director Brehm reported the Train Sheet had been taken to the printer and should be mailed soon.

EXCURSION TRAIN. Director Morgan reported the Excursion Train Trip was "a go". Flyers will be out on April 1<sup>st</sup>. It will be a 7 car train from Sacramento to Dunsmuir on June 17<sup>th</sup>.

RAL. Lolli Bryan reported on the RAL and that reservations were being taken as of now. She inquired as to when she could make all engines available. Director Stiles stated as soon as possible. She also reported on Winterail and gave a report on sales for the Gift Shop. The Board also voted unanimously to reimburse Lolli Bryan at a rate of \$7.00/hour for work done in the Gift Shop. Director Stiles suggested that the Gift Shop be put on the Web Page and Director Brehm and Vicknair agreed to start this project.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

ZEPHYR PROJECT. The fundraiser flyer is in the mail. Director Vicknair brought to the meeting two window frames and other parts to be used in reproducing various replacements on the car. It is obvious Director Vicknair has put a lot of time into this project and no doubt will continue to do so. His efforts are most appreciated. He also reported that the "Silver Thrush" appears at this time to not be a viable project financially.

GOLDEN GATE RAILROAD. Director Vicknair reported on his meeting with the Golden Gate Railroad and anticipated further participation between the two organiza-

tions.

MASTER PLAN. All information regarding the April Board meeting and the Master Plan meeting is in the Train Sheet. Dates for the meetings are April 8 & 9.

ARM CONVENTION. Director Morgan reported on the upcoming ARM Convention in Rio Vista, March 25 & 26. A motion was made that the Board approve a special appropriation of \$600.00 for registration fees and minor expenses for the Directors to attend. Motion 35-3/2000. Passed.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

HELPERS AT MUSEUM. Director Wagner gave a presentation on the possibility of engaging Boy & Girl Scouts to assist in various projects around the museum. All present thought this was an excellent idea and asked Director Wagner to pursue the possibility. Jim Murphy also added that the various Conservation Corp groups would possibly be available and that should be explored.

CONSERVATION/RESTORATION DEPARTMENT. Director Vicknair presented a proposal for the creation of a Conservation/Restoration Department. The gist of this is to coordinate, monitor, and prioritize various projects that would be undertaken. Motion 36-3/2000 Passed. Director Englert observed that head of this department should be other than a member of the Board.

Director Morgan presented a budget proposal but given that the budgets are still in limbo and under review by the Treasurer the budgets will be reviewed and adopted at the April meeting in Sacramento. A fund of \$5000.00 for interim essential budget needs for the facility and \$500.00 for the mechanical department was stipulated for use until final budget approval. The Chair is to coordinate with Treasurer Brady in the interim.

#### **GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

Director Morgan reported that the attorney reviewing the By-Laws will attend the May 13 meeting to make recommendations to the Board.

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

### **APRIL 2000**

The meeting was called to order at the Discovery Conference Room, Sacramento, CA. All Directors were present with the exception of Directors Holmes and Englert.

Guests present: Steve Conner and Ben McLaughlin from Thunder Mountain Model Railroad Club.

Minutes were approved as corrected.

Financial report given to each Director.

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**CORRESPONDENCE:**

A letter from Tom Jacobson, Attorney, was read concerning the updating of the by-laws. It was noted that Mr. Jacobson will be in attendance at the May 13 Board meeting. In order to lessen his travel time and inconvenience the Board voted to have the May meeting in Sacramento. This would also give the membership the opportunity to attend another Master Plan meeting.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Steve Conner and Ben McLaughlin indicated to the Board that the Thunder Mountain Model Railroad Club would be in attendance at Railroad Days. They asked if they could use sleeping quarters, showers, and be provided breakfast. This request was approved by voice vote of the Board. They are also going to contact other exhibitors to see if they would be interested in attending.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**TRAIN SHEET.** Director Brehm noted that the Train Sheet was in the mail.

**ARM CONVENTION.** Director Morgan gave a brief and concise report on the convention and the Board was in agreement that participation in this organization would be very beneficial to our Museum.

**ZEPHYR PROJECT.** Director Vicknair gave an in-depth report on this project. From all appearances there is a great deal of excitement and hopefully this project will come to fruition in the near future. Buttons and replicas are being made for this project. Phase I of restoration is in place and details can be read in the present edition of the Train Sheet.

**ON-LINE STORE UPDATE.** Directors Brehm and Vicknair are working toward making this project a reality. They, in concert with Lolli Bryan and John Walker are working on the details.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**BUDGET.** The budget has been completed and forwarded to the Directors by Treasurer Brady. The budget was accepted and put in place. Motion 28-4/2000 states that the Board of Directors approve the presented budget for 2000. Passed.

**MASTER PLAN.** A meeting will be held Sunday April 9 in Sacramento for the initial planning schedule. Due to not getting the word out about this meeting many were not in attendance. Therefore another meeting is scheduled for May 13 at 2 p.m. A postcard will be mailed to the membership with this information.

**DUNSMUIR DAYLIGHT.** Mailing for this project will be out by April 15. The Board agreed to go forward with this project.

**WORK DAYS SCHEDULE.** Work day schedule is on the calendar. A postcard mailing every other month will in-

clude details.

**TIDEWATER SOUTHERN 44 TONNER.** The A&D committee recommended that we proceed with this project. AN offer of \$5000.00 will be made. If accepted moving costs are expected to be \$4000.00. Director Morgan will make the offer and a final decision will be made at the May meeting.

**A&D COMMITTEE.** The Board will ask this committee to give a full report on the acquisition and de-acquisition of rolling stock as soon as possible.

**CAMP CAR.** The Board voted to offer \$2000.00 for this car. Director Morgan will make the offer to the present owner of the car.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**PAINTING OF EQUIPMENT.** Motion 37-4/2000 states the following equipment should be painted to enhance its appearance and that bids should be obtained for the painting. WP 921D, WP GP9 731 and WP boxcar 20806. A maximum outlay for this project will be \$15000.00. The monies will be taken from the following accounts;

WP 921D	RAL account
WP 731	GP9 paint account
WP 20806	General Restoration fund

Motion passed.

**AUTO DONATION.** Director Monger has donated an automobile to the FRRS. A letter to Director Monger thanking him for this donation will be sent.

**RAL.** The Chair was directed by the Board to communicate with a member concerning a misunderstanding about a RAL appointment. Suggestions for signage at the Museum was also discussed.

**PLUMAS CORP.** Director Morgan expressed concerns as to the attitude and involvement of Plumas Corp. in the Master Plan. Efforts will be made to alleviate what appears to be a misunderstanding between the Board and Plumas Corp.

**ADVERTISING.** Director Vicknair reported that Portola Railroad Museum was featured in Trains magazine. The Board also approved an advertising contract with Pacific Bell Telephone Directory covering Plumas, Lassen, and Sierra Counties along with the Tahoe and Reno areas.

**UPCOMING EVENTS.**

May 19, 20	WPRRHS Convention
May 21	Annual Membership Meeting
May 27	PRM Operating Season begins
June 17	Dunsmuir Daylight Excursion
June 24	Triathlon ending at PRM

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Membership in the Society is more than just paying dues. Get involved, Attend and Participate in a PRM Work Weekend.