

Minutes of Past Meetings

July 8, 2000

The July 8 Board meeting of the Feather River Rail Society was called to order at The Beanery, Portola Railroad Museum at 1804 hours.

Directors present were: Brehm, Morgan, Brimmer, Neves, Stiles, Wagner, Anderson & Murphy. Director Vicknair was in attendance via telephone.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of our departed member "Skip" Englert.

Other members present were: John Walker, Jim Gidley, Gary Hall, Tom Graham, John Hilner, Jeff Palmer, Ken Iverson, Paul Finnegan, Judy Mc Grath, Jack Palmer, Tom Miller, Ken Roller & "Onlaha".

Minutes were approved as mailed.

Election Committee Report:

Chairman Tom Graham reported results of the election noting that Mr. Jim Murphy, Eugene Vicknair and Pat Brinimer had been elected to the Board. Total Cost \$963.98. Total Votes received 311 - 4 disqualified for incorrect form. Total votes for Mr. Murphy 284; Mr. Vicknair 265; Mr. Brimmer 266.

Election of Officers for 2000-2001:

Officers elected for the year 2000-2001 were as follows:
 President Andy Anderson
 Vice President Hank Stiles
 Secretary Ed Wagner
 Treasurer Dan Brady

FINANCIAL REPORT:

An indepth financial report from Treasurer Brady was presented. Discussion ensued regarding excessive telephone bills & credit card use. The possibility of adopting a Purchase Order system was held and this will be pursued. A gasoline card lock will be looked into and bids obtained by Director Murphy. He will report back at the next meeting. Credit Card users were instructed to turn in receipts for each purchase with reason for purchase stated on receipt. New Credit Card applications are to be turned in immediately.

Director Morgan was asked to and stated that he will have a complete financial report regarding the Dunsmuir Daylight Trip that was cancelled. And he will separate those phone charges from others. A motion to amend the current policy procedure for paying of bills is being forwarded to Treasurer Brady for critique.

PROJECT REPORTS

1. Silver Thrush: no report
2. Zephyr Project: Director Vicknair reported that two work weekends had been held. Among things accomplished and/or started were: electrical system, metal

work, window frames and t-shirts & hats are ready for sale. July 22 is scheduled for another work weekend. A new donation application will be in the next Train Sheet. Letters have been sent to corporations for donations. Total monies donated as of this date \$20,000.

3. Calendar: Director Neves reported that the 2001 calendar is ready for print and he was instructed to decide whether 1500 or 2000 should be printed.

4. Painting of Rolling Stock: Director Stiles stated that he is still seeking bids. He has contacted one person who is coming to Portola on July 12 to look at the job. He will be asked to submit a bid after he has observed the various pieces of equipment. In the event bids were accepted, it was decided that the "F" Unit, 921D would be the first to be painted. Also the possibility of transporting some equipment to the Sacramento Valley where the chances of obtaining more participation in bidding would improve. Director Stiles also reported that the 2001 had been repaired and was in service but no projected date of return to Portola was given.

5. Tamper Machine: Director Morgan stated that plans are underway to transport the tamper machine to the Rocky Mountain Railway & Mining Museum. Contracts are in place and it is scheduled to be moved next week.

6. Camp Car: Director Morgan reported that the final preparation is being done regarding the Camp Car.

7. Roof Painting: Director Morgan reported that the architect is due at the Museum during the week of July 10 to finalize plans. A spring completion date is anticipated.

8. Master Plan: Director Vicknair presented in print the First Phase of the Proposed Master Plan. Director Murphy asked as to why the Plumas Corp plan had been abandoned. He also asked that more public meetings should be held regarding this before any plan is adopted. It was agreed that Directors Murphy and Vicknair will meet with Kent Burns in order to combine the two plans. A planning meeting is to be scheduled for October and all members will be notified of the specific date at least 30 days prior to the meeting.

8. A & D Committee: Jim Lay has volunteered to serve on this committee. He will contact Chairperson Tom Mueller asking to be placed on this committee. The vacancy to be filled was vacated by Pat Brimmer.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. MOTION 49-7/2000-Presented by Director Brehm stating:

That any negotiations/ studies/ talks, etc. with Bay Area Electric Railway Association or any other organization be held in abeyance until such time that a report or reports be drafted and adopted by Feather River Rail Society Board of Directors which addresses the impact of having a separate site removed from Portola, CA, which may impact the Society's finances or member volunteerism at the Portola

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site as well as equipment relocation. Passed.

2. MOTION 50-7/2000-Presented by Director Brehm stating:

All long distance phone calls placed from or charged to Feather River Rail Society telecommunications equipment will be logged on the attached form and forwarded to the accountant for reconciliation each month with the bill received from the provider of such service. Any charges that cannot be identified or reconciled may be reversed to the party called. Passed.

3. MOTION 51-7/2000-Presented by Director Brehm stating:

All discretionary expenditures of Feather River Rail Society funds will cease immediately. This includes all previously approved budgetary items for the 2000 calendar year. AN departments will immediately suspend purchasing as well as suspend any future "agree to purchase" arrangements unless directly associated with member benefits or approved by the President and/or the Board of Directors at a regularly held meeting. This action will remain in effect until such time as a report is received from our Treasurer affirming a positive financial outlook and a positive cash flow for Feather River Rail Society. This motion will be revisited at each Board meeting until a positive cash flow is noted. Passed.

4. MOTION 52-7/2000 ... Presented by Director Brehm stating:

The F.R.R.S. shall accept the A & D Committee recommendation on the Simplot/SP RS-32 and the WP sleeper "Clover Plot" and approve an official opening of negotiations with the Golden Gate Railroad Museum concerning these items. Negotiations to be conducted by Director Vicknair. Passed.

SUGGESTIONS PRESENTED:

1. Director Murphy presented the following suggestions that may help improve the efficiency of the Museum.

A. Activate a Funding Department see MOTION 29-2/2000

B. Coordinate and seek volunteers by: Introductory classes, Local newspaper ads, Talking to people who come to the Museum

C. Museum must have a line of authority

D. New ways of marketing the Museum

E. Have staff meetings regularly

2. Ken Roller asked permission to do some track work around the Museum. Permission was granted.

3. John Walker submitted a report from the W.P.R.R.H. S. and gave a recap of the recent meeting held in Quincy.

4. Possible replacement for Lolli Bryan was discussed. Chairman Anderson and Director Murphy will pursue this.

5. RAILFAN DAY: Board approved the suggestion by Director Neves that we move Railfan Day to Yolo this

year only.

6. Letter to Mr. John Bromley of Union Pacific requesting consideration of donating to the Museum retired equipment that will be disposed of in the future was read to the group. In that much of this equipment has Western Pacific history it was felt that if this were possible it would be a great acquisition.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

1. Director Murphy expressed his and the City of Portola's thanks to Director Morgan for his assistance in relocating a caboose to the downtown area. This will definitely be a plus for the Museum and the City.

2. A caption of the narrative from member Gary Hall is as follows: (a complete text is on file at the Museum).

A. Museum needs a goal

B. We need to do better in customer service and public relations

C. Care more about members and their opinions

D. President needs to set goals

E. Ask members to help and get their opinions

F. Set a firm calendar and stick to it

G. Ask members for their input re: calendar or events

He expressed interest in forming an Organizational Committee, which he volunteered to be a part of

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Railroad Days August 19 & 20th

2. August Board Meeting August 12, 2000 - Beanery, Portola Railroad Museum, 6 p.m.

3. Locomotive Maintenance Clinic August 5 & 6

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

August 12, 2000

The August meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at the Beanery at 1704 hours.

Directors present: Brehm, Morgan, Brimmer, Vicknair, Neves, Stiles, Wagner, Murphy and Anderson.

Others present: Jim Gidley, Dan Brady, Gary Hall, Tom Graham, Steve Habeck, Janice Stiles, Wayne Monger, Lolli Bryan, John Walker, Ken Iverson and Thom Anderson.

Minutes were approved as mailed. Correspondence was read.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Dan Brady's report included the following:

1. Form 990 is ready to be sent. Financial picture is slightly on the plus side.

2. Preliminary Budgets will be brought up at the October Board Meeting.

3. Advertising Plan could be better. Possible we should

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