

## CMO Report

By Hank Stiles

The operating season is up and running and so are the in service locomotives. A new member of the fleet this year for the first time in many years is the WP 2001. This locomotive has been out of service for several years for painting, then in Woodland for repairs for Railfair at California State Railroad Museum. Now it is back in Portola and we are making good use of it. The others are doing their job as intended, rental service, operating the caboose train and doing the yard work that needs to be done at any railroad.

Money is tight this year, we did a lot of work recently on locomotives and the car fleet and used up money that we had saved from the last couple of years. We are recovering monetarily since the operating season has progressed with donations and rental income. We have received a lot of positive feedback from members, the general public and even the Union Pacific Railroad on the work we did on our equipment.

This shows us that we are on the right track, we are a museum what else should we be doing with our equipment but preserving it for history and our own enjoyment? We are applying for some grants so we can restore more of our equipment. This is new to us so it may take some time to develop this talent, so the sooner we start the sooner we get results.

There are two things that you as a member can do to help us in our mission. I have trouble putting one ahead of the other, as they are both so important to our success. One is to volunteer your time at the museum. Every hour our members contribute to our effort is an hour of work that we do not have to pay for. So you see no matter what your talents are you can make a contribution in a very real sense to our mission.

The other is supporting our fundraising campaign. If you did not receive your letter asking for your support please contact the museum for a copy and make the most generous tax-deductible donation you can. This will support a variety of programs and projects, including educational programs for adults and children along with restoration and operating expenses.

I wish to thank those of you that have already sent in your most appreciated donations and also those that have taken the time to come to the museum and help.

See you in Portola!

## Membership Meeting Minutes

June 1, 2002

Director Vicknair called the meeting to order at 8:16 p.m. The following members were present: Dave Anderson, Julie Anderson, Lew Barnard, Frank Brehm, Jan Breitwieser, Kerry Cochran, Marta Egan, Gary Hall, Alan Hirasawa, Samuel Herschbein, Barbara Holmes, Norm Holmes, Clyde Lippincott, Linda Lippincott, Gail McClure, Rod McClure, Judy McGrath, Jack Palmer, Ed Powell, Hank Stiles, Alan Turner, Eugene Vicknair.

### ELECTION REPORTING:

Jan Breitwieser stated that 955 members were mailed ballots, 11 of which were undeliverable. Envelopes containing ballots were returned by 418 members. She thanked Marta Egan, Debbie Lieblad,

Norm and Barbara Holmes and Ken and Missy Iverson for their assistance with preparation and mailing of the ballots.

Envelopes containing ballots were returned by 418 members. Votes from 78 members were disqualified because they did not meet one or more of the qualifying criteria. The votes were read, recorded and totaled May 31, 2002 in the presence of Leslie Tigan (Portola City Clerk), Christy Lieblad, Michelle Howell, Gary Hall, Marta Egan, Debbie Lieblad and Jan Breitwieser. Judy McGrath was present but did not participate in the election counting process. The results of the election were, by total number of votes, as follows:

Steve Habeck 279, Hank Stiles 274, Frank Brehm 251, Andy Anderson 221, Gail McClure 219, Judy McGrath 182.

Motion #02-06-01-GMM - Acceptance of the election results as presented. Motion made by Rod McClure, seconded by Sam Herschbein. All present voted in favor - motion carried.

Announcement was made at this time that officers were to be elected/seated at the July 13th Board of Director's meeting.

### GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Question was raised by Clyde Lippincott regarding rails and track next to the main museum parking lot was for. Rod McClure, Roadmaster and Eugene Vicknair, Interim Facilities Manager advised these materials were for a future planned display track to run through a portion of the parking lot as detailed in the Facilities Master Plan.

Mr. Lippincott asked what the caretaker's duties were in general and with regard to bums specifically. Marta Egan reported that she had spoken with Ken Roller, Caretaker about making certain equipment was properly secured and to watch for suspicious activity.

Sam Herschbein suggested that signage be posted on perimeter of property stating "Caretaker on Grounds. Call 911 if emergency" to discourage their presence on property. Mr. Vicknair indicated this was being addressed as part of an Emergency Response Plan under development.

Gary Hall advised he would like to see a focus on improvement in member facilities. He encouraged members to be vocal regarding Society issues. Frank Brehm agreed we need to encourage volunteers to speak up and participate.

Mr. Lippincott stated he had seen a decline in members present at the facility over the years and that they need to be encouraged to participate—most seem to really enjoy the "hands-on" experience. He also personally thanked Norm Holmes for starting the museum years ago.

Mr. Vicknair said that Facilities improvement falls under his venue and would appreciate the presence and participation of volunteers. He spoke of museum projects in general and code compliance issues specifically. Access issues regarding guests was discussed and it was generally agreed they will need to be addressed in the near future for several reasons including ADA compliance.

Eugene Vicknair also discussed on going fundraising efforts. He reminded all that this will continue to be an issue so that the museum can continue projects including facilities improvement, restorations and the WP Hospital Project.

Several of the membership questioned at what stage the hospital project is at. Eugene Vicknair and Gail McClure advised that clean up is underway with approximately 60% of the first level cleared of debris and trash. Several medical artifacts have been discovered and secured. Once clean up is complete, a structural engineer and architect or space designer will be brought in to determine the condition of the building and scope of the project.

### ADJOURN:

Motion to adjourn made by Clyde Lippincott, seconded by Sam Herschbein. All present voted in favor—motion carried.

Respectively Submitted

Gail A. McClure