

staff and volunteers this year, I think we had a great year. As I write this in early January, it's 8 degree's outside and the museum is blanketed with four to five feet of snow. The museum is closed and the volunteers and staff are taking some well-deserved time off. But there is a feeling in the air. There is anticipation for the coming year that has a lot of us itching to get back to work at the museum. With your help and continued support, I believe that we're going to have another great year. I look forward to seeing you up at the museum this year.

Thanks to everyone for your continued faith and support.

Summary of Recent Board Meetings

Any member in good standing may request a complete copy of the transcript of board meetings from the Society. There is a nominal charge for each copy which covers postage and administrative costs. Full minutes are posted on the FRRSlist hosted by Yahoo Groups.

October 2004

Motions Passed:

Motion # 04-10-01 – Removal of Financial Reports from Consent Calendar. Motion made by Director Vicknair, seconded by Director Holmes. All Directors present voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motion # 04-10-02 — Approval of Consent Calendar as amended. Motion made by Director Brehm, seconded by Director Cochran. All Directors present voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motion 04-10-04 – Addition of Item of Urgency discovered after publication of the Regular Meeting agenda. Motion made by Director Brehm, seconded by Director Cochran. All Directors present voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motion 04-10-05 – Change of Regular Board meeting scheduled for November 6, 2004 to November 13, 2004. Motion made by Director Brehm, seconded by Director Cochran. All Directors present voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motion # 04-10-03 – Approval to proceed with movement of SP 1100, with a budget of \$5,000 from line item 52000 – Acquisition/Deacquisition, Other. Motion by Director Holmes, seconded by Director Brehm. All Directors present voted in favor. Motion carried.

Actions and Notices:

David Epling was contacted by another member who advised he is retiring and moving out to the West Coast. He has offered to donate a complete set up to install a live webcam at the Museum.

SP Rotary snowplow and power unit have arrived on property.

Closed Session:

Adjourned to close session at 3:15 pm and adjourned back to open session at 3:40 pm. Legal Counsel Alan Turner reported that the Board considered a number of items in closed session relating to museum property and litigation matters. Consensus direction was given as to both issues. No formal

action was taken by the Board.

Special Directors Meeting - October 26, 2004 via telephone conference

Motions and Actions:

Motion # 04-10-01S – Authorization to proceed with formal offer for the purchase of CZ dome coach “Silver Lodge” from Denver Railcar in the amount of \$57,000 with terms of non-refundable deposit in the amount of \$5,000 upon acceptance of offer, an additional \$20,000 due at time of closing no later than January 10, 2005 with balance due to be financed by owner at 6% APR with a term of 5 years with all funds to be posted from The Zephyr Project account, and pending legal review of final sale contract. Motion made by Director Brehm, seconded by Director Vicknair. All Directors present voted in favor by roll call vote. Motion carried.

November 2004

Motions Passed:

Motion 04-11-01.. Minutes – Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held October 2, 2004. Financial Reports – Profit and Loss statement through November 12 and Balance Sheet.

Motion 04-11-02.. 2005 FRRS Calendar, Acceptance of 2005 FRRS Calendar as corrected. Motion made by Director Cochran, seconded by Director Brehm. All Directors present voted in favor – Motion carried.

Motion 04-11-03.. Silver Lodge Acquisition, Reconfirmation of intent to purchase Silver Lodge and allow Director Vicknair to continue negotiations. Motion made by Director Vicknair, seconded by Director Stiles. All Directors present voted in favor – Motion carried.

Actions and Notices:

SP1100 was moved to Litchfield due to concerns about the rail lines' trestle bridges, lack of maintenance and possible washouts. It is currently on private property and under the careful watch of a local farmer to prevent vandalism.

Director Vicknair reported that with the efforts of Jay Sarno, Don Borden, John Walker, Seth Adams, Gail McClure, Ken Iverson and Mr. Vicknair himself, a great deal of work has been completed in the Silver Debris, soffits are 80% complete, wiring is done and temporary power to the car has been established.

Annual Santa Train is scheduled for December 4th and 11th in Portola, CA.

Closed Session:

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 3:11 pm and reconvened to open session at 4:10 pm. Director McClure reported out of closed session the following: Regarding equipment issues under consideration, the Board provided consensus direction to President McClure and Director Vicknair, no reportable

action was taken. With respect to legal issues, the Board received a report regarding ongoing legal matters. Consensus direction was given, no reportable action was taken.

December 2004

Motions:

Motion 04-12-02.. Minutes – Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held November 13, 2004. Financial Reports removed from consent calendar for later report by Treasurer.

Motion 04-12-03.. Policies Procedures, Approval of Election Policy and Confidentiality Policies. Motion made by Director Brehm, seconded by Director McClure. All Directors present voted in favor – Motion carried.

Motion 04-12-04.. WPRRHS 2005 Convention Excursion, Postpone ACE/SJRRC Excursion trip until 2006. Motion made by Director Cochran, seconded by Director Brehm. All Directors present voted in favor – Motion carried.

Motion 04-12-05.. PRM Model Railroad, Approval of report of Model Railroad Committee covering plan to build FRCanyon HO layout. Motion made by Director Vicknair, seconded by Director Brehm. All Directors present voted in favor – Motion carried.

Motion 04-12-05.. WPRRHS 2005 Convention Excursion, Postpone ACE/SJRRC Excursion trip until 2006. Motion made by Director Cochran, seconded by Director Brehm. All Directors present voted in favor – Motion carried.

Motion 04-12-06.. Item of Urgency, Addition of Item of Urgency arising after publication of the formal agenda having to do with purchase of Silver Lodge. Motion made by Director McClure, seconded by Director Vicknair. All Directors present voted in favor – Motion carried.

Motion 04-12-07.. Silver Lodge purchase, Agreement to self-fund purchase of Silver Lodge utilizing currently available funds, with the exception of \$5,000 to be held in reserve, from the Zephyr Project account and balance to be funded from restricted accounts and with a repayment agreement to all accounts at current market interest rates. Motion made by Director Cochran, seconded by Director Vicknair. All Directors present voted in favor except Director Stiles who voted against – Motion carried.

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The mission of the Feather River Rail Society is to preserve the history of the Western Pacific Railroad. The secondary mission is to preserve the history of the subsidiary and interchange railroads within the territories it served.

Mission Goals

To preserve and interpret the history of the WP, the “Willing People” as a vital link in the development of the rail industry on the West Coast, including the steam and diesel evolution, WP’s influence in the passenger tourism industry, the impact of freight competition between neighboring railroads. WP’s influence in the lumber, mining and agriculture industry from Plumas County throughout California, Nevada and Utah

Actions and Notices:

Tidewater Southern bunk car 0565-H is now in Portola. Thanks to Rod McClure, Steve Habeck, Hank Stiles and Doug Morgan for the assistance in moving and unloading it.

The signed copy of “The Silver Lady” book we have had in reserve as a fundraiser will be a drawing item as part of our 2005 Fundraiser. Also, Director Holmes graciously offered a second edition copy of Guy Dunscomb’s “Western Pacific Steam Locomotives” as a fundraiser prize.

Director Brehm reported he has received all of the text from Jeff Asay for the publication of the new edition of his WP timetable book. Goal is to have the book published in time for the April WPRRHS Convention.

President McClure also took the opportunity to offer congratulations and special acknowledgement to the Historical Branch of the FRRS for publication of the third issue of The Headlight for meeting their promised goal.

Director Gail McClure reported that Will Wood has again supported the Society with a donation through the Vanguard Charitable Trust in the amount of \$1,000. Funds will be first donation applied to purchase of Silver Lodge and was joined by \$500 from Wayne Monger.

Magnolia Tower is safe and sound in the old Oakland coach yard. Once the high-wide issue has been resolved, the tower will be moved up to Portola.

February Board Meeting will be held in Roseville at the Oxford Suites.

Closed Session:

President McClure advised that the Board had received a report regarding ongoing legal issues. No reportable action was taken. The Board also heard information regarding several business issues of a proprietary nature. No reportable action was taken.

respectfully submitted by Eugene Vicknair, secretary

Upcoming Events

February.. Grounds Clean-up
5 Board Meeting - 1 PM Roseville, CA Oxford Suites

March.. Museum Opening Hours: 10 AM – 5 PM
1 Election Withdrawal Deadline
5 Museum Open to Public, Board Meeting - 1 PM Portola
12 Winterail Stockton
19-20 Facilities/Track Work Weekend
26-27 Zephyr Project Work Weekend

April.. Prepare for Operating Season Hours: 10 AM – 5 PM
2 Board Meeting - 1 PM Portola
2-3 Locomotive Maintenance Clinic, Facilities Work Weekend
15-16 WPRRHS Convention Tracy, CA Tracy Holiday Inn
20 Election Ballots mailed to membership
24-May 2 Facilities/Track Work Week
30-May 1 Crew Training/Rules Exam