

## Summary of Recent Board Meetings

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### July 2005 Board Meeting

#### Motions and Actions Summary

##### Installation of New Board Members

President McClure welcomed Matt Parker as the newest member of the FRRS Board of Directors.

##### Motions Passed

Consent Motions – Motion 05-07-01/05-07-02. Removed from agenda by motion

Minutes – Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held Jun 4, 2005.

Financial Reports – May – June 2005. Removed for report by Treasurer.

##### Motions

Motion 05-07-03.. Abandon Pursuit of Participation in Truckee Railroad Days 2005

End plans for participation in Truckee Railroad Days 2005 following no contact from organizers of the event. Motion made by Director Cochran, seconded by Director Stiles. All Directors present voted in favor – Motion carried.

Motion 05-07-04.. Wheelchair Lift Purchase  
Authorization to purchase wheelchair lift in the amount of \$800 to be funded from budgetary line item 40415 - LIFT FUND AND ADA COMPLIANCE. Motion made by Director Stiles, seconded by Director McClure. All Directors present voted in favor – Motion carried.

Motion 05-07-05.. WP Caboose 484 Repainting and Repair  
Approval of cosmetic restoration of exterior of WP 484 caboose, in an amount not to exceed \$4,000 to be funded from budgetary line item 56000 – Restorations, with a specific line item to be created for WP 484 under this general category, and supported by an internet fundraiser. Motion made by Director Vicknair, seconded by Director Stiles. All Directors present voted in favor with the exception on Director Habeck, who abstained – Motion carried.

##### Financial Summary

Treasurer Dan Brady presented an overview of the financial situation of the organization. Fundraising campaigns have netted slightly over \$8,000. Membership dues holding steady. Need to raise money to recoup expenses for purchase of Silver Lodge. Gift shop revenues down, but so are expenses. RALs are down a bit, but special events are up. Revenues to date are where they were at this time last year. Expenses have been kept down and in line with revenue. Copies of reports are available at the Museum for pickup or mailing. Investment account doing well.

He also highly suggested we consider recruitment of new volunteers. There was discussion regarding some new volunteer assignments and the fact that we are starting to see some new faces on the property.

#### Actions and Notices

Dunsmuir Railroad Days 2005 has been successful for the FRRS. Event is well organized and we appear to be receiving lots of positive public relations opportunities. Special thanks to Matt Shuman/Shasta Cascade Rail Preservation Society for his hard work in seeing that we were well represented and that the FRRS and volunteers have been treated very well.

WP 2001 is back under our care and control after use on an excursion in conjunction with Trains Unlimited, Tours on the McCloud Railroad. The locomotive performed extremely well and was returned with no issue.

Silver Lodge has not been moved from San Antonio, TX. We continue to be in contact with representatives of the UP to get this issue to progress.

Our red flatcar is currently in use by Pacific Locomotive Association/Nile Canyon Railway. They are leasing the car from us for transportation of a donated locomotive. Hopes are that once the locomotive is unloaded at PLA, we will be able to load the WP 165 for return to Portola.

Director Monger advised he has concerns regarding the membership fee structure. He asked that the Board re-evaluate the current structure.

President McClure reported that a switch was run through and two axles of SPI 12 were on the ground. Incident was handled exactly as required and expected by the Director of Operations and his crew. Engine was re-railed with minimal effort and little or no damage to the equipment and track.

CMO Report – SP 1100 has a bad load regulator. WP 2001 running “like a watch”. UP 849 up and running although it currently has no oil.

Funding – A mail out fundraiser is planned for September to take advantage of last minute opportunities to make tax deductible donations.

Facilities – Work continues on the Silver Debris including additional sheetrock work. Deck work and electrical work including hard power connection with quick disconnect to follow shortly.

The museum webcam will be operational by week’s end. A member based bulletin board tied to the FRRS website to go live that evening.

#### Closed Session

President McClure reported out of closed session that a report was given regarding an ongoing legal issue. No reportable action was taken.

### August 2005 Board Meeting

#### Motions and Actions Summary

##### Election of Officers and Appointment of Department Heads

##### Officers for 2005

President – Rod McClure  
Vice-President – Steve Habeck  
Secretary – Eugene Vicknair  
Treasurer – Dan Brady

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## Department Heads for 2005

Superintendent of Operations – Kerry Cochran  
Chief Mechanical Officer – Hank Stiles  
Funding Director – Gail McClure  
Zephyr Project – Eugene Vicknair  
Facilities Manager – Charlie Spikes  
Publications – Frank Brehm  
Contracts Supervisor – Doug Morgan  
Yardmaster – Steve Habeck  
Restorations Manager – Steve Habeck  
Roadmaster – Rod McClure  
Assistant Roadmaster – Wayne Monger  
Webmaster – David Epling.

## Motions Passed

Consent Motions – Motion 05-08-01 – removed from agenda by motion  
Minutes – Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held July 9, 2005.  
Financial Reports – June-July 2005.

## Motions

None

## Actions and Notices

The Pacific Southwest Railroad Museum in Campo, CA is interested in acquiring one of our remaining SP Beet Gons. This item is referred to the A&D Committee.

The Board learned that there are two items in the Stockton shops that ACE would like to dispose of and they are looking for a Museum to donate them to. The items are a hydraulic sheet metal break and an original, water-cooled air compressor. Director Stiles was directed to see if either are suitable for our needs and report back to the Board.

Dunsmuir Railroad Days was a success. We made about \$2,000 in the gift shop, no expenses to the Society, event well organized, volunteers well treated.

WP 2001, as previously reported, provided flawless performance in use as power for a Trains Unlimited, Tours excursion on the

## **PRESERVING “THE FEATHER RIVER ROUTE”**

### **WP Lives, in Portola!**

#### **Mission Statement**

“The Feather River Rail Society is dedicated to the preservation, interpretation and education of the public, as to the history and people of the Western Pacific Railroad.”

#### **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

McClure Railroad. We received \$10,000 in consideration for the use of the locomotive.

Operations – Director Cochran, in his capacity as Supervisor of Operations, provided a report with regard to an incident that occurred on the property July 16, 2005 involving two RAL locomotives. An investigation was held and the results of that investigation were submitted to him. Recommendations for changes to avoid a situation of this nature occurring again were provided and have either been, or will be, implemented. All questions regarding this issue are to be directed to Director Cochran or President McClure as they are the only individuals authorized to respond.

Funding – The internet fundraiser for the exterior restoration of the WP 484 had grossed approximately \$2,655

Restorations – Director Habeck is working with painter Raymond Franklin for anticipated cost to paint the Troop Sleeper since he is at the Museum working on the WP 484.

The webcam is up but there are issues with the computer running it – overheating and shutting down. These will be addressed.

November Board Meeting will be held in Stockton at the ACE Depot.

## **Closed Session**

President McClure provided the Board a report regarding a personnel issue of confidential nature. Consensus direction was given, no reportable action was taken. The Board was also given a report regarding an ongoing legal issue, no reportable action was taken. Regarding a proprietary business item, a report was offered to the Board and consensus direction was given. Finally, the Board received a report regarding an Operations issue of confidential nature. No reportable action was taken.

respectfully submitted by Eugene Vicknair, secretary  
September 10, 2005

## **Upcoming Events**

November.. Winter Prep., Hours: 10 AM – 5 PM  
until 1st Monday  
5 Board Meeting - 1 PM Stockton, CA  
ACE Depot Meeting Room  
Museum Closes to Public  
26-27 Work Weekend – Santa Train decorations and winterization of facility  
December.. Santa Trains  
3 Board Meeting - 1 PM Portola  
Santa Train - 5 PM  
10 Santa Train - 5 PM  
11 Santa Train clean-up Work Party and Facility Closedown