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reconvened to open session at 2:35 PM. Director Vicknair reported the following out of closed session:

"The Board heard a report on an on-going legal issue, FRRS v. Kasten / ITAC. No action taken.

The Board heard a report on a private equipment issue. Concensus direction given.

The Board heard a report on a funding issue. No action taken."

December 2009 Board Meeting Motions and Actions Summary

Motions Passed

1. Consent Motions - approved motion 09-12-01.

. Minutes - from the October and December 2009 BOD Meetings.

2. Business Motions

Motion 09-12-02

2010 Budget

Accept financial reports and table budget to January. Habeck / Spikes. Aye - 8, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0. Motion carried.

Motion 09-12-03

2010 Calendar Approve 2010 Calendar. Vicknair / Carter. Aye - 8, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0. Motion carried.

Motion 09-12-04

Excursion Train Fundraising Accept concept for Excursion Train Fundraiser. Vicknair / Carter. Aye - 8, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0. Motion carried.

2010 Portola Railroad Days Train

Chris Skow gave report on status. The train has approval from Union Pacific and tentative from Amtrak. Confirmed 2 Amtrak locomotives, Super Dome. Chris Skow received a lot of letters about Mini-CZ train and the museum, all complimentary.

President's Report

 $\cdot\,$ Got a container donated to us by Pacer StackTrain thanks to Jack Zygner for extra storage.

• Both DODX cars are sold, waiting on movement.

· All 5 SP subs have been transferred to Timber

Heritage. Storage agreement in place. Will be moved when weather permits.

Manager's Report

· Written report provided.

Department Reports

Mechanical – written report submitted. WP 731 currently inoperable due to an electrical problem and stuck reverser. Most projects curtailed until Spring due to weather and holiday season. Work progressing on getting 917 ready for reassembly. Thanks to Charlie, Duane, and others for taking on reassembling the 917 oil cooler.

Fundraising – Showed fundraising mailout for year end fundraiser. Will be donating first 100, but we need to print / copy / tab and mail the rest.

Publications – Need articles for 844 trips, Portola RR Days and Member Appreciation Day.

Safety Report

 $\cdot\,$ Icy and cold, storms expected before next Santa Train weekend.

Public Comments

• John Moorehouse – will be shutting down radio business and has a lot of surplus radios. Has 8 available for \$80 each with speaker mic and battery. Very similar to what we now use. Will be put in contact with Kerry Cochran to work on this.

 Charlie Spikes – question about Merrill Thurman material donation. David Epling has spoken to his family and would like us to come out and take a look. No hurry and we would like to wait until after winter. His family is good with this.

 $\cdot\,$ Vicki Epling – asked about volunteer page on website. Is in progress.

• Website – We have been getting a lot of comments about on-line store that has been coming to Tom Carter. On-line store is managed by Bruce Veilleux and David Epling.

 \cdot Rick Carter – Just retired from railroad after 40 years and 9 months. Hired out with the WP in 1969. Thanked everyone for keeping the WP alive. Felt good walking around the museum today. Has not seen the museum since 1984.

• Thank you to the Carter family for helping transport the last load of donated materials from Virgil Staff.

Closed Session

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 2:43 PM and reconvened to open session at 3:11 PM. Director Vicknair reported the following out of closed session: "The Board heard a report on an on-going legal issue, FRRS v. Kasten / ITAC. No action taken.

The Board heard a report on a business issue concerning the Museum / Gift Shop Manager Contract. Feedback given, no reportable action taken."

January 2010 Board Meeting Motions and Actions Summary

Motions Passed

1. Consent Motions - approved motion 10-01-01.

. Minutes – Minutes of the General Meeting from December 2009.

. Financial Reports – Financials to end of December 2009.

2. Business Motions

Motion 10-01-02

2010 Budget

Treasurer Coen commented on P&L vs. prior year. We are significantly up in contributions but only reason is UP 844 trip. Overall, membership income is up a bit, Gift Shop sales up a bit. Income on RALs are down but expenses are almost double.

Director Habeck clarified that expenses are up due to 917 mechanical expenses and printing of new RAL brochures and materials.

Treasurer went over budget and concerns. Budget is balanced but we will need to control spending. Some discussion about reporting and account coding. Table budget to February to allow for alterations. Vicknair / Carter. Aye - 6, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0. Motion carried.

2010 Portola Railroad Days Train

Chris Skow gave report on status. Itinerary for trips tentatively approved by Amtrak.

Train will leave Emeryville Aug 20th at 8:00 AM and pick-up at Martinez, Davis and Sacramento. Arrive in Portola 6:00 PM. Depart Aug 22nd. Load box lunches at Sacramento on way up, Oroville on way back.

Proposed consist is 12 cars. Trying to keep car count to 12 – 14. Potential seat count is 350-400. There will be a bus to Reno available.

Already have 1 sleeper, 50 seats and 48 bookings from pre-sale and tour operators.

PBS Tracks Ahead has agreed to tape a show on

FRRS/WPRM, Portola RR Days and PRRDays Charter Train. Excursion commemorates 100th anniversary of regular passenger service in Canyon.

Manager's Report

· Written report submitted

• For two Santa Train weekends, between donations, tickets and sales, was around \$1100. Expenses covered by sponsors.

Director Reports

Monger – Question about year end fundraising letter. Director Vicknair provided clarification on status: Manager Epling was in a traffic accident and President McClure has taken on the cost and labor to complete the job. Monger is working on details concerning 2 years worth of donations for reporting to Dan Brady. Will be attending CAM conference March 3-5. Has brochures and information on audio tours. *Vicknair* – Status on fundraising concept for 2010. Also reported on proposed policy for year-end fundraising appeal to prevent issues that delayed 2009 appeal. *Carter* – May 8-9 is first date for crew training in 2010. Working on redo of rule book.

Department Reports

Publications – Issue in mail. Another issue in layout. Still need articles for Portola RR Days, Member Appreciation Day and Santa Trains.

Committee Reports

Members Day - Chairperson resignation.

Status of Surplus Property Report

 $\cdot\,$ Waiting on weather to get SP subs and DODX flats off property.

Safety Report

• Museum is slick, icy and cold.

Notices

· Nominations for 2010 Elections are now open.

Closed Session

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 2:47 PM and reconvened to open session at 3:18 PM. Director Vicknair reported the following out of closed session:

"The Board heard a report on an on-going legal issue, FRRS v. Kasten / ITAC. No action taken.

The Board heard a report on a business issue concerning a possible equipment trade. No action.