

May 2010 Board Meeting Motions and Actions Summary - continued

Director's Reports

Vicknair – TE Grant Status: Meeting with County Transportation Commission went well. Funding may move up to 2011. Meeting with Portola city council on May 26 to get their support.

Department Reports

Advertising – Quincy racetrack table: Consensus is that we do not have the people available and the audience is not good for us. Magazine renewal tabled to June.

Committee Reports

Business Practices – Continuing research into admission and financial reporting. Plan at next meeting.

Acquisition / DeAcquisition - All deaccession letters to museums have gone out. Request to send letter to Colfax RR Museum. McClure reported that IRM is not interested in anything on A&D list.

Election – Report sent with status of election returns.

Public Comments

Curt McBride, Portola City Council – Would like to get some old artifacts from museum and use them at points on a walking tour through the city. Tour would end at the museum. City is interested in having WP 506 on display along Highway 70 near Williams House. Would be painted in as delivered paint scheme. Will work with Habeck and McClure on small items for tour displays. McBride also spoke with Vicknair about MoP caboose ADA conversion and may have someone who can do the work. McClure reported that he now has paint and decals for MoP caboose repaint. McBride is really interested in helping us promote the museum.

Bruce Veilleux, IT Manager – Thanked David Epling for his work on the on-line Store.

Matt Shuman – Reported that CMO John Burburniak is hiring on with UP in Los Angeles.

Vicki Epling – Had a gentleman come in who is a forklift trainer and wants to become a crane operator and help us out. Will work with McClure.

Closed Session

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 6:17 PM and reconvened to open session at 6:43 PM. Director Vicknair reported the following out of sessions:

"The Board heard a report on a business issue – Financial Reporting. Consensus direction given, no action taken. The Board heard a report on an on-going legal issue, FRRS v. Kasten / ITAC. Consensus direction given, no action taken. The Board heard a report on an on-going legal issue, Morgan v. FRRS. Consensus direction given, no action taken."

June 2010 Board Meeting Motions and Actions Summary

Motion 10-06-01

Consent Motions

Minutes of the General Meeting from May 2010. Vicknair / Holmes. Aye - 5, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0. Motion carried.

Motion 10-06-02

Endowment Trustee Job Description

Written report submitted outlining duties and responsibilities of Endowment Trustees. Motion to accept the report and description of the Endowment Trustee Position as submitted. Brehm / Spikes. Aye – 5, nay – 0, abstain – 0. Motion carries.

Financial Reports

· Written report provided, along with revised financial updates from Treasurer James Mason.

Director's Reports

Vicknair – TE Grant: City gave provisional approval, need to clear some issues with City committee

Department Reports

Advertising – We have received money for the billboard on Highway 395 and are in contact with ad companies

Committee Reports

Business Practices – Written report provided with FRRS Endowment Report and Recommendations

Acquisition / DeAcquisition – Some interest in surplus locomotives, but no firm offers or open negotiations.

Closed Session

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 3:54 PM and reconvened to open at 4:38 PM. Director Vicknair reported the following out of both closed sessions:

"The Board heard a report on an on-going legal issue, FRRS v. Kasten / ITAC. Consensus direction given, no action taken. The Board heard a report on an on-going legal issue, Morgan v. FRRS. Consensus direction given, no action taken. The Board heard a report on a business issue – Finances and Communication. No action taken. The Board heard a report on a business issue – WPRRHS Archives. No action taken."

July 2010 Board Meeting Motions and Actions Summary

Motion 10-07-01

Consent Motions

Minutes of the General Meeting from June 2010.
Vicknair / Habeck. Aye - 7, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0.
Motion carried.

Motion 10-07-02

Financial Report

Written report submitted.
Latest version of budget vs. actual handed out.
Need to make mid year budget correction. Amended budget presented. Reviewed specific items in budget.
Motion to approve amended budget as presented.
Spikes / Monger. Aye - 8, nay - 0, abstain - 0.
Motion carries.

Motion 10-07-03

WPRM Admission Charge

Written report submitted. Proposal to examine charging admission starting in 2011.
Suggestions to increase revenue from existing system: more visible donation boxes, make them more prevalent and place them at choke points. Post donation box right at walkgate.
Some expressed opposition on charging admission due to economic times.
It appears that maybe 20% of visitors are donating. Points made that each visitor costs us money to serve and members are now covering much of those costs. No medium or large size railroad museums have been found on west coast that are not charging admission.
Motion to approve report.
Vicknair / Carter. Aye - 8, nay - 0, abstain - 0.
Motion carries.

Motion 10-07-04

Baggage Car Usage

Motion to table discussion to next meeting.
Vicknair / Habeck. Aye - 8, nay - 0, abstain - 0.
Motion carries.

Motion 10-07-05

Funding Department

Written report submitted.
Proposal to elevate fundraising to a full department.
Motion to accept report and create department.
Carter / Vicknair. Aye - 8, nay - 0, abstain - 0.
Motion carries.

Feather River Express update

Train is 99% full. 450 passengers. 15 cars.
Revenue to FRRS estimated at about \$10,000. Have 15 premium spaces left on train. Combo of Pullman spaces and other premium.
If train sells out, it brings FRRS revenue up another estimated \$10,000. Depends on final form of Amtrak contract. Still don't have Amtrak contract. Figure

\$200,000 to \$220,000 costs.

Portola RR Days committee is hurting financially. Need to raise another \$12,000 or so.

Chris Skow made challenge to RR Days committee that if FRRS would donate to RR Days, he would match dollar for dollar. Suggestion of \$1000 from Society and \$1000 from Trains and Travel, to come out of profits. Local one-way train run with bus has been big success. Tioga Pass is available for this option.

Dunsmuir Railroad Days 2010

Written report submitted.
Suggestions for next year include better signage to speeder rides, WPRM gift shop and turntable. Other suggestions in report.
UP MTO was very happy with how things went. No incidents, everything went well.
Matt Shuman has not heard one bad thing about the event. Everyone happy, including merchants.
David Epling heard complaints about no food vendors on Sunday.
Thanks to Bart Hansen for taking on turntable management and doing a good job.

Fall Shows

Written report submitted.
Railroad shows coming up in Sacramento, Folsom and Sonoma. Two dates conflict. Suggestion to skip Sonoma show and do Folsom show only.
Recommendation to go to Folsom show, postpone decision on others.
Suggestion for David Epling to put together a business plan on shows and present to McClure instead of bringing to Board.

President's Report

- Dunsmuir train went well, no equipment failures.

Museum Manager's Report

- Written report submitted for May and June.
- Made note that we are 5 weeks away from having to be ready for RR Days and PBS film crew. We have projects that must be done. We also need to borrow some tools like mowers, etc. to clean weeds. Woods Fire might come out, but is busy.
- Shower car for public restrooms off work list, will get portapotties.

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