

Museum Manager's Report

- Written report provided.
- Kerry Cochran has been compiling security camera equipment for use at the museum. Some materials have already been shipped to the museum.
- David and Vicki Epling have been seeking promotions for Santa Train.

Director's Reports

Carter – Written report provided. Discussion Board will be phased out due to low usage and postings being made that have generated too many complaints. Weblog will replace it.

Department Reports

Publications – Very little submitted for Train Sheet. More articles and photos needed.

Committee Reports

Business Practices – Written report provided. Committee recommendations made in business items earlier in meeting as listed above.

Public Comments

Website needs updating. This is in progress.

Notices

Election nominations open January 1, 2011

Closed Session

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 5:13 PM and reconvened to open session at 6:02 PM. Director Vicknair reported the following:

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

The Board heard a report on a legal issue, FRRS v. Morgan. No action taken.

The Board heard a report on a business issue, Business Opportunity. No action taken.

The Board heard a report on a personnel issue, Employment Structure. Consensus direction given. No action taken."

**December 2010 Board Meeting
Motions and Actions Summary**
Motion 10-12-01Consent Calendar

Motion to accept consent calendar with Minutes of the November 2010 General Meeting.

McClure / Vicknair. Aye – 8, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0.
Motion carries.

Motion 10-12-022011 Budget and Financial Report

Financial overview report given. We are still running a deficit. Held our own this year. We are looking at more ways to reduce costs and expenses. Income was down for 2010, but expenses were also held down.

Admission charge is expected to make a big positive difference for next year.

Reviewed draft budget for 2011. Discussions on how / where we could trim expenses.

Motion to conditionally adopt draft budget as version 1 for 2011. Budget will be revisited as needed.

Habeck / Vicknair. Aye – 8, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0.

Motion carries.

Correspondance

- Ohio museum asking for fix list on MILW U25B

- Ogden Utah State Ry Museum is looking at trying to save WP GP7 706

WP Greenville Depot

Greenville Depot is now on private property and they are trying to designate historic building.

Depot group would like to get our assistance / partner to get the museum set up as a WP display museum.

Ownership of land appears to have been resolved.

Tabled to January.

Ione Railfair 2011

Amador Central is now owned by historic group. Ione Railfair is now back on at Ione.

Invitation for FRRS to attend Ione Railfair on May 28-29, 2011 and have sales set-up. No cost for attendance, cost for travel, lodging, etc. to be determined.

Manager Epling to investigate further. Consensus direction that we do want to participate.

Donner Pass Event

Historic event planned for Donner Pass area near Norden. Planning meeting is December 14. Manager Epling to attend and get more information.

President's Report

- We may be taking the Santa Train to Sparks pending UP approval. Third week in December. Would be for UP employees event

- Thanks to Steve Habeck and family and the other volunteers for Santa Train decorations.

- HazMat training event is going on today at the museum under supervision of CCT / UP manager Dave Buccolo. Going well so far.

- \$663 for small scrap that went out recently. Need to get interest concerning the water exchange unit for

sale and removal from property.

- Year end fundraiser will go out next week. Sample was shown to Board.

Museum Manager's Report

- Written report provided.
- List of items received for sale will be available soon.
- Online discussion forum has been removed due to poor content being posted, will be replaced by a blog.
- Epling showed litho received from Ed deLozier estate. We have multiple copies of this litho and rights to other paintings from Ed's personal collection.

Department Reports

Publications – Train Sheet – Received article from Wayne Monger on trackwork. Current issue of Headlight is at the printer will arrive early January. *WPRRHS* – Convention information for 2011 is now out.

Safety Report

Cold and icy. Everyone must be careful. Discussion about issues caused by sewer trucks using our road and driving through our property.

Public Comments

Debbie Baer from Portola RR Days committee – seeking funding to reorganize and improve spike driving contest for 2011. Want to make spike driving contest a center piece of RR Days. Wayne Monger has been working with her on this event.

Notices

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Santa Trains tonight at 5 PM and next Saturday at 5 PM

Closed Session

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Rod McClure, FRRS President

It has been too long since I wrote this column to keep all of you informed of events with our organization. We have been doing many things around the museum that you may or may not have heard about. We had a busy summer last year with special events like Dunsmuir RR Days, in which we joined forces with Matt Shuman from Shasta-Cascade Railroad Preservation Society and the UPRR to put on an excellent event in Dunsmuir, CA. This was the first time in three years that we attended this event and it was a great success for all of us. We had a fantastic Portola Railroad Days last year. With the FRRS, the Portola RR Days committee, City of Portola and Chris Skow's special excursion train to Portola from the San Francisco Bay Area we had one of the best Railroad Days in a long time. Plans are already in the works to have a better event this year.

Other items of interest that have been going on is the return to service of the WP F7A 917-D. It has had received new blowers, new oil cooler, a flushed water system with additional water drains to prevent the freezing of the radiators, a complete oil change and new rings. The list of people involved in this major project is long: Kenneth and Paul Finnigan, John Burburniak, Seth Adams, Greg and Matt Elems, Charlie Spikes, Dwyane Vandeervien, Cody "Noodle" Wilson, Steve Habeck, Dave McClain, Dwight Whetstone, Phil Schimerer Eddie Powell and myself. I hope I did not forget anyone but if I did, let me know. Now that she is in great operating condition, we need to get the body work done and painted. This will cost about \$18,000 to \$20,000 and donations are VERY welcome.

Other things repaired or worked on include the Southern Pacific Fire Truck, on which Dave McClain and Dwight Whetstone redid the rings and the head which improved the engine's performance and resulted in no more nasty oil smoke. Dwayne V. replaced the master cylinder and now we have to replace all the wheel cylinders this year. This will make it roadable for parades and such. We also made a trade with the Oroville Fire Department for a complete restocking of our truck with a complete set of new supplies appropriate to the fire truck.

The clutch was replaced on our "Big White" forklift by Dwayne also. Steve Habeck and I, with help from Noodle and Bart and David Hansen, rearranged a couple of shop bays and turned the west bay into Habeck and my work bay so that we can service vehicles and batteries. The wood shop bay has been completely rearrange to accept our new woodworking