

reconvened to open session at 4:08 PM. Director Vicknair reported the following:

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The Board heard a report on a Business Issue – Off-Site Event. Consensus direction given, no action taken.

The Board heard a report on a Personnel Issue - Manager Contract. Motion 11 – 02 – 10 (Vicknair / McClure), to renew Museum Manager contract on an automatic 30 day basis until replaced by coming hourly wage structure. Aye – 7, Nay – 0, Abstain – 1. Motion carries."

March 2011 Board Meeting Motions and Actions Summary

Correspondance

• President McClure received letter from RLHS Southern California Chapter. Looking for early mechanical reefer car for storage purposes.

Motion 11-03-01

Consent Calendar

Motion to table consent calendar April meeting. Habeck / Holmes. Aye – 8, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

Motion 11-03-02

Management Stipend

James Mason and Eugene Vicknair presented a proposal for a Management Stipend for expenses incurred by the President and Vice-President in service of the FRRS.

Reviewed item about authorization / notification about credit card use.

Special project expenses and travel would be accounted / covered separately.

Motion to approve program and review at June 2011 Meeting.

Spikes / Vicknair. Aye – 6, Nay – 1, Abstain – 1. Motion carries.

President's Report

- Lots of snow but it is melting quickly.
- Year-end fundraiser: gift items were delayed. Calendars received, pins coming next week. Still

receiving donations from Year-end letter.

Museum Manager's Report

- Museum was open for President's Day / Portola Winterfair. Low attendance Saturday due to weather, but crews got some operation time.
- Duane Vanderveen has been working on WP Store insulating. Water is coming in under big roll-up door. Suggested that we install a berm to block water.

Financial Reports

- Written report provided.
- As usual for Winter, funds are running short and \$20,000 is being transferred from long-term accounts.
- We're running ahead of last year on income from memberships and fundraising.
- Request we control expenses until season open.

Director's Reports

Monger – CAM conference went well. James Mason and Wayne Monger attended. Will provide report next meeting.

Department Reports

Publications – Train Sheet status. John Walker will be sending article on archives / digitization project. Issue 41 of Headlight preliminary layout is done and going to printer. All Portola issue, first of two.

Historical – We need second climate control storage in Reno to handle Meeker collection.

Status of Surplus Property Report

We have an offer from Western Rail wanting to purchase Union Pacific wedge snowplow for use by a shortline. Cost was given to them of \$15,000 FOB Portola. Was identified as deaccession piece many years ago by A&D Committee.

Public Comments

Debra Baer – Debra is now our contact for RR Days Committee. RR Days Committee earned \$700 profit during Winterfest for RR Days. Thanks to Norm and Barbara Holmes and David Epling for their help. Will be meeting with Railroadiana vendors at Winterail next week. Looking at a building for additional model railroads during RR Days. Committee wants to coordinate with us on a joint billboard. Asked for link to RR Days website on WPLives.org.

Norm Holmes – Heard that LA County is requesting removal of locomotives from Pomona.

Notices

President McClure has been talking to Scott Lawson of Plumas County Museum. Plumas County Museum would like to display Spanish Peak 1 and cars at WPRM. Will discuss more in future.

Closed Session

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 2:09 PM and reconvened to open session at 2:23 PM. Director Vicknair reported the following:

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The Board considered a report on a Business issue, Employment Structure. Motion 11-03-02. Motion to table to April meeting. To be reviewed between President McClure, Business Practices Committee and other involved parties. (Spikes / Vicknair) Aye – 4, Nay – 2, Abstain – 1. Motion carries."

April 2011 Board Meeting Motions and Actions Summary

Correspondance

- Historical Society of Dayton Valley is trying to save the last Carson and Colorado depot. Holding an event to raise money for the event April 30 – May 1

Motion 11-04-01Consent Calendar

Motion to accept consent calendar with Minutes of the February and March 2011 General Meetings. McClure / Monger. Aye – 7, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

Collection Policy

A written proposal by Chris Allan for a Collection Policy was presented.

Review of history of policy.

Questions about application to rubber tire equipment.

Question about relation of Collection Policy to already adopted ARM Recommended Practices.

Monger would like to see our Collection Policy reference back to ARM Practices. Wants the Collection Policy come into agreement with ARM Practices.

Request for Collection Committee to reconcile the two documents. They are already close.

Monger would like to see policy adopted to require any incoming board member, department head and employee have copy of ARM Recommended Practices within first 3 months and be familiar with it.

Direction from McClure to reconcile the proposed policy with ARM.

Bill Parker asked about private equipment portion.

This needs to be changed.

Consensus direction to reconcile the documents and revise items relating to private equipment. Also discuss having directors, managers, etc. familiar with it.

WiFi Deployment for WPRM

A written proposal for a WiFi system proposed by Ken Finnegan was presented.

IT Manager Bruce V. would prefer hard wired Option 2. David Epling and Bob Sims offered to help pay for improvements outlined.

Vicknair to assist in developing budget for underground option.

Provide budget for next meeting.

Mason suggested adding phone lines and extra capacity.

Sacramento Northern On-Line

Garth Groff is offering to donate the SN On-Line website for operation by the FRRS.

Vicknair and Carter to work with Garth on this.

Consensus direction to proceed.

President's Report

- Steam work session will have UP people visiting.
- Have requests in for several donations from the UP.
- Discussion about Loyaltown Branch.

Museum Manager's Report

- Written report provided.

- Duane Vanderveen, Bruce Bowman, Vicki Epling, Deborah Carter, David Foreman and David Epling began prepping the museum for opening day April 2.

- Bruce Bowman also took on the task of prepping the Edenwold for occupation.

- Visitor levels since opening are light. Revenue over first 4 days this year vs. the same 4 days last year is up by double. First RAL of the Season is a Plan C on April 8.

- Winterail. Had a good show financially, did \$2,156.00 which is 700.00 more than last year.

- Did an impromptu show in conjunction with the Portola RR Days Committee in Reno at the Reno-Sparks Convention Center on the weekend of March 25-27.

The show was Expo 2011.

- The RR Days Committee is looking to obtain a booth at the Reno River Festival May.

Financial Report

- Financials provided.

- Board of Trustees will be in place by June Meeting. Mason is contacting. Will take over management of the Endowment.

- Store is nearly break even, thanks to Epling keeping costs down. Good position for this time of year.

- End of Year fundraiser went well, but we have had a lot of costs at the beginning of the year.