

Saturday night. Trackwork weekend for November 5 were cancelled due to snow. Discussion about trackwork party in March or April.

Brehm – Archives: has had good discussions with Mike Mucklin, John Walker, Wayne Monger and others about archives and tracking of archives. Looking at purchasing PastPerfect software for this. We would need to buy own server and co-locate it at a server farm. 4U rack would run about \$300/month for co-location, back-up, power and other required service. Could put volunteer tracking and website on server.

Event Reports

- Concern about Santa Train and needing sponsors. Preparations have begun. Steve Habeck has spent 2 weeks working on it. Matt Parker looking for sponsors and will be doing PR. Charge will be \$10 per car.

Department Reports

Publications – Written report provided. Train Sheet: There was an issue with mailing / production of issue 155. Members have been receiving it anywhere from yesterday to several weeks ago. Issue 156 – 157 should be received soon. Issue 158 in progress. Have nothing but minutes for 159. Headlight: Issue 42 has gone to press.

Facilities - The water line to the shower car was dug up by Duane Vanderveen, Jeff Saunders, Terry Dicogtignes, David Elems, David Foreman and Charlie Spikes.

Replaced old valves with two new valves of the stop and waste type for better and full drainage of the system. A new stub up was set in place for the lounge car and we will tie that in next spring so the car will be fully functional for the 2012 operating season. Bob Simms and Charlie Spikes removed the cabinetry from the shower car and Bob installed it in the lounge car. Bob also built a new lumber rack in the wood shop bay and thus created some much needed space in the wood shop for some of the new equipment. I can not thank Bob enough for his generous donations of the new disposal, water heater and stove for the lounge car. Also his generous donation of time and work. Thanks Bob for all you do. Duane Vanderveen was going to look at repairing the backhoe, but I have'nt heard from him about that as of Monday the 7th. I will go out one day this week and drain the water heaters in the shower car and check with him then. Most facilities and locomotives are drained and winterized. Concerns about Hotbox, recommendation she go to the vet.

Committee Reports

Business Practices – Committee has begun review of admission policy. Also began looking at improvements to recommend for the Store and Web Store to increase sales, appearance and operation for 2012.

Election – Habeck, Vicknair and Brehm up for election

Public Comments

- Jack Palmer addressed the Board. Introduced himself to newer members he did not recognize. Jack volunteered starting in 1983. Retired 6 years ago at 80 years old. Never split a switch. Very happy to see the progress of the museum and proud to have worked with the museum. Is looking forward to visiting again in 2012.

Closed Session

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 4:16 PM and reconvened to open session at 4:25 PM. Director Vicknair reported following the closed session:

“The Board heard a report on a legal issue: FRRS v. Kasten / ITAC. No action taken.”

December 2011 Board Meeting Motions and Actions Summary

Correspondance

- Debbie Baer did blitz of local businesses for Santa Train support. We received donation for \$200 from Sharon Weaver, dba Denim Blues. Debbie Baer also donated \$25.

Motion 11-12-01

Consent Calendar

Motion to accept consent calendar and the minutes of the November 2011 meeting.

Vicknair / Habeck. Aye – 7, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

Motion 11-12-02

Home Donation

- Owner has offered to donate a home located in Portola to the FRRS. There is no mortgage and no other liens. Society would be free to use or sell.
- Keys received today.
- It appears that roof must be replaced.
- Inspection will be done after meeting.
- Director Vicknair offered to pay for title search.
- Professional home inspection is needed and will be arranged by Director Vicknair.
- With taxes, inspection and title search, accepting donation would cost us about \$1200 immediately. Insurance could cost about 2-3X normal for an unoccupied home.
- Suggestion to conditionally accept pending inspections, title search and other research.
- Special Meeting may be required to accept donation before year end as requested by donor.

Conditionally accept donation pending positive

outcomes on inspections, title search and research into insurance and other costs.

Vicknair / Carter. Aye – 7, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0.

Motion carries.

Strategy Planning Meeting

- Recommendation to hold a Strategy Planning Meeting involving all directors, officers and managers to determine priorities for 2012 and beginning of 2013.
- Concensus direction to proceed.
- Director Vicknair to suggest times, locations and estimated cost at January BOD Meeting.

President's Report

- Written report provided.
- The UPY 1042, originally WP SW1500 1503, has now arrived on the property. As everyone knows now, this locomotive was donated by the Union Pacific. They have valued the locomotive at \$235,000.
- I am working with Rick Gruninger to review our insurance policy with an eye toward finding ways to reduce the cost of our insurance. I will report back to the Board when this is complete.
- The SP 2873 has a broken air compressor due to freeze damage. A plan is in place to have this repaired in the next few weeks.
- The Hospital arsonist has been sentenced. He is receiving 12 months jail time (including time served), 5 years restricted probation, has to registered as a convicted arsonist and will be receiving 1 "strike" under the California 3 Strikes law.
- Additional information given on sentencing of arsonist. Sentencing includes restitution and a keep-away order.
- Thank you given to Rod McClure for all his work in getting the WP 1503 donated. UP valued at engine at \$235,000.
- Thanks to all the Santa Train volunteers for all their work, including Steve Habeck and family, Duane Vanderveen, Debbie Baer, Feather River Rentals, Rick Gruninger and everyone who baked cookies.

Financial Reports

- Written report and financials provided.
- Reviewed financial report.
- Various collections and assets are safe and are in no financial danger. Donation of WP 1503 and loss of Hospital when figured in will leave a final asset total of nearly \$2.5 million. With donation, our IRS reporting will show a profit for this year.
- Cash on hand is insufficient and we need to bring in revenue.
- This does not mean we are near bankruptcy or any kind of default and does not mean we have any kind of accountability problem.
- James Mason loaned us \$15,000 interest free to cover

payments on Hospital clean up.

- Reviewed recommendations for improvements to admission capture, expense efficiency, company store and on-line store and fundraising.
- Discussion on Board fundraising will be part of Strategic Planning Meeting.
- Rod McClure, with donations he arranged, was effectively our biggest fundraiser.
- California Franchise Tax Board is going after unreported income, but we have been good at reporting income and payments to everyone and this should not present a problem for us.
- Will be talking to Chris Skow since payment is due for Railroad Days train.
- Signatures have been updated for RBC Investment Accounts in Reno. Steve Habeck to handle transfer of some money to cover bills.

Notices

- Tom Carter and Eugene Vicknair donated custom No Trespassing signs and are placing them around the museum.

Closed Session

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 1:59 PM and reconvened to open session at 2:01 PM. Director Vicknair reported following the closed session:

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

January 2012 Board Meeting Motions and Actions Summary

Correspondance

- *Fundraiser* – good initial surge then slowing down. Over \$11,000 processed so far.

Motion 12-01-01

Consent Calendar

Motion to accept consent calendar and the minutes of the December 2011 BOD Meeting and December 2011 Special Meeting.

Vicknair / Monger. Aye – 6, Nay – 0, Abstain – 1.

Motion carries.

Strategy Planning Meeting

- Concensus to hold the meeting Feb. 11 at 6:00 PM after Board Meeting in Roseville.

Motion 12-01-02

Meeker Collections Donation Contract

- Written report and preliminary contract provided.
- Donation will be a fractional donation over 10 years.