

Artifacts from Feather River Rail Society (Western Pacific Railroad Corporate Archives/ Kenneth J. Meeker Collection) to California State Railroad Museum.

Description: Two (2) Original 33"x11 3/4"x3/8" translucent black on white locomotive identification "numberboards" for Western Pacific Railroad EMD Model F7A "913-A".

History: Original 1950-era "numberboards" for 1st Western Pacific F7A 913-A. Transferred to 2nd WP 913-A (original WP 920-A renumbered to WP 913-A) in October 1971. Ownership of "numberboards" transferred to Western Pacific employee Kenneth J. Meeker in late 1977 after WP 913-A was damaged and removed from service due to an internal fire. Last two public display/operational uses of these two original "913-A numberboards" was on the rehabilitated/repainted Western Pacific 913 during the inaugural run of April 24, 1978 and on May 19, 1978.

As per the Ten Year Fractional Donation Agreement between the FRRS and Dr. Cheryl L. Meeker covering the Western Pacific Railroad Corporate Archives/ Kenneth J. Meeker Collection, ownership of these two historical artifacts was transferred to the Feather River Rail Society during December 2012. This proposal transfers ownership of the two (2) historical artifacts to California State Railroad Museum at Sacramento for the reinstallation into Western Pacific F7A 913 for permanent public display. This proposal is made in memory of Kenneth J. Meeker and all Western Pacific Railroad employees during the years 1970 to 1983. Monger/Habeck Aye – 9 Nay – 0 Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

- FRRS has three SP Beet Gons and it has been suggested one be donated to CSR.M.

#### Motion 13-05-02

FRRS to deassign one SP Beet Gon for donation to CSR.M, number to be determined, all cost for loading, tie-down and movement to be the responsibility of CSR.M. Vicknair/Habeck Aye – 9 Nay – 0 Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

#### **President's Report**

- Scrapper has not gotten back to President McClure with estimated revenue and details of equipment scrapping.
- In the process of reactivating DRMO status for the purpose of obtaining military surplus.

#### **Event Reports**

- *2013 Convention* – Director Vicknair provided update

regarding convention. Event is coming together and there are approximately 130 registrants at this time.

#### **Committee Reports**

- *2013 Elections* – Director Habeck reported there have been a rather large number of ballots returned as undeliverable. Recommendation that a request to update addresses be published in The Train Sheet.

#### **Legal / Insurance Report**

- Meeker collection now insured.
- CSR.M had some insurance concerns regarding the convention that have been addressed.

#### **Safety Report**

- Wasps are out – be aware to avoid being stung.

#### **Public Comments**

- Debra Baer reported that Chris Skow is working on running several excursion trains in 2014 and would like to provide a presentation to the Board.
- Kirk Baer advised that he is in support of a large season-kickoff event, separate and apart from Portola Railroad Days.

#### **Addition of Item of Urgency**

##### Motion 13-05-03

Addition of Financial Reports to Agenda  
Vicknair / Monger Aye – 9 Nay – 0 Abstain – 0

Financial reports provided

##### Motion 13-05-04

Approval of transfer of \$7,090.94 from BofA account to RBC Investment (Endowment) account.  
Habeck / Spikes Aye – 9 Nay – 0 Abstain – 0

#### **Closed Session**

Adjourned to Closed at 5:16 PM, returned at 5:35 PM

The Board heard a report on a business item – Off-site Event. No action taken.

The Board heard a report on a legal item – Worthen v. FRRS. No action taken.

The Board heard a report on a business item – WP Convention. Consensus direction given, no action taken.

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### **June 2013 Board Meeting Motions and Actions Summary**

#### **Motion 13-06-01**

Consent Calendar

Accept the minutes for the April and May 2013 Meetings.

Vicknair / G. McClure. Aye - 6, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0.  
Motion carries.

### **Sale of SP SD9 4404**

Board discussed changes to proposed contract.

#### Motion 13-06-02

Accept the contract as revised and move ahead with the sale to Western Rail.

G. McClure / Carter. Aye - 6, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0.

Motion carries.

### **RPCA Convention**

- RPCA is having their convention in Reno in February 2015. Would like to use Museum facility for some events.
- Want to use shop for 2 days to do an Amtrak brake and truck seminar.
- They have to provide insurance. Would be weather permitting.
- Chance for us to engage with RPCA and learn latest specs for trucks and brakes.
- Concerns about weather. Would need to make sure Santa Train is torn down.
- Consensus direction to continue exploring this issue.

### **Trustee Qualifications**

- Board of Trustees asked for clarification Clarify whether non-Director Officers can or cannot serve as Trustees.
- Written report provided.
- Noted that by-laws make past presidents ex-officio members of the Board, so they can't serve.
- Noted that focus of Trustees is intended to be different from Board and Officers, so would make sense to restrict.
- Also encourages not having so many people with multiple jobs.

#### Motion 13-06-03

Add sitting Officers to those restricted from serving on Board of Trustees.

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

Motion carries.

### **Acquisition of Equipment**

- Proposal to acquire a single piston diesel injector test bed.
- Written report provided.
- Equipment offered for donation. Moving would cost about \$1500.
- Designed for working on large diesel motors, could be used for our own equipment and as work for hire for outside. Could raise money for us.
- Rod and Gail McClure have offered to transport.
- Wayne Monger suggested that Cle Elem group could bring it down as they will be coming with empty trailer to haul stuff back with MILW 5057.

- Will review this option with Cascade Rail Foundation.

#### Motion 13-06-04

Accept donation and approve cost to move not to exceed \$1500 from line – Acquisition / Transport 52010.

G. McClure / Holmes. Aye - 7, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0.

Motion carries.

### **Advertising**

- RV Park brochure printer is offering us \$200 discount for advertising in their publications.
- Past ads in these have been very beneficial for us.
- Consensus direction to proceed.

### **President's Report**

- Western American Railroad Museum in Barstow was vandalized heavily recently.

### **Director's Reports**

- *Vicknair* – Working with Calif. Conservation Corp, surveyor and Concrete contractor on Facilities Projects as approved by Board in April. Awaiting quote on fencing and concrete.

### **Financial Reports**

- Written reports and Financials provided
- Cash in Bank of America is up to \$54,000 with money received from Convention.
- Several expenses for the Convention and Museum Store stock up.
- Our cash position is way better than last year.
- Endowment is up to \$36,102. Has climbed well in last two years.
- Form 990 update is being worked on.
- Life Membership issue – J. Mason made presentation concerning cost of Life Memberships to the organization. Pointed out that inflation has made cost to service much higher. Suggested that perhaps Life Memberships no longer be sold, but might be solely a recognition item. Pointed out that \$300 Life Membership in 1983 is now, by some inflation metrics, a cost of about \$3,000.
- Informed Board that insurance costs since 2000 have been rising as a percentage (5% to 20%) of budget. Insurance costs have been rising and the scope of the insurance has expanded.
- Rick Gruninger stated that insurance costs are expected to rise about 20%-30% over next year or so.
- Gail McClure asked why there was a jump in the electric bill recently. Lots of work has been going on recently that required air compressor and other electric power.

### **Event Reports**

- *2013 Convention* – written report provided. Thanks to Scott McAllister and Eugene Vicknair for their work on the Convention. Consensus direction that we consider

San Jose for 2014 Convention.

- *2013 Volunteer Day* – not too many new people showed up. We need to advertise better next year.

### Department Reports

- *Publications* – written report provided. Have had many requests for reprints of earlier editions. Eugene Vicknair will talk to Mike Mucklin about possibilities.
- *Museum Store* – written report provided. Consensus direction to proceed with suggestions and recommendations, including hiring a member to cover Store for 2-3 days a week.
- *Mechanical* – request for expenditure for parts and equipment, possible action. David Elems would like to order parts to repair known issues and stay ahead of maintenance. Cost could be several hundred to several thousand. Wanted consensus of the Board. One set would be seals for water pumps to allow us to rebuild some spare pumps. SP 2873 is one that needs a water pump. Cover seals for valve covers and radiator gaskets are also needed. Guidance given that \$2000-\$3000 is supportable right now with budget conditions.

### Committee Reports

- *2013 Elections* – Thanks to Ron Huey for co-chairing the election and Matt Shuman for chairing. About 740 ballots sent, 293 envelopes received. About 39.6% rate of return. 342 valid ballots. 4 invalid ballots. 1 returned day late. 3 non-conforming ballots. Tellers were Ann Morningstar and Deborah Harden. No witnesses from candidates. 28 write-ins. 333 – Kirk Baer, 280 – Tom Carter, 299 – Wayne Monger. Thanks to Ed Wagner for his guidance on this election. Bil Jackson sent thanks for changing his address on the fly to reach his temporary work location. No reported problems or issues. One question that was answered. All materials presented sealed to President McClure who signed for the materials. Matt and Ron will be making suggestions to the Board in the future. Matt Shuman and Ron Huey appointed to head election for 2014.

### Safety Report

- Wasps are out – be aware to avoid being stung.

### Public Comments

- Ron Huey suggested that we add a recognition page to the website for thanking members, volunteers and donors who perform services to the Society.
- Greg Elems mentioned that he spoke to some members who were disappointed about Dunsmuir RR Days not happening this year. He assured them that we are working on 2014 event. Encouraged them to come help and thanked them for their support of the Society.
- James Mason encouraged the Board to look at the “Too Many Hats” phenomenon and find more volunteers to

- cover some of these needed jobs and positions. Rod McClure spoke to the need for more volunteers to assist and encouraged people to look for more people.
- Rick Gruninger reported we have 2 new members for Ops Department and that crew training has gone well. Gail McClure thanked him and noted improved relationship between RAL engineers and Store under his guidance.
- Bob Sims had questions about special publications. He has some ideas. Directed to talk to Frank Brehm and Eugene Vicknair. Asked that we put out a listing of committee heads and department heads. After upcoming reappointments, we will start posting on website.
- Noted that Skunk Train / California Western has a fundraiser going on-line to repair collapsed tunnel.

### Notices

- The Annual Membership Meeting is at 7:30 PM with dinner at 5:30 PM.

### Closed Session

Adjourned to closed at 2:27 PM, returned at 2:30 PM.

- The Board heard a report on a legal item – Worthen v. FRRS. No action taken.

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## July 2013 Board Meeting Motions and Actions Summary

### Installation of New Board

Formal installation of new Board, with Kirk Baer replacing Norman Holmes as director.

### Motion 13-07-01

Consent Calendar

Accept the minutes for the June 2013 Meeting.

G. McClure / Elems. Aye - 8, Nay - 0, Abstain - 1.  
Motion carries.

### Correspondence

- Form 990 received for review.
- *Monger* – several members have indicated they want to talk about forming a work group to install dispatching exhibit in railcars. George Westinghouse grandson will be at the museum next month doing research into WP 103 passenger car.

### Sale of SP SD9 4404

Tabled until August

### Offer to Purchase VIA Lounge Car

Sterling Rail has approached FRRS with buyer for Lounge