

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.

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

Car FRRX 754 for \$47,700.

- Written report provided.
- Offer is \$47,700 plus payment for COTS and interchange prep.

Motion 13-07-02

Motion to authorize acceptance of listing agreement and to negotiate final sales contract.

Carter / Vicknair. Aye - 4, Nay - 4, Abstain - 0.
Tied – motion fails.

- Item tabled and will be reconsidered as old business at August meeting.
- Norman Holmes gave history on car acquisition, expressed opinion that we sell.

Fourth Street House Sale

Request Board approval of sale parameters so President can negotiate and close with buyer.

- Written report provided.
- Appraisal of house is \$30,000, plus cost to fix roof around \$5000-\$6000.
- We have cash offer for \$25,000, would not have broker fees and buyer would pay closing. Purchase as is.

Motion 13-07-03

Motion to authorize President to negotiate sale under above parameters.

Carter / Vicknair. Aye - 9, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0.
Motion carries.

2014 Excursion Run

Proposal to run an excursion train to Portola in 2014.

- Verbal report provided by Chris Skow.
- Plan to kick off the season next year with big promotional push / historical awareness of WP and try to drive up volunteers and visitors.
- Chris Skow would like to bring a 14-16 car train to kick off season.
- Reported that his company lost about \$21,000 on the trip in 2011.
- Central Coast NRHS wants to partner and provide their database and membership list to promote trip.
- Chris Skow's company has database of 20,000 people.
- Would need to be a 3 day event.
- On day train lays over, proposing we switch out the train and use coaches for run to Keddie and back. Would need approval from UP, but feeling is that this will likely not be possible.
- Question if Bay Area – Klamath Falls train would run next year. Does not look like it will.
- Proposal is to split profits 3 ways between FRRS, Trains Unlimited and Central Coast.

- Run from Emeryville to Portola Friday, layover Saturday, return Sunday.
- Some people will stay in sleepers on-board.
- Train would be used to promote a major event at the museum as part of season opening.
- Opinion that we start making season opening into a major event to attract volunteers and visitors.
- Tentative title is "Western Pacific Railroad Festival".
- Concerns expressed about getting enough volunteers to prep and operate on the event days.
- Consensus direction to keep exploring this concept, Debra Baer to explore planning for event, Chris Skow to discuss with Central Coast and develop more info.
- Revisit at August meeting.

Fundraising Proposals

Proposals to post projects on Kickstarter.com and Rally.org.

- Written report provided.
- Discussion about how the funding websites work.
- Review of how our programs set up and function.
- Suggestion to have a different project for the Kickstarter.
- Consensus direction to proceed with planning and come back August meeting with more refined proposal.

California Shortline Railroad Association

Proposal to join the CSLRRA as an Associate member.

- Written report provided outlining work and costs.
- Discussion about CSLRRA programs that could benefit the FRRS.

Motion 13-07-04

Motion to approve joining CSLRRA as Associate Member and approve payment of \$600 annual dues from line item – 67079 Dues and Memberships.

Vicknair / Monger. Aye - 7, Nay - 0, Abstain - 1.
Motion carries.

President's Report

- Long-time member Steve Milward fell off his roof and broke his hip.
- Member Allan Hirasawa reportedly passed away. He had been working for CalTrain.

Director's Reports

- *Habeck* – written report provided outlining recent events at the museum.
- *Monger* – Herold Meeker's father is in poor health. August 18 plan is to move MILW 5057 into the shop and have Cascade Rail volunteers working on engine from August 18 – August 25 to prepare for movement. They will be unable to move the diesel test rig we purchased.
- *G. McClure* – Made statement that Edenwold and

Shower Car have been left in poor / trashed condition again. Rick Gruninger and Matt and David Elems have spent a lot of time cleaning it.

Financial Reports

- Financial Reports provided
- Walkway cost has been paid for from donations.
- Suggestion made to convert former Historical Society account into Restricted Fund account. Would consolidate all project money into single account. Will make money accounting clearer.
- Form 990 has been reviewed and been released for signature so we can file with IRS.
- The 2012 Annual Report will follow soon.
- Rod McClure is going to work with Rick Gruninger and our insurance contact before she retires to review our policies and see what can do about our insurance.
- Suggestion to review safety programs and procedures in light of our insurance costs.

Event Reports

- *Lionel / Toy Train Operating Society* – 63 from Convention in Sparks came in tour buses today. We received many compliments on our docent tours, crews for trains and overall presentation and friendliness. Thanks to everyone who assisted. Also received assistance from volunteers cleaning and setting up the Museum Store. Thanks to Gail McClure, Rick Gruninger, Tom Carter, Eugene Vicknair, Steve Habeck, Debra Baer, Charlie Spikes, Matt & David Elems and Alicia LaBrequé.

Department Reports

- *Museum Store* – due to a medical issue, Gail McClure needs some time away to recover. Other volunteers will be covering the store.
- *Trackwork* – there are ties that need to be replaced. Dates to be announced for trackwork.
- *Web Operations* – request for more people to review and proofread website. Webmaster has been very busy and needs help with web management. West webcam has been fixed, Greg and Matt Elems fixed with new bracket. Matt Elems now managing iVolunteer software.

Safety Report

- Discussion on changes needed in safety procedures.
- Suggestion to draft a safety committee.
- Review of needs and issues.

Public Comments

- Bob Sims donated several items for the archives.
- Norm Holmes brought up a bag of locomotive manuals donated by Nevada State RR Museum.

Closed Session

Consensus of the Board to table Closed Session.

2014 SPRING FUNDRAISER

When you receive your Train Sheet, our 2014 Spring Fundraiser should be underway or about to start. Your support of the Society is critical to providing ongoing preservation, cataloging, repair and restoration of our archives, equipment collection and facility.

This year, we have several critical items on our "To Do" list. Foremost is completing a chainlink security fence around the entire WPRM property, including both our leased and owned land. A team from the California Conservation Corp, along with volunteers, is being engaged for this work, but it will still cost around \$20,000 to perform this work.

WP SW1500 1503, currently wearing worn Union Pacific paint, is slated to receive her green and orange WP colors and be brought back to full operation. On the other end of the spectrum, WP SW1 501 is scheduled to return to operation this year and get her paint touched up in time for her 75th birthday.

Scanning and cataloging work continues on our WP archives, including our collection of films.

All this work needs your financial support. Please consider giving to the FRRS. Donations can be mailed to the Society address or you can donate on-line at <http://donate.WPLives.org>. The WP Lives because of you, the members of the FRRS.

Any member in good standing may request a complete copy of the transcript of board meetings from the Society. There is a nominal charge for each copy which covers postage and administrative costs.

*The Train Sheet needs your photos and articles. If you are working on projects for the Society, volunteering on restorations, performing archives work, helping out at off-site events, etc., or if you get some nice photos of FRRS happenings that you want to share, please contact us to have them printed in *The Train Sheet*.*

Photos should be at least 5" high by 7" wide and 300 dots per inch. Articles should focus on FRRS related events, people or your own personal experiences with the Society.

To contribute, contact Editor Eugene Vicknair by email at trainsheet@wplives.org.