

**Feather River Rail Society  
Board of Directors Meeting – February 11, 2023 – 1:00 PM  
Western Pacific Railroad Museum Meeting Room – WPRM, Portola, CA**

President Greg Elems called the meeting to order at 13:06.

**Attendance**

**The following Directors were present:**

Bob Sims - phone	Kerry Cochran - phone	Eugene Vicknair – phone
Greg Elems	Charlie Spikes - phone	Roger Stabler = phone
Steve Habeck - phone	Matt Elems - phone	

8 directors present at meeting start – Quorum achieved.

**Visitors:**

Matt Shuman – Election Chair - ph  
David Elems – Asst. CMO, Safety Officer  
Logan Beers

**Correspondence**

*Habeck*

- Late last month received final distribution for estate of Katherine Hale. Received \$50,000 distribution.
- Received check from member that combined convention and membership. We need to coordinate with convention person. Kerry and Eugene will coordinate.
- Railfan and Railroad Magazine just did a story on Quincy Railroad. Leading to a lot of fans coming on to the property and getting in the way on the railroad.

**Consent Calendar**

- Minutes – Minutes of the January 2023 BOD Regular Meeting.

Motion 23-02-01

Approve the January 2023 BOD Regular Meeting Minutes  
Cochran / Spikes. Aye – 8, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

**Old Business**

**2023 Budget**

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Review proposed budget.

- Preliminary budget sent.
- Modified with new \$50,000 donation.
- Numbers refined.
- Noted Canyon / Hwy 70 may be closed for 2 months due to hill slides.
- Reviewed costs and needs for fuel, utilities and lube oil.

Motion 23-02-02

Approve 2023 Budget as revised and revisit in April 2023  
Vicknair / Spikes. Aye – 8, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

### **WPRM Use of Private Locomotive**

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Review draft lease agreement.

- Draft lease presented.
- Suggestion to evaluate outside meeting and email Eugene and Kerry with any comments, questions, changes.
- Roger Stabler has reviewed and is good with it.
- David Elems has comments:
  - Item 12 sub A can be summarized more generally.
  - Item 12 initial paragraph does not need so many specifics.
  - Boil them down to “everything will be done in accordance to our approved maintenance practices by qualified personnel”.
- Noted there are some typos.
- Create a boiler plate version as well.
- Request comments by February 28 end of day. Will review again for preliminary approval March 2023 Board Meeting.

### **New Business**

#### **SP Convention Visit in May**

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Review plan and requests for group visit in May 2023.

- Greg Elems was contacted by Lloyd Limprecht from Pacific Coast Region RLHS. Working with Scott Inman on convention. Requested us (FRRS) to set up tour of Quincy lumber mill. They must do this themselves.
- Greg is going to draft an email response and confer with several folks before responding.
- Noted that we should not be involved in planning any event off-site on behalf of another organization.
- Planning to bring 1 bus with 56 seats.
- Visit is for Thursday, May 18, 2023.
- Discussion of price per person. Estimated \$35-\$40 per person.
- Greg to contact them.

### **Good of the Order**

#### **President’s Report**

- Verbal report given.
- Has been helping David Elems move snow and dealing with stuff around his uncle’s estate.
- Been dealing with planning and communication for SP Convention in May.

#### **Financial Reports**

- *Written reports provided.*
- Received \$50,000 distribution from estate. Thank you to Katherine Hale and her family. Noted she wrote will in 2007.
- We are currently cash positive, which is unusual for winter.
- Propane and electrical has been high.

- Liability insurance is paid for the year.
- Had to spend \$2,000 on new snowblower. Has been working well.
- We are in good spot going into 2023.

### Director's Reports

- *Stabler*
  - Scheduled 2 weeks in May for steam work session to cover rules test and prep for May 18 convention event. Also going to run WP 165 on operating opening weekend.
  - Question about snowblowers in shop needing work. Discussion about working on small machines and how to coordinate.
- *Vicknair* - written report provided.
  - Planning to put together paint chips with Greg Elems and get updated paint codes for major WP paint colors. Helping out Ogden / Utah State Museum on paint WP GP35 3002.

### Event Reports

- *2023 Convention*
  - Convention committee had meeting last Tuesday. Kerry and Eugene attended and things are moving along. Working on schedule for clinics and presentations. Have 14 different presentations on WP / FRRS track. PCR starting to list shows on website.
  - Hoping to announce tours and layout visits soon.
  - Saturday special rate rooms sold out.

### Department Reports

- *Webmaster* – written report provided.
- *Signal Department* – written report provided.
- *General Superintendent* – written report provided.
- *Archives / Historical* – written report provided.
- *Mechanical* – verbal report.
  - Got new snowblower running and rebuilt old Toro. Been spending a lot of time on snow removal.
  - Been purchasing some parts and tools we will need beginning of season. Been getting parts for rotary.
  - Need to pre-lube WP SW1500 1503 and SP MW208 rotary and snail. Need to do inspections. Could have everything ready to run for rotary in 3 days.
  - Discussion about possible rotary operation.
  - Looking to do one quick run and use for PR material. Invite Jack Sutton and John Bartell from Reno and Sacramento TV stations. Armando E. offered to do drone footage.
  - If we get more snow, can do a second run for fundraiser.
  - Suggestion to use as a training event and PR event rather than public event.
- *Facilities*
  - Lots of snow and snow melt.
  - David Elems spent 1 hour chipping ice along north side of shop. Water pooled in hallway and ops office.
  - Eugene and David to talk new drainage soon.

### Committee Reports

- *2023 Election* – written report provided.
  - Only 3 current directors nominated. White ballot protocol in effect.
  - Notification postcard attached for review and comment.
  - Committee going to proceed with notification card.

- Committee recognizes Director Cochran and his birthday coming up in 14 days.
- Board thanks Matt Shuman and the committee for their work.

Matt Shuman left meeting – 3:11 PM

### **Legal / Insurance Report**

- Liability insurance renewed and in effect.
- Received bill from legal for document and contract reviews.

### **Status of Surplus Property Report**

none

### **Safety Committee**

- Cold, icy and wet around museum

### **Public Comments**

none

### **Notices**

none

Break – 3:14 PM – 3:21 PM

**Closed Session** – requested by Director Eugene Vicknair – 3:21 PM – 4:46 PM

- *Property Issue* – Museum Property
- *Financial Issue* – Preliminary Grant Report
- *Collection Issue* – Review of Potential Acquisitions

The Board heard a report on a Property Issue – Museum Property. No reportable action taken.  
The Board heard a report on a Financial Issue – Preliminary Grant Report. No reportable action taken.

The Board heard a report on a Collection Issue – Review of Potential Acquisitions. Consensus direction given. No reportable action taken.

### **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at:15:47 (Vicknair / Cochran)

Next Meeting: March 11, 2023 – 1:00 PM  
Location: WPRM Meeting Room, Portola

Respectfully Submitted  
Eugene Vicknair – FRRS Secretary