

**Feather River Rail Society
Board of Directors Meeting – May 13, 2023 – 4:00 PM
Western Pacific Railroad Museum Meeting Room – WPRM, Portola, CA**

President Greg Elems called the meeting to order at 16:16.

Attendance

The following Directors were present:

Bob Sims – phone – arrived 4:29 PM

Greg Elems

Steve Habeck

Kerry Cochran - phone

Charlie Spikes - phone

Matt Elems - phone

Eugene Vicknair

Roger Stabler – arrived 4:57 PM

6 directors present at meeting start – Quorum achieved.

Visitors:

Bart Hansen – Treasurer, phone

David Elems – Asst. CMO / Safety Officer

Correspondence

D. Elems

- Got kick back from old Gmail gift shop email. Ad for museum scanning of materials. Someone saying they are part of Google services. Offer to scan museum for virtual tour. Seems like someone we looked at before and passed on.

Habeck

- Got census survey from US Dept. of Commerce – Economic Census. Filled it out online.
- NRHS letter asking us to be in list of rail attractions. Responded to that.
- Had issue with donation check. Steve found check and got it to Susan.
- We received letter from legal office concerning settlement of a family trust.

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Consent Calendar

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

Motion 23-05-01

Approve the April 2023 BOD Regular Meeting Minutes as presented.

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

Old Business

General Private Locomotive Lease

Review legal reviewed lease agreement.

- Legal reviewed contract provided.
- Consensus to table to June 2023 Meeting.

New Business

none

Good of the Order

President's Report

- Verbal report provided.
- Has started putting up new signage that was ordered. Gate, ped crossing and loading area signs up.
- Crew training went okay. Done by 1 PM, including giving three new volunteers some hands on equipment training.

Financial Reports

- *Written reports provided.*
- Discussion about financials.
- David Elems reported that mechanical expenses are going to be higher. Radiator costs are up. A-1 Radiator is researching for us. New radiators are not available from domestic suppliers. David is working with A-1 and they are happy to help us.
- Reported we have fuel on hand for about half the season right now. Steve Habeck has been talking with Hunt and Sons on diesel.
- When ordering steam engine boiler chemicals, David discovered that there was an issue with his Society credit card. Issue has been dealt with and BofA is issuing a new card. BofA reported one fraudulent card charge went through then six others were blocked. Fraudulent charge being reversed.

Director's Reports

- *Vicknair* – written report provided.
 - Discussion about closing out Shuttered Venues grant.

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Event Reports

- *2023 Convention*- written reports provided.
 - Report estimated at least 28 FRRS members attended. Know that more finally attended.
- *2024 and 2025 Conventions* – written report provided.
 - Discussion of location and date options.
 - Eugene checking dates for Oroville in 2024.
- *Motorcar Day* – written report provided.
- *SP / RLHS Convention Visit* – written report provided.
 - We had quoted price for admission and they offered to “pass the hat” to help raise more for WP 165. With WP 165 out of service, they asked for discount. We will state that they don't need to pass the hat.
 - 84 people are coming.
 - Pizza Factory is going to deliver lunch to them. We will put tables out on north side of shop.
- *Media Day* – written report provided.
 - Roger Stabler steam cleaned the floor in UP 105 business car. Thank you to Roger.
- *WP Celebration* – written report provided.
 - Going ahead with diesel power.
- *Membership Dinner and Meeting*
 - Suggestion that the sandwich platters from Subway went over mostly well.
 - If we cater, then we need to give them advance notice.

- Charlie will help out with setting up.
- Suggestion to try Port of Subs.
- Charlie will call Port of Subs and check on catering trays for 30-35.
- Put out on web and Facebook.

Department Reports

- *Webmaster* – written report provided.
 - David Elems is going to talk to Paul about removing some locomotives from RAL page.
 - Link opens new page issue. May be browser setting. Eugene will talk to Paul.
- *Train Sheet* – written report provided.
- *General Superintendent* – written report provided.
- *Historical / Archives* – written report provided.
- *Mechanical*
 - Backhoe has been totally serviced. Roger Stabler did a lot of work on it. Gear case was cracked. No longer leaking transmission fluid or gear oil. Did full filter change.
 - SP GP9 2873 having new issues. During inspection, found rear radiator on fireman's side is showing issues. Both rear radiators sections have been pulled from locomotive. Having problems with availability and cost of new radiators. A-1 radiator reaching out to various places to get us best prices and availability. Most recent quote was \$13,000 for radiator we need. We need two such assemblies in a GP model locomotive.
 - Taking more radiator sections in to A-1 in the next few weeks.
 - Going to work on other systems on the 2873 while getting radiators dealt with.
 - WP 165 is down. While it is down, David will try to run WP GP7 707 into shop.
 - Going to review Quincy TR6A 1100 for bringing into service.
- *Facilities*
 - Parking Lot: David and Bart and Hansen came and did some grading of the parking lot. Greg and Eugene have 5 trucks of #2 Road Base coming Tuesday then David and Bart will return.
 - ADA: Bart Hansen's wife was injured in December, in a wheelchair for the last 5 months. They went to Laws to see SP 18 run and went to Yosemite Sugar Pine and called ahead to see if they could accommodate wheelchair. They could. Noted that we need some improvements to our ADA access. Suggested we look at acquiring a golf cart that can carry a wheelchair. We need to finish vista flat and wheelchair lift. Send to Safety and Facilities Committees.
 - Concrete work on west end of diesel shop needs to be addressed.
 - Eugene Vicknair and David Elems will talk about drainage next week.
 - Concrete walkways took a beating over winter. Needs some cleanup.
 - Leaking faucets under Men's room sink.

Committee Reports

none

Legal / Insurance Report

none

Status of Surplus Property Report

none

Safety Committee

- There was an incident in the shop 3 weeks ago when lifting radiator hatch from SP 2873. No major injuries. Has been reviewed and report has been filed and corrective actions noted.

Public Comments

Bob Sims – Is fuel delivery for 165 still happening? Yes it is. Fuel coming Monday.

David Elems - Requested that we schedule a mandatory engineers meeting. Requesting May 27 to talk with engineers and mechanical department.

Notices

- June 10 – Annual Meeting and Dinner

Closed Session – none requested

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 18:05 (Spikes / G. Elems)

Next Meeting: June 10, 2023 – 3:00 PM

Location: WPRM Meeting Room, Portola

Respectfully Submitted

Eugene Vicknair – FRRS Secretary