

**Feather River Rail Society
Board of Directors Meeting – October 12, 2019 – 4:30 PM
WPRM Meeting Room – Portola, CA**

President Greg Elems called the meeting to order at 4:40 PM

Attendance

The following Directors were present:

Charlie Spikes - phone

Steve Habeck

Greg Elems

Matt Elems - phone

Kerry Cochran - phone

Eugene Vicknair – phone

Bob Sims - phone

Janet Steeper - phone

8 directors present at meeting start – Quorum achieved.

Guests present:

David Elems – Asst. CMO, Safety Officer

Bil Jackson

Correspondence

- *Steve Habeck* - We received a box of archive donation from Gary Stengel from North Platte. Confirmed that stock sale by Bob Sims has occurred.

Consent Calendar

Approval of the minutes of the September 2019 Regular Meeting.

Motion 19-10-01

Approve the minutes of the September 2019 Regular Meeting as amended.

Habeck / Vicknair. Aye – 8, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

Old Business

2020 Event Calendar

Review 2020 proposed Event Calendar and approve for release.

- Written report provided.
- Verification of certain dates.
- Discussion about Steam Work Sessions.

Motion 19-10-02

Approve the 2020 Event Calendar as amended.

Vicknair / Spikes. Aye – 8, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

New Business

2020 Historic Photo Calendar

Review budget for 2020 Photo Calendar and approve for pre-sale.

- Written report provided.
- Discussed status of calendar. About 80% done.
- Suggestion to start pre-sales and get pre-sales in and see how many we get. Eugene Vicknair to work with Paul Finnegan on setting up webpage for sales.
- We do order to get in time for Santa Trains. This would mean ordering for early November.
- Suggestion to set order at 100 count.
- Need to check new postal rates. Adjust S&H accordingly. Look at Express and First Class. Add more for foreign.
- We will confirm order and cost at November meeting.
- Consensus direction to proceed.

Good of the Order

President's Report

- President's Report sent before meeting.
- Greg and David Elems also travelled to Bill Wisneski's property and picked up donated rail tools. Box van was to be donated, but needs brake and bearing work.

Financial Reports

- Written reports provided.
- Discussion about financial items.

Director's Reports

- *Vicknair* – written report provided.
 - Discussed meeting with new city manager, Lauren Knox.

Event Reports

- *Pumpkin Patch Express 2019* – discuss preparations and marketing
 - Marketing and event report provided.
 - Noted that Paul Finnegan has been regularly updating Pumpkin Patch Express webpage with new info. Radio spot sound file finally received and posted.
 - Pat Morten from the city council is volunteering to help us.

Department Reports

- *Webmaster* – written report provided.
 - Noted that we regularly get comments on how great the website is looking.
- *Train Sheet* – written report provided.
 - Directors expressed thanks to Paul Finnegan for getting the issues out on time and the overall quality.
- *General Superintendent* – written report provided.
- *Historical / Archives* – written report provided.
 - Confirmed that we have completely received donation from Jack Palmer. Including over 5,000 slides, most of which are WP. Also donated 2 WP switch stand kerosene lamps which were from the Portola Yard.
- *RAL Operations* – written report provided.
 - Discussion about how to increase RALs next year.
- *Mechanical* – written reports on rubber tire fleet and locomotives.
 - WP 1503 ready to go. Crew ran 1503 today and used it for switching.
 - David Elems started cleaning engine room of WP 512. Lots of gunk, including nests and other materials from raccoon infestation.
 - Plan to get rotary set inspected by start of November.

- Having issue with fixing yellow forklift hydraulic ram. Roger Stabler has part to repair and we should receive soon. Big white forklift will go out of service in spring 2020.

Committee Reports

- *Historical Convention* – written report provided.
 - Contracts confirmed.
 - Plan is to start advertising in next week. Will work with Paul Finnegan on setting up webpage.

Legal / Insurance Report

none

Status of Surplus Property Report

- We have recently had two people asking about buying steel cabooses.
- Heard from folks in Fernie, British Columbia. Still interested in NVR Baldwin 51.
- Arizona RR Museum in Williams, AZ still interested in beet gon.

Safety Report

- *Forklifts* – David Elems sent out links to forklift training and testing info. Working with Paul Finnegan to set up our own on-line training. Thanks to Paul for his help on this.
- *Fire Extinguishers* – David also working on latest batch of extinguishers.
- *Oil Separator* – Working on clearing garbage from around separator. Discussing ways to fence off.
- Recommended that we have a safety committee meeting at least once a quarter.

Public Comments

- Directors noted that John Salisbury complimented our website. Thanks to Paul for the great work.
- *Bob Sims* – Still having some blood pressure problems. Looking at time to come up and work on Silver Hostel window sealing.

Notices

none

Closed Session – requested by Director Vicknair – 6:00 PM – 6:23 PM

- Legal Issue – FRRS vs. Kasten / ITAC / Gateway
- Legal Issue – Meeker vs. FRRS and Vicknair
- Business Issue – Future Business Possibility

The Board heard a report on a legal issue – FRRS vs. Kasten / ITAC / Gateway. Consensus direction given. No reportable action taken.

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The Board heard a report on a business issue – Future Business Possibility. No reportable action taken.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at: 6:24 PM (Habeck / Vicknair)

Next Meeting: November 9, 2019 – 1:00 PM

Location: WPRM Meeting Room - Western Pacific Railroad Museum - Portola, CA

Respectfully Submitted, Eugene Vicknair – FRRS Secretary