

**Feather River Rail Society**  
**Board of Directors Meeting –December 10, 2016 – 1:00 PM**  
**WPRM Meeting Room – Portola, CA**

President Steve Habeck called the meeting to order at 1:25 PM.

Leisa Wesch requested the meeting be recorded.

The following Directors were present

Eugene Vicknair (phone)	Charlie Spikes	Steve Habeck	Frank Brehm (phone)
Kerry Cochran (phone)	Tom Carter (phone)	Greg Elems	Leisa Wesch (phone)

**Attendance**

Patty Clawson – Big Fish	Ed Powell
Steve Parry	Kirk Baer
Loren Ross	David Epling – 1:30 PM
David Elems – acting CMO	

**Correspondence**

*OSHA Complaint Letter* – received last month, response with input from Directors and Managers was made within deadline, Habeck confirmed OSH office received response and they are satisfied with our response and have closed the item.

**Consent Calendar**

Approval of the minutes of the October 2016 General BOD Meeting.

Motion 12-16-01

Consent calendar approved as presented.

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

**Old Business**

**Fundraising Letter**

Logistics and cost of sending letter.

- Written report and letter package provided.
- Discussion of options and late in year.
- Delay in sending caused by Eugene hospital stay
- Concern we are crowding the spring fundraiser.
- Suggestion to send next one in the July / August timeframe.

Motion 12-16-02

Approve sending letter as presented with budget of \$1,000 – line item 56600 – Fundraising Expense..

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

**New Business**

**Mission and Goals Policy Update**

Approve update to FRRS Mission and Goals Policy.

- Written report and policy update presented.
- Policy has revisions to update naming of departments / business units and change to spelling out WP as Western Pacific.

Motion 12-16-03

Approve Mission and Goals Policy as revised and presented.

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

## **Nomination and Election Policy**

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Approve update to Nomination and Election Policy. Appoint 2017 Election Committee.

- Written report and policy update presented.
- Some revisions to wording suggested.
  - From Ed Wagner:
    - There is a wording error in the Election and nominating item.
    - On page 2, the second paragraph above paragraph (L) regarding payment for printing and mailing candidate statements...
    - It reads "Any candidate statement shall be required to submit payment at the time the statement is submitted."
    - It should read " Any candidate submitting a statement etc." don't you think?
- This change was made.
- Also added statement "Not prepared at the Society's expense and does not necessarily represent the Society's policy and position" that shall be included in all candidate statements.
- Revision dates are now December 10, 2016 for both policies, next review in 2020.
- David Epling appointed to head 2017 Election Committee.

Motion 12-16-04

Approve Nomination and Election Policy as revised, amended and presented.

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

## **Great Train Show**

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Approve expenditure for selling at the Great Train Show in January 2017.

- Written information presented.
- Cost will be about \$1,100 to support show attendance.
- Booths with electricity are available.
- Statement from Steve Parry that someone told him we overcharged for some equipment from Bruce Y collection at last show.
- David Epling disputed this and pointed out how they determined value and that people paid what was asked.
- Frank Brehm agreed that we stated a value and someone paid it. If they found it cheaper later, that does not mean we overcharged.
- Tom Carter pointed out that he and Alicia LaBrecque spent 3 month completely inventorying the collection with listing of MSRP values and were all double checked. Brad Lomazzi was impressed with how well we prepared the inventory.
- Recommendation to acquire or rent a second trailer to move remaining collection.
- Next show coming up is down in San Jose.

Motion 12-16-05

Approve expenditure for attending / selling at GTS show January 2017 of \$1,200 from line item 53035 – Shows.

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

## **Good of the Order**

### **President's Report**

- Finished Santa Train prep last Friday, first day of event.
- Santa Trains have been slow first weekend, but we are coming into the busy section.
- We were listed on Lionel Trains website as one place for Christmas Trains.
- Patty and Mike of Big Fish have been down.
- Local reported Linda Westmoreland was present and is doing article.
- Might be snow soon. Right now it is raining hard.

- Patty and Mike got some great photos of Santa Trains, as well as some video.
- Light plant was rented from Truckee Rents. Got it for cheaper than Reno, \$900 for entire month. Truckee Rents say they never have requests for it. Steve is going to try and acquire it.
- Congratulations to Steve Habeck on new granddaughter.

### **Financial Reports**

- Reports provided
- Summary still coming
- Account from Plumas Bank soon to be completed

### **Director's Reports**

- *Vicknair* – approve strategic planning meeting for Directors and Managers in late January (Jan 21)
- CMO won't be back until February. Can still get his feedback.
- Feeling is that this is a good idea.
- Discussion about ideas on what we need to get done.
- Kerry discussed things that came out of his Operations Working Group meeting, including policies and releases. Could be included in discussions.
- Eugene to send out topics, possible dates and locations before next Board Meeting.
- ADA concern came up last Santa Train. We need to do mods to MOP caboose.

### **Event Reports**

- *2017 Convention* – dates and location set: May 4-7 at Harrah's Reno.
- *Food service* – Patty Clawson has been researching food trucks and other food service. Found county requires a \$95 a year food truck permit and we need a permit. For any community event in Plumas County we need \$35 food service permit and it takes about 4 weeks to approve. She has copy of application. Recommends that we look at this during strategic meeting. Also can do multiple event permit.

### **Department Reports**

- *Website* – written report provided
- *General Superintendent* – written report provided

### **Committee Reports**

- *Habeck* – no update from investigative committee
- *Election* – David Epling is heading election committee. Requested that we put out on our website and WPList the qualifications for candidates.

### **Legal / Insurance Report**

- No update from legal on requested letter.

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

- Discussion about status of owner of Santa Fe diner.

### **Safety Report**

- David Elems is working on safety clean-up list for this spring.
- Cold rain: look out for mud, soft spots and flooding.

### **Public Comments**

- *Loren Ross* – This is his 16<sup>th</sup> year at museum. Done 12 Santa Trains. Wanted to note that Steve Habeck has outdone himself this year. Train looks great and public is loving it. Kudos to Steve.
- *David Epling* – Also his 12<sup>th</sup> Santa Train. Agreed with Loren's assessment.
- *Greg Elems* – Received an email from Mike Yuhas – Trains Magazine. Working on next guidebook. Have until March to get them information. Noted photo is from 2008.
- *Eugene Vicknair* – Cowcatcher Magazine in Midwest wants to list us in their magazine. Will donate the \$75 fee.

**Notices**

- Santa Train tonight and next Friday and Saturday.

**Closed Session**

requested by Director Vicknair – 2:35 PM – 2:53 PM

The Board heard a report on a Business Item – archives. Consensus direction given, no action taken.

The Board heard a report on an Operations Item – safety. Consensus direction given, no action taken.

**Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at: 2:53 PM

Next meeting: January 14, 2017 – 1:00 PM

Location: WPRM Meeting Room - Portola, CA

Respectfully Submitted, Eugene Vicknair -- Secretary, FRRS