

Feather River Rail Society - Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Sunday September 15, 1996
Location: Flannery Room, Portola Railroad Museum, Portola, CA
Meeting Start: 9:47 AM

Board of Directors present: S. Habeck, N. Holmes, W. Monger, C. Lippincott, V. Neves, H. Stiles, S. Cooper, G. Wollesen, D. Morgan (arrived late at around 11:30 AM while meeting in progress).

Board of Directors absent: B. Cooper

FRRS Visitors present: All members WPRRHS leadership council including J. Walker, M. Mucklin, P. Solyom; other FRRS members include D. Dewey, L. Dewey, L. Monger, K. Iverson.

1.) Minutes of Previous Meetings - Minutes of July and August 1996 meetings not yet available or transcribed by FRRS Secretary to the Board W. Monger. Pass until next meeting. Mentioned by Pres. Habeck that looking for an outside transcription source to handle producing meeting minutes.

2.) Special Orders - None

3.) Financial Reports - by G. Wollesen, N. Holmes and S. Cooper

3.1 Gift Shop account	\$ 5,988.29
3.2 General Account	\$ 18,537.25 (as of 9/11/96)
3.3 GP9 Fund account	n/a - approx. \$11,000.00
3.4 Credit Union Savings	\$ 16,527.54
3.5 Special Account	\$ 1,039.63
3.6 Skip Englert Golf account	n/a - approx. \$900.00
3.7 Plumas Savings account	\$ 2,473.90
3.8 Placer Savings account	\$ 43,865.16
3.9 Bank of America account	\$ 4,246.63 (credit card input from gift shop, etc.)
3.10 Beanery account	approx. \$1,005.00
3.11 Credit Union Certif.	\$ 50,226.03 (as of 6/30/96)
3.12 "Raffel" account	n/a - starting over due to new raffel.
3.13 Total income over past month:	\$18,159.50 (Holmes noted Gift Shop income over same period was \$17,145.00)

General account expenditures during last month: \$9,296.72

*M/Lippincott, S/Stiles "Accept Financial Report as read". PASS 7-0-0

4.) Department Leaders and Committee Reports - By various members as noted below.

4.1 - Publicity - By H. Stiles. Discussions of increasing crowds at museum site due to what aspects of publicity, possibility of various increased spending on publicity on such as radio and/or TV ads, phone book ads, continuing ads in railroad-oriented magazines. Discussion of previous agreement during July 1996 BofD meeting on production of video by William Bleachner of Reno, NV of 60 min of stock footage in broadcast-acceptable format.

4.2 - Public Relations - B. Cooper not present. No report.

4.3 - Membership - N. Holmes - Will send out new membership card to all FRRS Life Members as

of 1/1/97. Mentioned that there were a "few new life members" but no specific names.

4.4 - Gift Shop - N. Holmes - see above in financial report concerning gift shop sales/income over past 1 month of primary tourist season.

4.5 - Museum Facilities - G. Wollesen - Spent past month on Railroad Days and Railfan Photographers' Day set-up. Noted that main building roof severely needs work on patching leaks to make it through the winter without major water leaks. Main building electrical upgrade project "Phase 1" is now complete. Contractor is starting "Phase 2" of project and has interior lighting upgrade approx. 50% done. "Phase 3" and "Phase 4" of project is currently on track for 1997. New Bank of America grant application for this work is being completed by Pres. Habeck and is to be submitted by November 1996.

4.6 - Chief Mechanical Officer - H. Stiles - Reported that monthly "locomotive maintenance clinics" on first weekend of months have been very popular and a great success. Have been able to keep up and even get ahead of locomotive maintenance problems on core "category 1" FRRS locomotive fleet to the point of even being able to start addressing problems with "category 2" FRRS locomotives. Result is that Railroad Days and Railfan Photographers' Day in 1996 ran without a single in-use locomotive being removed from service due to mechanical failures/problems. Mentioned that a group of mechanics from CSRM in Sacramento are interested in coming to Portola to work on some FRRS units in late September and October(?).

H. Stiles, D. Morgan and P. Lyman attended FRA Seminar on 9/4-5/96 at San Bernardino as FRRS representatives. Subject was mechanical, operational and environmental rules for shortlines and museums. See associated 2-page report on meeting written by D. Morgan and presented to FRRS Board. Primary result is that FRA want all museums to start moving toward compliance with basic FRA rules and reporting. Confirmed by George Hardy of FRA that FRRS Portola RR Museum site is under full FRA jurisdiction and that past infractions of FRA rules by FRRS operations have been noted. Mentioned that FRRS adopted track plan/track standards is good start. FRRS **must** start sending completed FRA monthly accident reports to FRA. General agreement with Board members that will start filing monthly paperwork as of Jan. 1997.

4.7 - Beanery - S. Cooper - Reported that have money left over in Beanery account (see above financial report) at end of 1996 operating season. For 1997 season, as per her doctor's orders, S. Cooper will continue to be in charge of Beanery operations, but she may **not** participate in any Beanery operations during hot weather.

4.8 - Restoration Dept. - D. Dewey - Railroad-equipped Model T is now on museum site, though it still needs some work. Foley Bros. 110-1 project is moving ahead, as I-R employee Mike Johnson is now in charge of restoration project. Still awaiting internal photos of similar Alco/GE/I-R units from Illinois RR Museum and B&O RR Museum to help with the repair/rebuilding of internal systems on 110-1. On the 805-A project, still finding small parts to complete the cab restoration work.

Noted that current museum table saw is worn out, is unusable for nearly any wood working projects at the museum, is very unsafe for use by volunteers and needs to be scrapped. Discussion and general agreement by Board of Directors of immediate need to search for, find and purchase a new table saw which will be safe for volunteers to use and sturdy enough to last for years.

4.9 - Pacific Limited Partnership - N. Holmes and S. Habeck - Report on PL trip to Iowa, earned around \$25,000 profit, which was just enough to retire old debt with Union Pacific. But now have new and larger debt with UP as October trips to Arkansas are not selling well and appear to be a money looser. Mentioned that Pacific Limited Group may disband at end of year due to continuing losses.

4.10 - WPRRHS - WPRRHS leadership joined FRRS Board meeting after having a meeting of their own, making presentation as to what the WPRRHS expects to accomplish during 1997 following

use. Proposal by Trains Unlimited Tours (Chris Skow) to lease both coaches VIA 5742 and 5743 for \$400 per day for use on 2 day excursion on McCloud Ry. on Oct. 12-13, 1996. See item 8.1 below.

7.3 - Copyright of FRRS name, FRRS logo, WPRRHS name - No movement on completion of paperwork required.

7.4 - Acquisition of WP 40-ft tank car WPMW 0291 and UP 40-ft dbl-door box car UP 917138 - Both are on the museum property but still have not received paperwork on transfer of ownership from UP headquarters.

7.5 - SP-WP Magnolia Tower (Oakland) proposal - No Progress by either side.

7.6 - B&L Loyalton Water Tank - tabled until next meeting. Tank still in use by Sierra Pacific Industries at Loyalton. Tank is 21' diameter X 14' high. Tank itself is sound but supports are in poor condition.

7.7 - Set up/use/long term loan agreement from V. Neves and W. Monger on 2 SP double blade semaphores at museum site - No progress, move during Spring 1997.

8.) New Business

8.1 - Lease of VIA Rail coaches 5742, 5743 to Trains Unlimited Tours (Chris Skow) - in conjunction with TUT excursion on McCloud Ry scheduled for 10/12-13/96.

*M/Stiles, S/Wollesen - "Under short-term lease of coaches FRWX 5742 and 5743 to Trains Unlimited Tours of Portola, CA (Chris Skow), charge \$400.00 per day used in excursion service per car plus Trains Unlimited Tours responsible for all deadhead move charges and road trip costs roundtrip between Portola and McCloud, CA." PASS 7-0-1 (W. Monger abstain)

*M/Morgan, S/Stiles - "Authorize expenditures of no more than \$1,600.00 in labor and materials for preparation by FRRS of coaches FRWX 5742 and 5743 for use by Trains Unlimited Tours - to include work scheduled for electrical compatibility with McCloud passenger cars, new septic systems and holding tanks, paint, exterior body work, internal cleaning." PASS 7-0-1 (Monger abstaining)
Projected to send cars to McCloud in September and work with McCloud Ry. CMO Al Brunello on adapting electrical systems to be powered by McCloud cars plus installation of new custom made septic holding tanks.

8.1.1 - Standardized Motion Forms - D. Morgan - See associated sheet numbered motion 09-96-00.

*M/Morgan, S/Wollesen "That all resolutions and/or motions hereafter be made or submitted to the Board of Directors of the FRRS in writing on a form attached to this motion, the date of submission, date of passage or denial, and the count of votes for, against and abstentions. The form shall also provide a line for the signature of the Director authorized to sign the motion into affect. The resolutions may be made in long hand or typed using the approved form. A copy shall be given to the Secretary of the Board, the Director that submitted the motion, the Director that seconded the motion, a copy for the corporate records, a copy to the Director authorized to sign the motion into affect and any other Directors that request a copy for their personal use." PASS 8-0-0.

>Note from the Secretary to the Board - all motions will be numbered sequentially month-year-# of motions from start of meeting. Example 09-96-10 would be the 10th motion made during the Sept. 1996 meeting.<

8.2 - Deacquisition of small metal lathe at museum - N. Holmes - Long discussion - table item until next meeting following determination of current mechanical condition of small lathe.

8.3 - Possible sale of boom truck - See motion 09-96-01

* M/Lippincott, S/Morgan - "FRRS will accept minimum of \$5,000.00 for sale of International boom truck from City of Portola (also known as a man-lift). Additional condition of sale is that FRRS will be allowed to borrow item from City of Portola for FRRS use at convenience of City of Portola".

participation in 1996 FRRS Railfan Photographer's Day, followed by long discussion as to what both sides want out of relationship. FRRS Board of Directors in general agreement of allowing and financially supporting proposed WPRRHS historical/modeling convention at Oroville in April or May 1997, but in return the WPRRHS must have presence and participate in 1997 Railroad Days and 1997 Railfan Photographer's Day. Continued questions (especially from P. Solyom) as to if \$30 1 yr. standard membership means it includes a guarantee of 4 issues of FRRS/WPRRHS Headlight publication or just the number of Headlights that are published within that 356 day period from membership process date. Need clarification of such, plus new \$22 1 year "historical membership" category on new FRRS membership forms A.S.A.P! (see item 8.8 below).

4.11 - Vision 2001 Task Force - D. Morgan - no action, delay until next meeting.

5.) Correspondence - S. Habeck and N. Holmes

5.1 - Loan of Western Pacific RR artifacts from "employees of the Former Western Pacific RR" to the FRRS as coordinated by Norm Lucas - general Chairman of UTU in Sacramento. Letter dated 8/30/96 concerning proposed agreement by FRRS to meet artifact display and preservation requirements as outlined and that Norm Lucas will be the sole "contact person". (see copy of letter) Discussion by FRRS Board of need to find and purchase appropriate artifact display cabinets with full environmental stabilization equipment (i.e. temperature, light, humidity, etc.).

5.2 - Kings County - letter of 8/29/96 with copy of County Supervisors agenda item concerning agreement to sell SP 1215 located at Burris Park to FRRS. On 9/7/96, Pres. Habeck sent payment check of \$1,000.00 to Kings County for purchase of 1215 plus letter requesting a formal bill of sale.

5.3 - Notice from San Diego RR Museum that Baldwin AS-616 Oregon & Northwestern 1 plus 3-truck Shay Feather River Railway 3 have been declared surplus and are now for sale.

5.4 - Note from Ken Roller's doctor - Ken needs a back brace. General discussion and agreement that FRRS should help Ken purchase an appropriate back brace.

6.) Executive Director of the Museum Site Report - N. Holmes

6.1 - N. Holmes will attend Assoc. of Railway Museums convention at Concord/Rio Vista Jct. on 9/25-26/96.

6.2 - Donation of \$383.00 of model railroad trophies to Portola Railroad Days committee.

7.) Old Business

7.1 - Updates:

SP 1215 - see above on approval of sale by Kings County for \$1,000.00. D. Dewey presents 3-page preparation list of items needed starting weekend of 9/18/96 by FRRS members who will go to Hanford, CA area to get SP 1215 ready to move. See associated pages titled "SP 1215 Prep Trip Supplies List".

*M/Monger, S/Neves "FRRS will pay expenses of FRRS members who work on getting SP 1215 ready to move, including \$.15 per mile plus gas costs, not to exceed a total of \$15,000.00 for the entire project." PASS 8-0-0

Membership input items - S. Habeck - no action.

7.2 - FRRS Role in Proposed Tourist Operations -

Almanor Railroad - no further action, no movement.

McCloud Ry. - Management no longer interested in lease of FRRS VIA coaches for McCloud Ry.

PASS 7-1-0 (Neves against).

8.4 - Send C. Lippincott to Hydraulics Repair school - to be held in Reno during Nov. 96.

Discussion of severe need to have on FRRS staff someone qualified to properly repair hydraulic systems on museum equipment. On hold until next meeting.

8.5 - Report by D. Morgan on FRA Seminar - see item 4.6 above on report.

8.6 - Ordering new rack advertising cards - need due to running out and new area code to take effect in Nov. 1997. See motion 09-96-02

*M/Holmes, S/Neves - "Print 50,000 rack cards with line to reflect area code change. This will recind motion made previously to print 100,000 cards - at a cost of \$2,500.00." PASS 7-1-0 (Stiles against)

8.7 - TRAIN '96 Convention at Seattle in November - See motion 09-96-03.

*M/Holmes, S/S. Cooper - "To send Barbara and Norman Holmes to Seattle for TRAIN '96 convention first weekend of November. FRRS to cover cost of convention and round trip transportation - costs not to exceed \$1,000.00"

PASS 8-0-0

8.8 - FRRS Board of Directors presence at FRRS/WPRRHS Southern California Meet on Oct. 12, 1996. Follow-up to earlier discussion with WPRRHS representatives. Determined that it would be in best interests of FRRS membership and FRRS Board of Directors to have a member of the board attend and observe this event. See motion 09-96-04.

*M/Wollesen, S/Stiles - "To send FRRS Board President Steve Habeck to Southern California Regional Meet on Oct. 12, 1996. FRRS to cover lost time wages and all other necessary costs not to exceed \$500.00".

PASS 8-0-0

9.) Next Board Meeting

Date : Oct. 20, 1996 at 10:00 AM - Location : Silver Lady Bead & Breakfast at Delleker, CA.

10.) Good of the Order

10.1 - Make Signs for posting during Board of Directors meetings

"FRRS Board of Directors Meeting In Session - Public Invited"

"FRRS Board of Directors Meeting - Closed Meeting"

Time Adjourned 4:04 PM 9/15/96

Minutes Transcribed by FRRS Secretary to the Board Wayne I. Monger from personal notes.