

Feather River Rail Society
Board of Directors Meeting – April 14, 2012 – 4:00 PM
WPRM Meeting Room – Portola, California

President Rod McClure called the meeting to order at 4:06 PM.

The following Directors were present

Kerry Cochran (ph)	Norm Holmes	Tom Carter (ph)	Steve Habeck
Eugene Vicknair (ph)	Wayne Monger	Rod McClure	

Attendance

Gail McClure
Matt Shuman
Ron Huey
James Mason – Treasurer
Debra Baer
Julianna Mark

Correspondance

- George Westinghouse looking for information / photos on the Glen Eyre / WP 103 business car

Consent Calendar

Approve minutes of the March 2012 BOD Meeting
Tabled to May meeting

Old Business

Approval of Equipment Sponsorship Program

- Written report provided.
- Recommendation to do special mailing about program before Annual Meeting or send with Train Sheet.
- Send with special notice on envelope.
- Work on color brochure.
- Already 1 group ready to announce sponsorship at Annual Meeting.

Motion 12-04-01

Accept and approve the program as presented, revision 3.
Monger / Habeck. Aye – 7, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

Milwaukee Road U25B 5057

- Update from Cle Elem. Written approval should be received this week. Will send first payment as soon as received.
- Final deadline will remain.
- Concensus direction to proceed with sale.
- Update at next Board Meeting.

New Business

Change Signers on Account

- An investment account was found at bank in Quincy with signers of Dan Brady and Andy Anderson with total of \$1.17.

- Need to alter names and close account. Secretary to contact and close account.
- Suggestion to approve Eugene Vicknair as Secretary to be signer to close account.

Motion 12-04-02

Approve Secretary as signer on account and authorize to close account.

McClure / Carter. Aye – 7, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

Roadshow Guide Book

- Written example of draft guidebook for off-site presented.
- Asking for formal approval.
- Ron Huey asked if it is possible to send digital copies of documents from the FRRS.
- Matt Shuman recommended sending final public copy to all interested organizations

Motion 12-04-03

Approve guidebook and adopt its guidelines into our policies.

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

Honorary Life Member Approval

- Roger Stabler has done much work and contributed much money over the years.

Motion 12-04-04

Approve Roger Stabler as honorary life member.

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

Dunsmuir Railroad Days 2012

- Suggestion that we do Dunsmuir 2012 at previous terms for per diem, etc. since we are so close to Dunsmuir event. Implement revised numbers for 2013.
- Matt Shuman presented new numbers to Dunsmuir RR Days committee. They will plan for new rates for next year.
- There are rumors that there may be issues with running train to Dunsmuir. We need to talk to Union Pacific, lock down approval.
- Proposal to set deadlines / timeline for green light on event.
- Silver Plate will be made available with caveats and deposit.
- Waiting to hear from Omaha for final approval.
- Concensus direction to proceed.

Grant Applications

- Written report provided.
- We need to be careful about how we write in, what we present and that we understand full parameters of the grants.
- Concensus direction to proceed.

Motor Car on Loan

- Matt Shuman and Ron Huey were wondering what current and future status is for the motor car that was loaned. Is it still planned for operation?
- Yes it is. We will be certifying operators.
- We need to get written agreement in place.
- Kerry Cochran has offered to donate his operational motor car to museum.

Dave Healy Photography Proposal

- Written report provided.
- Question if we could sell in museum store as well.
- Would be marketed on his website. Would pay 30% net commission to FRRS.
- Would not require volunteers to assist, would require access.
- Full agreement was provided and can be sent for legal review.

- Suggestion to send full agreement to legal for review and to Board. Consider for formal discussion at next meeting.
- Question if there would any insurance liability. He has insurance coverage as part of the agreement.
- Concensus direction to proceed as suggested.

Graeagle Plumas Alliance

- Jack Bridge is not present.
- Debra Baer reported that he is proposing an alliance to market museum along with other events and tourist destinations in the county.
- Will see if he can make next meeting.

Kerry Cochran had to leave meeting – 5:00 PM

Good of the Order

Public Comments

- Julianna Mark spoke. Julianna owns J's Feather River Rentals and is past mayor of Portola. Currently serves on City Council. Is trying to get community more involved in museum and Portola Railroad Days. Has some groups working on trying to get more residents and businesses into the community. Has been talking about concerns with Portola Railroad Days and loss of support from city. Does not want to lose momentum and would like to try and still hold event for this year. Willing to approach city for funds for 2012 and want to start looking at reorganizing event for 2013. Is working with Gail McClure on future plans for Railroad Days. Is working on encouraging merchants to exhibit more railroad history.
- We are still planning to have museum events for Railroad Days. We will look at what we can do to have good event this year. Will coordinate with Julianna and others on RR Days committee.
- Rod McClure will be submitting to have Union Pacific recognize Portola as a historic railroad town.

President's Report

- Written report provided.
- Museum has been quiet the last month. Been making weekly trips over to get mail and check on security.
- Dave McClain repaired the 3 damaged hydraulic rams on the backhoe and it is now back in service. These were done at his cost.
- Dave McClain and Dwight Whetstone continue to strip usable parts off the SP SD9 4450.
- Ford Pick Up serviced and it is now usable and street worthy.
- The Elems boys have been replacing the bad floor in the WP 428 caboose. Both ends were to the point of people falling through.
- Dwight Vanderveen and Charlie Spikes continue to work on small projects around the shop.
- Key's: It has come to my attention that some of our members have master keys that do not need them. I will be trading those with master keys for regular gate keys so that I can give the members who need them on a regular basis will have them and not continue to make more master keys and have the problems we had in the past.
- The New Coke machine should be installed by the end of the month.
- Debbie Reynolds is working on a docent program for museum using local high school students. The will provide visitor guidance during summer. Received photos from Greg Elems and information from Eugene Vicknair, McClures and Steve Habeck. Suggestion that we do not include words like "valuable" or "priceless" so that it does not encourage theft.
- Rick Gruninger is now handling reservations for Edenwold. We will be tightening down on car being maintained in clean condition. Those who leave the car in poor condition will lose the privilege of using it.

Financial Reports

- Reports and financials provided.
- IRS Form 990 was filed but there were some errors found and it is being revised.

- Consideration being given to having a 4 day operating week (except for RALs) due to costs and staffing issues. James Mason discussing with Rod McClure. Effects are being reviewed and recommendations will be made. If changes are made, we will need to make sure we announce them widely. Pointed out that RAL visitors provide a lot of museum store sales.
- Followed up on research for Founder's Circle donation program. Received costs from Orange Empire and Roger Stabler concerning use of private car. Based on costs, the program appears to be viable for the FRRS. OERM has already received \$200,000 for next two years on their program. Suggested following through on that program.

Director's Reports

- *Monger* – written report provided concerning donations and mileage
- *Vicknair* – written report provided concerning donations and mileage
- *Holmes* – Local power company will do an energy audit, suggested we consider that. Has a gentleman disposing of some railroad equipment near Greenville and wants to go take a look. Asking for someone to drive up there with him. Needs to remove his railcars from his property soon. We are talking to Scott Franklin about movement.

Event Reports

- *Portola Railroad Days 2012* – Talking about having event as 2 days at the City Park. Julianna Marks is in favor of having event eventually coming under control of the FRRS. Debbie Baer to meet with Gail McClure about event.

Department Reports

- *Publications* – Train Sheet sent to printer, Headlight printed and ready for mailing.
- *Historical* – written report provided on recent projects
- *Membership* – written report provided concerning changes in membership in last year. Thanks to Susan for getting data together.
- *Museum Store* – We need to look at stocking store. We primarily sell to families. Web store is drawing more from railfans. There are big selling items that we need to stock up: T-shirts, toys, hats, girl things. Gail is looking at Net60 terms from vendors and has one vendor willing to do that. We need to aim more at moms and grandmothers. Still having issues with Point of Sale system. Having to rebuild database and upgrade system. Working on better integration of webstore and POS. Bruce Veilleux is considering paying for upgrades. A lot of product information in POS is incomplete and / or incorrect. Mass inventory will commence next weekend with assistance from Eugene Vicknair and Tom Carter. Last inventory provided has been found to not be accurate. Question to provide master list and report on eBay sales of surplus equipment. Feeling is that eBay sales have been successful vs. surplus sales in Store. Tom Carter will be picking up surplus HO equipment for eBay sale soon. Board consensus to sell model railroad equipment except those not covered by display restrictions in donations.

Committee Reports

none

Legal Counsel / Insurance Report

- Cyber Liability insurance application is completed and out for quote.
- Waiting on title paperwork from county in order to do liability on donated house.

Status of Surplus Property Report

- *SP SD9 4450 and FRRX / VIA Lounge 754* – Possible buyers

Safety Report

none

Public Comments

- Thanks to Ron Huey for donations made today. \$200 made in memory of Gail McClure's mother and an additional \$100.

- Suggestion that we get more intentional with gathering email addresses.
- Suggestion to do a new survey of membership using SurveyMonkey.
- Mike Mucklin is now doing a summer job for the Alaska Railroad.
- WP Employee Roundup will be in Stockton last weekend of May.

Notices

none

Closed Session

Legal Item – Ken Meeker Collections

The Board heard a report on a potential legal item concerning the Ken Meeker Collections. No action taken.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at:	6:05 PM
Next meeting:	Saturday, May, 2012 – 4:00 PM
Location:	WPRM Meeting Room Portola, California

Respectfully Submitted,
Eugene Vicknair
Secretary, FRRS