

Feather River Rail Society
Board of Directors Meeting – July 13, 2013 – 4:00 PM
WPRM Meeting Room – Portola, CA

Meeting start delayed 1 hour due to large tour group at Museum.
President Rod McClure called the meeting to order at 4:57 PM.

The following Directors were present

Tom Carter	Greg Elems	Steve Habeck	Kirk Baer
Gail McClure	Wayne Monger	Charlie Spikes – arrived at 5:18 PM	
Eugene Vicknair	Kerry Cochran (phone)		

Attendance

Rick Gruninger	Bob Sims
Chris Skow	David Elems
Norman Holmes	Matt Elems
James Mason	Alicia LaBreque
Debra Baer	Brenden Spikes

Installation of New Board

Formal installation of new Board, with Kirk Baer replacing Norman Holmes as director.

Correspondence

Form 990 received for review.

Monger – several members have indicated they want to talk about forming a work group to install dispatching exhibit in railcars. George Westinghouse grandson will be at the museum next month doing research into WP 103 passenger car.

Consent Calendar

Minutes of the June 2013 BOD Meeting.

Motion 13-07-01

Accept the minutes for the June 2013 Meeting.

G. McClure / Elems. Aye - 8, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0. Motion carries.

Old Business

Sale of SP SD9 4404

Tabled until August.

New Business

Offer to Purchase VIA Lounge Car

Sterling Rail has approached FRRS with buyer for Lounge Car FRRX 754 for \$47,700.

- Written report provided.
- Offer is \$47,700 plus payment for COTS and interchange prep.

Motion 13-07-02

Motion to authorize acceptance of listing agreement and to negotiate final sales contract.

Carter / Vicknair. Aye - 4, Nay - 4, Abstain - 0. Tied – motion fails.

- Item tabled and will be reconsidered as old business at August meeting.
- Norman Holmes gave history on car acquisition, expressed opinion that we sell.

Fourth Street House Sale

Request Board approval of sale parameters so President can negotiate and close with buyer.

- Written report provided.
- Appraisal of house is \$30,000, plus cost to fix roof around \$5000-\$6000.
- We have cash offer for \$25,000, would not have broker fees and buyer would pay closing. Purchase as is.

Motion 13-07-03

Motion to authorize President to negotiate sale under above parameters.

Carter / Vicknair. Aye - 9, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0. Motion carries.

2014 Excursion Run

Proposal to run an excursion train to Portola in 2014.

- Verbal report provided by Chris Skow.
- Plan to kick off the season next year with big promotional push / historical awareness of WP and try to drive up volunteers and visitors.
- Chris Skow would like to bring a 14-16 car train to kick off season.
- Reported that his company lost about \$21,000 on the trip in 2011.
- Central Coast NRHS would like to partner with us and provide their database and membership list to help promote trip.
- Chris Skow's company has database of 20,000 people.
- Would need to be a 3 day event.
- On day train lays over, proposing we switch out the train and use coaches for run to Keddie and back. Would need approval from UP, but feeling is that this will likely not be possible.
- Question if Bay Area – Klamath Falls train would run next year. Does not look like it will.
- Proposal is to split profits 3 ways between FRRS, Trains Unlimited and Central Coast.
- Run from Emeryville to Portola Friday, layover Saturday, return Sunday.
- Some people will stay in sleepers on-board.
- Train would be used to promote a major event at the museum as part of season opening.
- Opinion expressed that we start making season opening into a major event to attract volunteers and visitors.
- Tentative title is "Western Pacific Railroad Festival".
- Concerns expressed about getting enough volunteers to prep and operate on the event days.
- Consensus direction to keep exploring this concept, Debra Baer to explore planning for event, Chris Skow to discuss with Central Coast and develop more info.
- Revisit at August meeting.

Fundraising Proposals

Proposals to post projects on Kickstarter.com and Rally.org.

- Written report provided.
- Discussion about how the funding websites work.
- Review of how our programs would be set up and function.
- Suggestion to have a different project for the Kickstarter.
- Consensus direction to proceed with planning and come back to August meeting with more refined proposal.

California Shortline Railroad Association

Proposal to join the CSLRRA as an Associate member.

- Written report provided outlining work and costs.
- Discussion about CSLRRA programs that could benefit the FRRS.

Motion 13-07-04

Motion to approve joining CSLRRA as Associate Member and approve payment of \$600 annual dues from line item – **67079** Dues and Memberships.

Vicknair / Monger. Aye - 7, Nay - 0, Abstain - 1. Motion carries.

Good of the Order

President's Report

- Long-time member Steve Milward fell off his roof and broke his hip.
- Member Allan Hirasawa reportedly passed away. He had been working for CalTrain.

Director's Reports

- *Habeck* – written report provided outlining recent events at the museum.
- *Monger* – Herold Meeker's father is in poor health. August 18 plan is to move MILW 5057 into the shop and have Cascade Rail volunteers working on the engine from August 18 – August 25 to prepare for movement. They will be unable to move the diesel test rig we purchased.
- *G. McClure* – Made statement that Edenwold and Shower Car have been left in poor / trashed condition again. Rick Gruninger and Matt and David Elems have spent a lot of time cleaning it.

Financial Reports

- *Financial Reports provided*
- Walkway cost has been paid for from donations.
- Suggestion made to convert former Historical Society account into Restricted Fund account. Would consolidate all project money into single account. Will make money accounting clearer.
- Form 990 has been reviewed and been released for signature so we can file with IRS.
- The 2012 Annual Report will follow soon.
- Rod McClure is going to work with Rick Gruninger and our insurance contact before she retires to review our policies and see what can do about our insurance.
- Suggestion to review safety programs and procedures in light of our insurance costs.

Event Reports

- *Lionel / Toy Train Operating Society* – 63 from Convention in Sparks came in tour buses today. We received many compliments on our docent tours, crews for trains and overall presentation and friendliness. Thanks to everyone who assisted. Also received assistance from volunteers cleaning and setting up the Museum Store. Thanks to Gail McClure, Rick Gruninger, Tom Carter, Eugene Vicknair, Steve Habeck, Debra Baer, Charlie Spikes, Matt Elems, David Elems and Alicia LaBreque.

Department Reports

- *Museum Store* – due to a medical issue, Gail McClure needs some time away to recover. Other volunteers will be covering the store.
- *Trackwork* – there are ties that need to be replaced. Dates to be announced for trackwork.
- *Web Operations* – request for more people to review and proofread website. Webmaster has been very busy and needs help with web management. West webcam has been fixed, Greg and Matt Elems fixed with new bracket. Matt Elems is now managing iVolunteer software.

Committee Reports

none

Legal / Insurance Report

none

Status of Surplus Property Report

none

Safety Report

- Discussion about changes needed in our safety procedures.
- Suggestion to draft a safety committee.
- Review of needs and issues.

Public Comments

- Bob Sims donated several items for the archives collection.
- Norm Holmes brought up a bag of locomotive manuals donated by Nevada State RR Museum.

Notices

none

Closed Session – requested by President McClure and Director Vicknair

- *Legal Item* – Worthen v. FRRS

Consensus of the Board to table Closed Session.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at: 7:29 PM
Next meeting: Saturday, August 10 – 4:00 PM
Location: WPRM Meeting Room
Portola, California

Respectfully Submitted,
Eugene Vicknair
Secretary, FRRS