

Feather River Rail Society
Board of Directors Meeting – January 9, 2010 – 1:00 PM
WPRM Meeting Room – Portola, California

Attendance

Vice-President Steve Habeck called the meeting to order at 1:17 PM.

The following Directors were present

Norm Holmes	Steve Habeck	Wayne Monger (ph)
Charlie Spikes	Tom Carter (ph)	Eugene Vicknair (ph)

Staff and Visitors present:

Chris Skow
Mike Coen, Treasurer (phone)

Correspondence

None

Consent Calendar

1. Minutes – Minutes of the General Meeting from December 2009.
2. Financial Reports – Financials to end of December 2009.
Motion to accept (Spikes / Holmes). Motion 01-10-01 carries.

2010 Budget

Review of 2010 Preliminary Budget.

Treasurer Coen commented on P&L vs. prior year. We are significantly up in contributions but only reason is UP 844 trip. Overall, membership income is up a bit, Gift Shop sales up a bit. Income on RALs are down but expenses are almost double.

Director Habeck clarified that expenses are up due to 917 mechanical expenses and printing of new RAL brochures and materials.

Treasurer went over budget and concerns. Budget is balanced but we will need to control spending. Some discussion about reporting and account coding.

Motion to table Budget to February to allow for alterations. (Vicknair / Carter) Aye – 6, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Approved. Motion 01-10-02.

Old Business

2010 Portola Railroad Days Train

Chris Skow gave report on status. Itinerary for trips tentatively approved by Amtrak.

Train will leave Emeryville August 20th at 8:00 AM and pick-up at Martinez, Davis and Sacramento. Arrival in Portola about 6:00 PM. Depart Portola August 22nd.

Loading box lunches at Sacramento on way up, Oroville on way back.

Proposed consist is 12 cars. Trying to keep car count to 12 – 14.

Questions about using 805-A on train and concerns about its availability.
Potential seat count is 350-400. There will be a bus to Reno available.
Already have 1 sleeper, 50 seats and 48 bookings from pre-sale and tour operators.
PBS Tracks Ahead has agreed to tape a show on FRRS/WPRM, Portola RR Days and PRRDays Charter Train.
Excursion commemorates 100th anniversary of regular passenger service in Canyon.

New Business

none

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President's Report

none

Museum Manager's Report

- Written report submitted
- For two Santa Train weekends, between donations, tickets and sales, was around \$1100. Expenses covered by sponsors.

Director's Reports

- *Monger* – Question about year end fundraising letter. Director Vicknair provided clarification on status: Manager Epling was in a traffic accident and President McClure has taken on the cost and labor to complete the job. Monger is working on details concerning 2 years worth of donations for reporting to Dan Brady. Will be attending CAM conference March 3-5. Has brochures and information on audio tours.
- *Vicknair* – Status report on fundraising concept for 2010. Also reported on proposed policy for year-end fundraising appeal to prevent issues that delayed 2009 appeal.
- *Carter* – May 8-9 is first date for crew training in 2010. Working on redo of rule book.

Department Reports

- *Publications* – Issue in mail. Another issue in layout. Still need articles for Portola RR Days, Member Appreciation Day and Santa Trains.

Committee Reports

- *Members Day* – Chairperson resignation.

Legal Counsel Report

none

Status of Surplus Property Report

Waiting on weather to get SP subs and DODX flats off property.

Safety Report

Museum is slick, icy and cold.

Public Comments

none

Notices

- Nominations for 2010 Elections are now open.

Closed Session

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 2:47 PM and reconvened to open session at 3:18 PM. Director Vicknair reported the following out of closed session:

“The Board heard a report on an on-going legal issue, FRRS v. Kasten / ITAC. No action taken.

The Board heard a report on a business issue concerning a possible equipment trade. No action taken.

The Board heard a business issue concerning the Museum / Gift Shop Manager Follow-up Report. No action taken.

The Board heard a report on a business issue concerning a special guest tour. Consensus direction given, no action taken.”

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at: 3:20 PM
Next meeting: Saturday, February 6, 2010 – 1:00 PM
Location: Quality Inn Conference Room
Lathrop, California

Respectfully Submitted,

Eugene Vicknair
Secretary, FRRS