

**Feather River Rail Society
Board of Directors Meeting – December 12, 2020 –1:00 PM
Conference Call due to COVID-19 Shelter Protocols**

President Greg Elems called the meeting to order at 1:18 PM. All attendance by phone.

Attendance

The following Directors were present:

Kerry Cochran	Charlie Spikes	Eugene Vicknair
Bob Sims	Greg Elems	Matt Elems
Steve Habeck	Janet Steeper	

8 directors present at meeting start – Quorum achieved.

Guests present:

David Elems – Asst. CMO, Safety Officer
Bil Jackson

Correspondence

- Noted that former member Brigadier General Charles “Chuck” Yeager passed away on December 7, 2020.
- *Habeck* – Received 4 fundraisers in mail this week. Got one with nice note, donation slip and no money. We received Christmas card from West Coast Railroaders speeder group. Talked about Chuck Yeager being Grand Marshall for Railroad Days Parade one year in the 1980s. Rode with Steve on caboose train. Let him run 3 F-units on the return run moving the engines. Was freaked out shoving the engines backward.
- *Vicknair* – WP 50ft Transco car found in Stockton by Ryan Barber. We received a few more PayPal donations for the fundraiser.
- *M. Elems* – Asked about follow up on WP 705 numberboards. G. Elems following up.

Consent Calendar

Approval of the minutes of the November 2020 Regular Meeting.

Motion 20-12-01

Approve the minutes of the November 2020 Regular Meeting as presented.

Spikes / G. Elems. Aye – 7, Nay – 0, Abstain – 1. Motion carries.

Old Business

none

New Business

Revision to the Nomination and Elections

Review proposed revisions to the current policy.

- Written report provided.
- Clarified and streamlined several issues.

Motion 20-12-02

Approve the Election Policy revisions as presented.

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

Good of the Order

President's Report

- Written report provided.
- Greg expressed his appreciation for everyone who has been working at the museum.
- Suspects D&D Roofing is shut down due to COVID.

Financial Reports

- Reports provided.
- Discussion about changes and issues with getting LP gas service. Amerigas is giving up on rural areas. Discussion about getting in with High Sierra. We have a contract with Amerigas until May. Consider approaching High Sierra about bidding on our service. Would need to get tanks replaced as part of switchover. Habeck reports that calls to Amerigas now goes to a call center in Pennsylvania. We need to discuss Amerigas about our contract through May.
- Review of winter power bills.

Director's Reports

- *Vicknair* – written report provided. Looks like about 60 calendars sold as of Board Meeting.
- *Habeck* – written report provided.

Event Reports

none

Department Reports

- *General Superintendent* – written report provided.
- *Historical / Archives* – written report provided.
 - Website has been posting new historical / archive things every month for the last few months. Kerry has been setting up more posts for the coming months. Also working on modeling articles. We have a modeling section on the website.
- *Webmaster* – written report provided.
 - Paul has been working overtime to keep the website going and updated. Thank you for that. We are now moved completely off HostMonster. Things are running well.
- *Train Sheet* – written report provided.
 - Discussion about items needed for the Train Sheet.
- *Funding* – written report provided.
 - SBA application resubmitted.
 - WP 705 received more donations. Greg Elems to reach out to Dan Furtado about painting WP 705.
- *Mechanical*
 - David has not had much time to come over due to work and school. Hoping to have more time in the next couple of weeks.
 - SP GP9 2873 received replacement oil drain valve.
 - WP SW1500 1503 needs to be prelubed.
 - Several engine need oil. Oil on order.

Committee Reports

- *Election* – written report provided.
 - For 2021, the seats held by Eugene Vicknair, Matt Elems and Steve Habeck are up for election.

Legal / Insurance Report

- Property insurance renews January 1, 2021. New policy price increased.
- Ethan Doty, Phil Schmierer, David Roth, David Elems and Greg Elems did a lot of fire abatement and cleaned up a lot of overgrowth and trash. Grounds look a lot better.

Status of Surplus Property Report

- Nothing has progressed on the WP burned caboose.
- Been inquiry about the Baldwin AS-616s. Nothing else since.

Safety Report

- Need to catch up on fire extinguishers.
- Snow coming. Stay warm and be careful.
- Steve Habeck discussed how he and Ethan Doty blocked up passenger cars on RIP tracks to prevent intrusion.

Public Comments

- *Spikes* – Noted that Habeck’s report about people coming to gate about Santa Train show how important Santa Train is and Pumpkin Trains have become to the museum and the community. Hopefully we can find a way to hold them next year somehow.
- *G. Elems* – Also noted he has been getting a lot of inquiries about the RAL program. Is going to talk to engineers about how to restart RAL program in light of COVID vaccine rollout.
- Discussion about how much Pumpkin and Santa Trains benefit the local foodbank.

Notices

- On February 1, 2021 there will again be an active fire station in Portola. Local fire jurisdictions are joining together to rearrange fire service. Chief in Beckwourth will be in charge. Move afoot to combine all the local fire agencies.

Closed Session – 2:38 PM – 2:46 PM

- The Board heard a report on a Collection Item – Potential Equipment Donation.
 - Consensus direction given, no reportable action taken.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at: 2:48 PM (Vicknair / M. Elems)
Next Meeting: January 9, 2021 – 1:00 PM
Location: Conference Call – COVID-19 Protocols

Respectfully Submitted, Eugene Vicknair – FRRS Secretary