

**Feather River Rail Society
Board of Directors Meeting – November 12, 2022 – 1:00 PM
Western Pacific Railroad Museum Meeting Room – WPRM, Portola, CA**

President Greg Elems called the meeting to order at 13:10.

Attendance

The following Directors were present:

Bob Sims - phone	Kerry Cochran - phone	Eugene Vicknair - phone
Greg Elems	Charlie Spikes - phone	
Steve Habeck - phone	Matt Elems - phone	

7 directors present at meeting start – Quorum achieved.

Visitors:

Bart Hansen – Treasurer – phone
Tom Hervey
David Elems – Asst. CMO, Safety Officer – arrived 1:18 PM
Armando Epifani – arrived 2:50 PM

Moment of Silence for Jack Palmer

Correspondence

- Plumas News printed article about how successful Pumpkin Patch Express was and how many bags of food donated for EPCAN. Total 40 bags of food. Article noted by David Hansen.
- *Greg Elems*
 - Received communication from Jason Davis, president of GGRM. Will cover in President's Report.
 - Still have not heard from D&D Roofing.
 - ABC Fire came and inspected Archives fire system and did some servicing. ABC Fire still has a filter to change out.
- *Steve Habeck*
 - Signed 2022 Tax Return and taxes have been sent to accountant.
 - Received letter from Porter-Simon. Notice that P-S has concluded representation on recent legal issue. Sent to insurance company.
 - Bill for ties received and forwarded to Susan.

Consent Calendar

- Minutes – Minutes of the October 2022 BOD Regular Meeting.

Motion 22-11-01

Approve the October 2022 BOD Regular Meeting Minutes with two typos corrected.

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

Old Business

2023 Budget Review

Review proposed budget for 2023.

- Draft budget sent out.
- Noted some updated numbers.
- By consensus, tabled to December. Eugene and Bart will review and sent update to Board.

New Business

FRRS Private Equipment Policy

Review the updated and legal reviewed Private Equipment Policy.

- Written updated legal reviewed version of policy sent.
- Noted that we need to add a written acknowledgement of policy.
- Discussion about current stored cars and agreements.
- Discussion about "Silver Rifle" and GGRM.
- Kerry Cochran suggestion to make effective 1-1-2023.

Motion 22-11-02

Approve the Policy as presented, with note that added lines need to go to legal and we need acknowledgement page. Effective date January 1, 2023.

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

FRRS Privacy Policy

Review the new proposed web privacy policy.

- Proposed policy sent.
- Kerry Cochran gave overview of proposed policy. Noted that we need to add privacy notice to our website spelling out how we handle private customer / member information.
- Presented commonly used language for privacy statement used on other websites.
- Discussion of cookies and control of acceptance / rejection.
- Webmaster will implement as soon as approved.
- Noted we should have an accept / reject option on the website.

Motion 22-11-03

Approve the Privacy Policy as presented.

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

Good of the Order

President's Report

- Verbal report presented.
- Western Pacific coach 302 arrived. Currently on 4 Rail. Work has already been done to seal roof and broken out window.
- Had a pretty good pumpkin patch train this year. Community enjoyed and considered it a success.

- Thank you to Bart and David Hansen for all their work securing pumpkins, grading parking lot and general help.
- Thank you to Duane van der Veen for all his help.
- Amber Louise and Bailey Rainey from the Portola High School helped out in the Pumpkin Patch. Breckyn's sister Bryn, and Erica Waldeck helped out as well and were big help.
- Logan Beers' girlfriend did facepainting on the second weekend. Did a great job and was very popular. Her name is Yngshi Feng.
- Thank Steve Habeck for his help. Also Eugene Vicknair, Patty and Michael Clawson, Roger Stabler and the steam crew, Charlie Spikes, Kerry Cochran, Matt Elems and David Elems.
- Prepping for Santa Train.
- Has been in contact with GGRM President Jason Davis. On Nov. 19, Davis and two persons from Colorado Railroad Museum will be coming to museum to inspect the "Silver Rifle".
- Wayne Monger's caboose. There was an attempted break in. Someone did get into Vic Neves' caboose. We relocked the caboose.
- Received notice that someone appears to be living on hospital property. Need to get them out.
- Noted there was an incident on the Strasburg Railroad with a misaligned switch. Steam engine ran into MOW excavator. Train crew missed the switch. Suggestion we update our training. Incorporate GCOR rules.

Financial Reports

- *Written reports provided.*
- Bob Sims noted that we show \$5,900 in steam account, which should cover work through next session. Steam department looking to purchase about \$10,000 in fuel. Considering stock donation to cover fuel bill for going into 2023. Steam fuel car basically empty.

Director's Reports

- *Vicknair – written report provided.*

Event Reports

- 2022 Santa Train
 - Noted that Gail McClure is back in Reno for now and willing to help with Santa Train.
 - Have some lights on 2 cabooses: Rio Grande and Southern Pacific. Cabooses are still full of Pumpkin Patch decorations. Baggage car still buried. Diner needs to be cleaned.
 - No engines currently running. Need to water up WP 1503 to move cars.
 - Need cleaning crew for the baggage and diner cars.
 - Bart Hansen offered to handle gate.
 - Eugene Vicknair planning to volunteer Dec. 9-10 and will be up Nov. 19-21 to help prep.
- 2022 Pumpkin Patch Express – written report provided.
 - Revised Pumpkin Train cost: \$2,862 plus Port a potties cost \$450. Profit \$4,512.
 - Collected 40 bags of food for EPCAN. Duane van der Veen delivered food to EPCAN.
 - Comments that we need to raise admission cost.
 - Need more crews and volunteers for next year.
 - Ron Berriesford and Eugene Vicknair donated a bunch of decorations.

Department Reports

- *Webmaster – written report provided.*
- *Train Sheet – written report provided.*

- Noted some articles needed.
- Next edition of Headlight is in review.
- *General Superintendent* – written report provided.
- *Archives / Historical* – written report provided.
- *Museum Store* – written report provided.
- *Mechanical*
 - Still has one outstanding order from Hatch and Kirk, including stuff for Quincy 1100 and Southern Pacific 2873. May cancel as we now can't do anything until Spring 2023.
 - Quincy 1100 has various systems open and drained. Still flushing sludge out of system, including air compressor. Heater return line filled with stuff. Needs to get engine water lines hooked up. Have several handhold covers pulled. Working on Quincy 1100 as time permits.
 - Temperature has been low. Has been pulled away on facilities work. Charlie Spikes has been helping. Duane van der Veen has also been helping with facilities work.
 - Suggested to bring people in to do materials and extra work. Need other people to do facilities work.
 - Hoping to get Quincy 1100 running next week.
 - Western Pacific 1503 either needs to be drained after each operation due to low temperatures or needs to be idled.
 - Worked on Toro snowblower.
- *Facilities*
 - Freezing weather has required things be drained. Got water out of tank of water buffalo, pump may have had water still in it. Shower car froze up. Found that heat tape and foam insulation had been chewed through by critters. New tape put in. Everything thawed and working fine. New insulation being put on.
 - May need to purchase ice melt. Running out.

Committee Reports

None

Legal / Insurance Report

- All insurance up to date. Also received bill from Porter-Simon on review of Private Equipment policy,

Status of Surplus Property Report

- Armando Epifani building a railroad near Pyramid Lake on his ranch. Is interested in purchasing Southern Pacific 1040 caboose, privately owned by Vic Neves.

Safety Committee

- Cold and wet. More snow coming down. Don't slip.

Public Comments

- *Charlie Spikes* – Phones sound great. No scratchy stuff over conference phone. Thank you to David Elems and Duane van der Veen for covering on facilities stuff.

Notices

- Santa Trains coming up.

Closed Session – requested by Director Eugene Vicknair – 3:28 PM – 3:37 PM

- Property Item – Museum Property

The Board heard a report on a Property Item – Museum Property. Consensus direction given. No reportable action taken.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at:15:39 (Vicknair / Spikes)

Next Meeting: December 10, 2022 – 1:00 PM
Location: WPRM Meeting Room, Portola

Respectfully Submitted
Eugene Vicknair – FRRS Secretary

PRELIMINARY