

**Feather River Rail Society  
Board of Directors Meeting – November 11, 2023 – 3:00 PM  
Western Pacific Railroad Museum Meeting Room – WPRM, Portola, CA**

President Greg Elems called the meeting to order at 15:24.

**Attendance**

**The following Directors were present:**

Bob Sims – phone  
Greg Elems - phone  
Steve Habeck  
Kerry Cochran  
Charlie Spikes – phone, arrived 16:19

Roger Stabler  
Matt Elems - phone  
Janet Steeper – phone, arrived 16:26  
Eugene Vicknair - phone

7 directors present at meeting start – Quorum achieved.

**Visitors:**

Tom Hervey – phone by permission  
David Elems – CMO, Safety Officer  
Matt Shuman – Election chair - phone

**Correspondence**

*D. Elems*

- Last Thursday, getting stuff from store, heard VM about someone looking for steel building. Adam Lincoln – Director Vicknair to follow up. Also VM from someone whose mother worked on blood car. Director Vicknair has email from them and will respond. Message from Sue Swanston.

*Habeck*

- Went to Quincy and signed tax documents to allow us to efile.
- Still have credit with legal firm.
- We will have an article about museum in High Country Life in an upcoming issue, releasing first week of December.

**Consent Calendar**

- Minutes – Minutes of the October 2023 BOD Regular Meeting.

Bob Sims – Public comments correction: Bob acquired large package of WP maritime materials from eBay seller.

Corrected pumpkin cost is \$1,802.

Motion 23-11-01

Approve the October 2023 BOD Regular Meeting Minutes as corrected.

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

**Old Business**

**Proposed Lake Oroville Railroad Book**

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Expansion of Jim Lekas book proposal.

- Written report provided.

- Eugene, Dale and Kerry reviewing business details.
- Greg Elems suggested talking to Paul Lanyi for correct / then and now photos.
- Will continue and report back.

## **New Business**

### **2024 FRRS Events Calendar**

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Review and approve calendar.

- Draft calendar sent.
- Kerry sent some corrections.
- Consensus to share corrected version publically and formally approve final at December meeting.

### **Revised Election and Nomination Policy**

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Review and approve recommended policy changes from Election Committee.

- Written report provided.
- Kerry reviewed document.
- Matt Shuman thanked Kerry Cochran for his help on this issue.

Motion 23-11-02

Approve the revised policy as presented.

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

Matt Shuman left meeting at 3:49 PM.

## **Good of the Order**

### **President's Report**

- Verbal report provided.
- Success of pumpkin trains. Work of everyone to make it happen was greatly appreciated. Thank you to everyone who worked on Pumpkin Trains.
- We have someone coming working on a documentary to celebrate the California Zephyr's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We need new tarp for "Silver Hostel" dome car. Suggested we get used billboard tarp. Greg hoping to talk to someone this week. David Elems has contact to obtain. Consensus direction for David to proceed with acquiring tarps.
- Mark Thompson doing documentary. Coming November 17 at 9 am. He will give us his raw footage and final edit.

### **Financial Reports**

- Financial reports provided.
- Reviewed financials.
- Bob Sims asked about duplicate invoice.
- Bob also asked about ACE Hardware expense for lounge and sleeper cars. Kerry replaced heater element in water heater when it went out. Duane also did some work in shower car.

### **Director's Reports**

- Vicknair – written report provided

### **Event Reports**

- *2024 Convention* – written report provided.

- Update on progress. Discussed details about convention event and HO scale cars.
- *Pumpkin Patch Express*
  - Summary and recommendations. Add \$539 for portapotties.

## Department Reports

- *Webmaster* – written report provided.
- *Train Sheet* – written report provided.
  - End of year issue will be fairly important.
  - Kerry to do convention articles. Eugene to do Pumpkin Train and grants.
  - Will be cutting extra copies to 25.
- *General Superintendent* – written report provided.
- *Historical / Archives* – written report provided.
- *Mechanical*
  - SP GP9 2873 performing well. No water system leaks except for small gasket leak near front. Has had cooling treatment in the engine for about a week now. Couple of bolt hole leaks of oil, but just needs some LTV treatment. Very minor. Very happy with engine work. Moving forward on cosmetic work in spring.
  - Had freezing weather last week. Been cleaning out the shop for winter.
  - Looking a purchasing a few items to fill out repair stores, including 3 electronic auto drain valves, pneumatic auto drain valve.
- *Facilities*
  - After Pumpkin Trains, wanted to check heater in women's restroom. Got it turned on and running, seemed to be warming fine, but strong smell of propane started coming out of vent pipe. Now low heat and strong burn smell. Can smell everywhere. Sucked down 10% of tank. Wants to source and install new, more efficient heater. Charlie suggested getting two as it is same model as was in shower car. Noted there are issue with propane heaters in Shower Car. David wants to get women's restroom fixed asap. Will source and contact board. Consensus direction given.

## Committee Reports

none

## Legal / Insurance Report

none

## Status of Surplus Property Report

- SLO RR Museum requested 70 ton S-2 trucks. We have caboose trucks coming from Tony Azevedo. Greg Elems asked what Board might want to do with swapping trucks around.

## Safety Committee

- Supposed to rain soon. Temperatures dropping.
- Has some more fire extinguishers to service. Including extinguisher in SP 2873.
- Request for consensus to move ahead with Alpine servicing. Consensus given.

## Public Comments

*Kerry Cochran* – Question: been trying to get hold of Peter Arnold. Anyone know how to reach him.

## Notices

Santa Trains coming up.

**Closed Session** – none requested

**Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 16:46 (Cochran / Vicknair)

Next Meeting: December 9, 2023 – 1:00 PM  
Location: WPRM Meeting Room, Portola

Respectfully Submitted  
Kerry Cochran – FRRS Director / Eugene Vicknair – FRRS Secretary

PRELIMINARY