

Feather River Rail Society
Board of Directors Meeting – April 11, 2015 – 4:00 PM
WPRM Meeting Room – Portola, CA

President Rod McClure called the meeting to order at 4:13 PM.

The following Directors were present

Eugene Vicknair	Gail McClure	Kirk Baer	Charlie Spikes
Kerry Cochran – phone	Greg Elems	Steve Habeck	Wayne Monger
Tom Carter			

Attendance

Alicia LaBrecque
Ann Powers – Portola Reporter
Rick Gruninger – Insurance Advisor
David Elems
Ed Wagner – Election Chair (phone)
John Jaress

Correspondence

- *R. McClure* – Hines, Oregon has nearly enough money to move the Baldwin AS-616. They plan to move by truck. Someone in Hines suggested cutting the engine in half and trucking in pieces. No deposit yet received. President McClure is continuing to work with them.
- Letter from Pacific Coast Chapter RLHS, there will be a charter excursion using ATSF 4-8-4 3751 on April 16 in Southern California.
- Received eMail from Paul Kruger from Milwaukee Cascade Rail group. They say they will need to take some time to get parts returned. That is not acceptable, we need the parts back in order to use the WP 501. Director Monger asked to make this happen within 30 days. We will find traction motor and make available for them to pick up.

Consent Calendar

Motion 15-04-01
Approve the minutes for the March 2015 BOD Meeting.
G. McClure / Vicknair. Aye - 8, Nay - 0, Abstain - 1. Motion carries.

Old Business

none

New Business

Motorcars for Railroad Days

Discuss operation of motorcars for 2015 Portola Railroad Days.
Matt Shuman wants to make sure we are inviting motorcars as we did last year.
No objection, rules remain the same.
Board consensus is to approve attendance of motorcar group.

Declare Surplus New Melones Dam Framework

Review proposal to declare surplus and sell the framework for the New Melones Dam building.
Written report provided.
Question about tonnage, needs to be reviewed.
Came up in 4 truckloads. Noted that Scott Franklin did original load.
Suggestion to list at a starting price and see what market does.
Question if building could serve us in future. Building size limits its use to a small number of specific locations.
Cost and logistics dictates that if it were used, it would likely be decades in the future.
Proceeds to support acquisition of new pre-fab building.

Motion 15-04-02

Motion to accept the report as presented, declaring the framework as surplus and proceed as outlined in report, granting Director Vicknair authority to start marketing the frame and seeking a buyer.
G. McClure / Carter. Aye - 9, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0. Motion carries.

Terms as presented in report are accepted.

Project Priorities for 2015

Review current projects in progress and prioritize for 2015 work.

Treasurer McClure stated that, as usual before season open, we are tight on money.

WP 165 project needs \$17,000, fence also needs money.

Painting of CCT caboose 24 and WP SW1500 1503 are also in the future.

Asking that Board pick priority projects to follow through until June when season opens.

Recommended that WP 165 be priority.

Several projects noted: Fence, RAL locomotives, WP 0-6-0 165 restoration

WP 165 is looking for more funds outside.

Fence is noted as being a critical project, but noted that WP 165 work session is coming up soon.

Several suggestions to place WP 165 first, fence second.

President McClure having discussions with city about getting some help with the fence.

If steam work session in May does not happen, then fence kicks into first priority.

Consensus is to have WP 165 work in first priority and fence in second priority.

Fundraising and funds searching will continue for both.

Third priority is painting of CCT 24 and WP 1503.

Will revisit in May with new funding numbers.

Good of the Order

President's Report

- Written report provided.
- Fuel – Most of the RAL engines are already fueled thanks to donation of fuel money.
- RAL Engines WP F7A 917 and SP GP9 2873 are in service, Quincy TR6A 1100 is waiting for final installation of a liner that was removed to solve a coolant leak. 1857 waiting for traction motor brushes and other small items. Work performed by David Elems, Dave McClain, Dwight Whetstone, Steve Habeck and Rod McClure.
- Painting prep continues on WP SW1500 1503 by Greg Elems and Rod McClure.
- Work continues on Big White Forklift. Radiator rebuilt, 2 hydro RAM's rebuilt, working on tune up and starter replacement, this leaves fuel tank removal and cleaning and muffler replacement. David Elems, McClain, Whetstone, Gail McClure and Rod McClure.
- Winterail. Event was rather slow for sales, at least broke even. Many of the vendors told us they will not be going to the next one in Oregon. A number of FRRS members came by to say hello, purchase items, renew memberships and complain intensely about the SOS booth that was set up inside the foyer by small group of FRRS members. That the Winterail producers allowed this to happen is disappointing. Volunteers for Winterail were Gail, Alicia LaBrecque and Rod.
- Waste Oil. Original vendor no longer handles used oil. Found a new one, but still working on details.
- Dwayne Vanderveen has been making and installing new wood wind frames in the SN wood caboose. Great looking work!
- Picked up new doors for Silver Debris, paid for by Greg Elems. Self installation feature not working yet.

Financial Reports

- Reports and Financial Summary provided. Financial summary reviewed.
- \$10,000 transferred from BofA internet account to ensure enough coverage for expenses.
- RAL booking is going very well.
- Thank you to everyone for controlling expenses.
- 50% of Spring Fundraiser is going to building fund – money coming in can go to repay General Fund for down payment on Building, or can just go into Building fund, decision will be on the next agenda for decision – wants to see how fundraising goes.
- Visa bill not available this month due to work level from tax season, but balance is very low.

- Noted that renewal memberships are up this year over last year over 700% and new memberships are down 8% over last year.
- Expenses to date this year are higher than last year, but a large chunk of total expenses are for building down payment and WP 165 work. We are coming into 2015 in a much better condition financially than 2014.
- Museum Store was stocked up in October, so expenses for store this year so far are lower than normal for this time of year.
- We have hit certain goals sooner than usual with finances this year. Good job to the directors and managers.
- Director Cochran asked for summary of this report to go into Train Sheet. Treasurer McClure will do so.

Director's Reports

- *Vicknair* – written report provided: funding, archives and volunteer hours / miles
 - Spring Fundraising Mailer went out and already receiving donations within the prior few days.
 - As part of work for convention, did “test run” of new tracking documents for archive access being developed by Archivist Mike Mucklin. In addition, am working on archives materials relating to Indian Valley Railroad for Headlight.
 - Archive images will be on sale at the convention as part of a trial run.
 - 2016 Historic WP Calendar 80% laid out.
 - In 2014, I volunteered roughly 540 hours, not counting time spent driving to and from museum events. I drove about 5300 miles using my personal vehicle, and drove another 930 miles using a rented vehicle for museum business.
- *Monger* – written report provided: archives and volunteer hours / miles
 - Worked as part of team sorting and cataloging materials from the Jeffrey Moreau estate from November 20, 2014 to March 9, 2015. Worked alongside Western Railway Museum volunteers. Unfortunately there was very little WP related and nothing is applicable to FRRS archives. Organizations receiving materials include Bay Area Electric Railroad Association/Western Railway Museum, Orange Empire Railway Museum, Cascade Rail Foundation/Pacific Northwest Railroad Archive facility, Illinois Railroad Museum of Union, Illinois and the New York Central Railroad Historical Society in New York State.
 - Have reported on the 2014 federal income tax filing a total of 6,458 miles of volunteer mileage and \$2,445.04 in total volunteer non-reimbursed meal, supply and lodging expenses. Of these totals, 89% of the mileage and 85% of the non-reimbursed expenses are attributed both directly to FRRS volunteer service and secondary to FRRS volunteer service.

Event Reports

- *2015 Convention* – written report provided. Details for convention site and Ely excursion finalized in person a few weeks ago. Banquet speaker is former WP engineer Mike Kessler. Lots of interest from former WP employees and current UP employees in attending. Pre-registration deadline extended. Have received numerous raffle prize donations.

Department Reports

- *Funding* – written report provided as part of Vicknair Director's report – over \$4,200 received so far in about 10 days, lots of positive comments about new building. Vicknair to get names to Monger for thank you letters. President McClure had 1 hour+ meeting with Portola City Manager and will be setting Director Vicknair in contact with city grant writers for future projects. Also spoke with Manager about cross marketing, better teamwork and other cooperative ventures. Very positive and exciting developments.

Committee Reports

- *Operations / Crew Training* – had 10 attendees for crew training today with 3 new members
- *Election 2015* – written report provided. Name position on ballot chosen by lot as per paragraph H of election procedure. About 1/3 of ballot packets prepared before order came to stop work. Election now on hold.

Legal / Insurance Report

none

Status of Surplus Property Report

- New Melones Building Frame now added to surplus list

Safety Report

- Director Carter and David Elems have been doing audit of property for safety improvements
- Director Elems suggests adding yellow stripe onto caboose loading area, to discuss with Director Vicknair.

Public Comments

- Question from Ann Powers seeking comment about stay on election – Official statement from FRRS is no comment.

Notices

- The 2015 Historic Convention is April 24-26 in Elko, NV.

Closed Session

Requested by President McClure and Director Vicknair – 5:20 PM – 6:54 PM

The Board heard a report on a Legal issue – FRRS v. Kasten / ITAC and Gateway Rail Services. No action taken.
The Board heard a report on a Legal issue – 2015 Election. Consensus direction given. No action taken.

Directors Monger and Baer left the closed session at 5:42 PM, they stated no objections to being asked to leave the closed session under recommendation of FRRS legal counsel.

Guests after closed:

Fred Elenbaas
Rick Gruninger
David Elems

Alicia LaBrecque
Lisa Wesh
Don Nelson

Loren Ross

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at:

6:56 PM

Next meeting:

May 9, 2015 – 4:00 PM

Location:

WPRM Meeting Room
Portola, CA

Respectfully Submitted,
Eugene Vicknair
Secretary, FRRS