

Feather River Rail Society
Board of Directors Meeting – November 14, 2015 – 1:00 PM
WPRM Meeting Room – Portola, CA

Vice-President Steve Habeck called the meeting to order at 1:40 PM.

The following Directors were present

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

Attendance

Bil Jackson
Bart Hansen

Alicia LaBrecque
David Elems – arrived at 1:48 PM

Correspondence

- *Vicknair* – received email from someone who is donating some California Zephyr silver to us

Consent Calendar

Minutes of the October 2015 General BOD Meeting.

Noted that Wayne Monger was not present and Greg Elems was, change made in minutes.
Noted that additional reason for off-site meetings was spreading cost for directors not from local area.

Motion 15-11-01

Motion to approve minutes of October 2015 BOD Meeting as amended.
Carter / Spikes. Aye - 7, Nay - 0, Abstain - 2. Motion carries.

Appointment of Department Heads and Committee Chairs

Steve Habeck is looking at CMO vacancy, but not prepared to make recommendation.
Recommendation to let current stand and revisit in December.

Old Business

none

New Business

San Jose Branch Crossing Materials

Review proposal to store / acquire crossing gates and equipment from WP San Jose Branch.
Written report provided.

Request that if we store any equipment for other groups then transport up and back be borne by the groups.
Request that a team be assembled to clear out needed boxcars if we pursue this.
Sending a boxcar would not be an option due to cost and travel time.
Board is open to concept.
Questions about materials available now and in future.
Consensus direction to pursue with recommendations.

Good of the Order

Vice-President's Report

- Verbal report given.
- Since last meeting we had a minor derailment at slow order on the balloon after rain. High praise to Bil Jackson, Duane vanderVeen, Ethan Doty, David Elems, Greg Elems who assisted Steve Habeck in rebuilding about 150 ft of track. David Epling also helped one day. Slow order is still in place. David

Epling tripped on air hose during work and fell causing minor injury. We have accident report on the incident.

- Ethan is coming up on 17th for 1 week and will be here while Cal Conservation Corp is on property. We want CCC crew to do some trackwork and fence install. CCC group is coming up to work on roads for CalTrans. In exchange for place to stay, they will be sending extra people to work for us in exchange. Edenwold and Shower Car are having heating problems and we need to add some supplemental heating. Need to notify CCC crew about heat issue.
- Well into Santa Train prep. Big Fish Creations is actively working on advertising. We are set up for Feather Publishing and Reno Gazette Journal advertising. Steve Habeck paid for with credit card. We will also have ad in Deals and Wheels Magazine with cost split with City of Portola. Going to try and add capacity to train by adding SN 1642 caboose and putting in some coach seats. Habeck's family working on decorations. Need some folks to bake cookies.

Financial Reports

- Financial reports provided.
- Preliminary budget provided.
- Review expenses for end of year: Building Payment, WP 165 Funds Discussion. Possible Action.
- Suggestion to approve \$5,000 payment for building and give Steve Habeck, Gail McClure and Eugene Vicknair to decision as to when to send.
- Director Vicknair made \$1000 donation to building fund.
- Norm the welder got a lot of work done on WP 165 along with a group of volunteers.
- Noted that we need to start getting a written legal release for any photos we are allowed to use.
- Tom Carter has a talk with Steam CMO Chris Allan on progress and strength of support for WP 165 project, affirmed support and offered to handle painting on the engine.
- Noted that we have several funding channels being worked for 165 and we will revisit when we hear more.

Motion 15-11-02

Motion to approve payment of \$5,000 to Olympia Steel Building, timing of payment to be determined by Treasurer, Vice-President and Secretary.

Vicknair / G. McClure. Aye - 7, Nay - 1, Abstain - 1. Motion carries.

Director's Reports

- *Policies* – Confidentiality Forms – Forms distributed for signature to Directors, requested they be signed and returned by next meeting to Secretary Vicknair. Department Heads will also be asked to sign form. This is in accordance with approved policy.
- *Elms* – Was out with Randy Morten and was checking on trees that need to be removed. Have marked about 2 dozen and will mark another 1 dozen. Randy will come out and cut trees and remove them. He will also get permit for burning slash that is left on property. We are getting brush and trees cleared out away from the track. Would like to keep his equipment here during the work time and will keep it out of the way. He will start soon when he is available. Will also be trimming branches away from track. Flags are out for track slow order and compliance is expected. Randy liked the trackwork we have been doing. May assist us in future. FRA will be expecting a written record on our tie replacement program.

Event Reports

- Susan Jacobsen from Portola Reporter is here to do story on Santa Train. Would also like to do story on Disney Zephyr in future.
- Question about when to open. We have been getting questions about opening early to let people look around, shop in store. We will be opening gate at 3 PM and need to be manned about 2 PM.

Department Reports

- *Website and Marketing* – written report provided. Ops Supervisors had meeting with webmaster to work on materials to be posted, including Society policies. Thanks to Tom Carter for all the work he has done on the website and his assistance in the transition to Paul Finnegan.
- *Funding* – Year End Fundraising Letter. Add line for billing zip code if different.

Committee Reports

none

Legal / Insurance Report

none

Status of Surplus Property Report

none

Safety Report

- It is cold and we have ice.
- People need to stop putting chairs in front of electrical breaker boxes.
- More snow coming.
- Slow order on balloon will be enforced.

Public Comments

none

Notices

- *D. Elems* – David Elems and Bart Hansen spent \$555.00 on trip to pick up shop machines from Chris Allan. Next step is to reset machine shop. Thanks to Bil Jackson for the loan of the trailer for hauling the lathe and mill. Got valve off UP caboose and will get it rebuilt by Santa Train.

Closed Session

Requested by Vice-President Habeck, Director Carter and Director Vicknair – 2:12 PM – 3:10 PM

- *Personnel Issue* – Gift Shop Staffing
- *Operations Issue* – Injury Reporting
- *Personnel Issue* – Ethics and Conduct

Director Vicknair reported the following out of closed session:

The Board heard a report on a personnel issue – Gift Shop Staffing. No action taken.

The Board heard a report on an operations issue – Injury Reporting. Consensus direction given, no reportable action taken.

The Board heard reports on personnel issues – Ethics and Conduct. A committee was formed to investigate allegations of misconduct against a member. On an additional matter, the formation of a committee to investigate issues brought before the Board is being looked at and will be considered at a future meeting.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at: 3:14 PM
Next meeting: December 12, 2015 – 1:00 PM
Location: WPRM Meeting Room - Portola, CA

Respectfully Submitted,
Eugene Vicknair
Secretary, FRRS