

FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Meeting held June 16 1996, at the Museum

FRRS Directors present: S. Habeck, C. Lippincott, G. Wollesen, P. Langdon, N. Holmes, V. Neves and S. Cooper.

FRRS Directors absent: W. Monger, B. Cooper and S. Stiles.

FRRS Members \ Visitors present: Linda Lippincott, Dave Dewey and Linda Dewey.

Meeting called to Order by FRRS President Steve Habeck at 9:25 AM.

(1), **Minutes of The April and May 1996 Meetings:** M: C.

Lippincott, S: G. Wollesen, "That we accept the Minutes of the April and May Meetings as presented". Motion passed 5-0.

(2), **Special Orders:** No Special Orders were called.

(3), **Financial Reports:**

(3.1), Gift Shop: \$4,700 est.. (3.2), General Acct.: \$3,015.04 @ 6/13/96. (3.3), GP9 Fund: \$10,377 est.. (3.4), CU Savings: 12,521.09 @ 5/21/96. (3.5), Special Acct.: \$2,007. (3.6), Skip's Acct's.: \$800 total. (3.7), Plumas Savings: \$2,458.35 @ 5/1/96. (3.8), Placer Savings: \$28,209. (3.9), B of A Acct.: \$3,000 est.. (3.10), Beanery Acct.: \$102.00. (3.11), Cu Certificate: \$50,000. (3.12), Raffle Acct.: \$3,491.00. Gordon stated that the expenditure since the last Board Meeting was \$5,208.21. Gordon went on to mention that even though we are holding our own financially, we still need more revenue that we are seeing at the moment because there is a lot of expenditure in the near future.

(4), **Department Head and Committee Reports:**

(4.1), **Publicity:** Gordon Wollesen stated that in his opinion we need to start looking for new areas in which to advertise / promote the Society and the Museum, because of our revenue is showing a downward trend, particularly with the Operate a Locomotive Program. He mentioned that Skip Englert has offered to investigate the possibility of TV adverts etc., through a friend of his who is involved in the TV advertising industries. After much discussion, the Board agreed that we need to investigate advertising in new areas.

(4.2), **Public Relations:** Nothing new to report.

(4.3), **Membership, (Annual Meeting June 22 1996):** Nothing new to report.

(4.4), **Gift Shop:** By Norm Holmes. The Santa Barbara GAT Show and the San Mateo show both grossed around \$525 each. The only Show in the near future is the Railroadiana Show in Sacramento. The Shop itself is returning a gross revenue of around \$2,000+ each week.

(4.5), **Facilities, (restroom & Beanery cleaning, Dust-Off):** By Gordon Wollesen. The Board, at Steve's request, discussed hiring a janitorial service to keep the public restrooms and the Beanery clean. The Board agreed that we need to investigate the idea. Gordon mentioned that we should consider not painting the restroom floors because the paint will not stand up to the wear. Norm stated that the picnic area tables have suffered some vandalism. The Board agreed that we need to upgrade the fences around the site. The Board discussed having another application of Dust-Off on the parking lot & the access road etc.. Because of our financial status at the moment and the Dust-Off applied last year is still holding up well, the Board decided that we probably do not need to have a full coating this year, just patch the few potholes around the site.

(4.6), **Grants:** Nothing new to report.

(4.7), **CMO:** Steve mentioned that we seem to be going through a phase of one 'good month followed by a bad month' regarding locomotive availability. At the moment, 6776 and 608 are down. 6776 has compressor problems, 608 appears to have a blown head gasket and possibly some excess bearing or piston ring wear. We should have all of the planned 'Geeps' running for Railfan Day. Gordon stated that we have to purchase some fuel in the very near future. As a result, M: C. Lippincott, S: P. Langdon, "That we authorize the purchase of the necessary fuel for the best price possible". Motion passed 5-0. Finally, Dave McClain has carried out an inspection on the #13 cylinder of 805A. The same problem has re occurred, the bottom O ring has rolled allowing water leakage.

(4.8), **Beanery:** By Sue Cooper. Sue requested the Board's permission to purchase two table umbrellas for the outside eating area, (the old loading dock). The plans for the Membership Dinner are well under way.

(4.9), **Restoration, (shower car):** Dave Dewey presented a written report on his plans for this years restoration priorities to the Board. Lolli requested an update on the plans to leak proof the roof of the UP 105. The Board agreed to treat this problem as a priority.

(4.10), **Publications, (Museum Guide):** Nothing new to report.

(4.11), **Pacific Limited, (Dunsmuir Daylight):** By Steve Habeck.

The Dunsmuir Daylight looks like it has been a success. There was more people on the train than was anticipated plus Amtrak decided to turn the train at Black Butte rather than change the direction of the seats at Dunsmuir. The extra ticket sales for this move realized \$2190 extra revenue. Steve stated he believes that PL has made a further payment towards their debt with UP as a result of the advance ticket sales for the midwest trips. Finally, Steve stated that Amtrak was very pleased with Pacific Limited and there will probably be more joint trips in the future.

(4.12), **Special Events, (R&LHS visit, advance Railfans Day publicity):** By Steve Habeck. The R&LHS visit was a big success. The advance publicity for Railfans Day is now in

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(4.13), **Archives:** By Lolli Bryan. Lolli stated that two former Zephyrettes will be in Portola for Railroad Days, in uniform.

(4.14), **Safety Committee:** Nothing new to report.

(4.15), **McCloud Proposal Steering Committee:** Nothing new to report

(5), **Correspondence:** Nothing to report.

(6), **Museum Executive Director Report:** By Norm Holmes. Two representatives of Marklin GmbH, (Germany), were at the Museum to make locomotive sound recordings recently. They were very pleased with their visit. Norm has been researching information on the Silver Thistle, the ex. WP CZ dome car located in Montreal that is available for disposal.

(7), **Old Business:**

(7.1) **Updates:**

(7.1A), **Directors insurance:** The premium etc. has been paid, we are just waiting for our copy of the certificate.

(7.1B), **Property sale & land acquisition:** Nothing new to report.

(7.1C), **UP 737:** Nothing new to report.

(7.1D), **SP1215:** Norm mentioned that someone from the Hanford area as indicated an interest in the locomotive. If a written proposal from the party concerned is not made available to the Kings County Board of Supervisors within a certain time, our proposal will be given favorable consideration.

(7.1E), **FR&W 531:** Nothing new to report.

(7.1F), **Membership input items:** Nothing new to report, except that some of the concerns have been addressed and the others are being given serious consideration.

(7.1G), **Track work plan:** Nothing new to report, except that the Board still considers the balloon is our first priority.

(7.2), **FRRS role in proposed tourist operations, (Almanor RR, Modoc etc.):** Norm mentioned that the representative of the Almanor consortium that visited the Museum recently, did not seem to realize that the FRRS does not wish to be a direct partner in the venture. At this point, M: C. Lippincott, S: G. Wollesen, "That we allow the Almanor Group to pay for the movement of the two vista flat cars to Chester for refurbishment at their expense. Furthermore, the FRRS will not levy any leasing fees etc. until they are ready to put the cars into service. Motion passed 5-0.

(7.3), **Butt Lake engine status:** Marty Anderson attended a meeting of PG&E Hydro, (the actual owners of the engine), where the decision was made to donate the engine to Plumas County but it will probably end up being on display at the Museum.

(7.4), **Trademarking FRRS logos, names, etc.):** The Board agreed that this issue needs to be expedited, but there was nothing new to report.

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(7.5), Acquisition of new radio batteries / conditioning charger:

The batteries have been purchased and the charger will be acquired as soon as funds are available.

(7.6), Acquisition of pallet jack: Nothing new to report.

(7.7), Installing locomotive radios: Kerry Cochrane is working on the installation of the radios concerned.

(7.8), Disposition of DODX flat car: Doug Morgan has expressed an interest in purchasing the surplus car plus the spare buckeye trucks. After some discussion, M: V. Neves. S: C. Lippincott, "That we offer the car & the trucks to Doug Morgan for \$4,000. Motion passed 5-0.

(8), New Business:

(8.1), Acquisition of 40' UP double plug door boxcar: The Board discussed the possible acquisition of the above car that is in Portola spotted on the UP to the west of the Museum. As a result, M: P. Langdon, S: C. Lippincott, "That we authorize Norm Holmes to investigate the acquisition of this car". Motion passed 4-1. Gordon abstained.

(8.2), Use of lounge car for local 'dinner train service': Norm has been approached by a local restaurateur who has suggested using the ex. VIA lounge in dinner train service at the Museum. They proposed fitting the car out to Health Dept. standards and we would set up the necessary power etc. to car to make it suitable for this kind of service. We would operate the train on their behalf.

(8.3), Misc. parts etc. at Oroville: Dave Dewey mentioned that there will be a quantity of nuts & bolts etc. available from a hardware store in Oroville that is going out of business that may be of interest to us.

(8.4), Timberfest: Peter Langdon asked the Board if the FRRS is going to participate in this years Sierra Timberfest at Loyalton and if we are, what locomotive and caboos we propose using. the Board agreed top the above with which locomotive and caboos to be decided later.

(8.5), SSW, (Cotton Belt), wide vision caboose: Vic Neves mentioned that the owner of a SSW wide vision caboose presently located in Redwood City would like to not just have it relocated to Portola, but also make it available for use in the caboose passenger train. The Board made no firm decisions at this point.

(9), Next Board Meeting: The next Board Meeting will be held at the Museum on July 14 1996, at 9:00 AM.

(10), Good of the Order: M: G. Wollesen, S: S. Cooper, "That we adjourn the Meeting". Motion passed 5-0.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:25 AM.

Meeting Minutes transcribed by Peter Langdon from audio tapes and personal notes.