

**Feather River Rail Society
Board of Directors Meeting
June 5, 2004
1 p.m.
Volunter Lounge, Portola Railroad Museum
Portola, California**

President Rod McClure called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. The following directors were present:

Andy Anderson	Frank Brehm	Kerry Cochran	Steve Habeck
Norm Holmes	Gail McClure	Wayne Monger	Eugene Vicknair

Visitors present:

Ron Huey	Matthew Shurman	Ed Wagner
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Mr. Shurman and Mr. Huey were present representing the Shasta Cascade Rail Preservation Society as the SCRPS President and Vice-President, respectively.

Correspondence

President McClure presented a recent California Trolley and Railroad Corporation newsletter containing an article regarding their plans for the SP 1215 locomotive.

He also presented a letter from Vic Chudoba, member from Japan, along with a generous donation in the amount of \$250 in response to a letter sent out regarding the volunteer lounge car.

Director Monger also presented a letter to President McClure confirming our reservation of a car on the San Jose Jazz Festival Train.

Director Vicknair reported he received an e-mail from Rick Carter, former carman for the WP, advising he would be speaking with folks he used to work with in the hopes he could assist with raising money for the Volunteer Lounge project. Mr. Carter also thanked the board for its recent efforts in preserving the history of the WP.

Consent Calendar

1. Minutes – Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held May 1, 2004 .
2. Financial Reports – Through 04/30/04.

Motion # 04-06-01 -- Approval of consent calendar/reports as presented. Motion made by Director Anderson, seconded by Director Brehm. All Directors present voted in favor. Motion carried.

Directors Hank Stles arrived at 1:10 p.m.

Old Business

Wheelchair Modifications to MoPac Caboose

Director Vicknair presented a project report on suggested recommendations for the conversion of the MoPac caboose to wheelchair accessibility including diagrams and budget in the requested amount of \$8,000. Costs do not include the wheelchair lift that would also be required for true accessibility.

Motion # 04-06-02 – Move to accept report as presented and budget authority in the amount of \$3,000 provided under budget line item 70000 – Facilities, ADA Compliance and \$5,000 provided under budget line item 56525 – Caboose Restorations, and on a funds available basis. Motion made by Director Vicknair, seconded by Director Anderson. All Directors present voted in favor. Motion carried.

There was some discussion regarding the budget line items and it was agreed these numbers should be correct. There was also discussion regarding prioritizing the outstanding projects already in the pipeline including equipment moves.

Matthew Shurman pointed out there has been an increasing trend toward lawsuits due to a lack of proper ADA compliance and noted the importance of showing progress toward correction of these deficiencies. He also donated \$20 toward the project at the meeting.

Zephyr Project Fundraiser

Director Monger presented tickets to the Board for the Zephyr Project fundraiser on the ACE Jazz Train scheduled to run August 7, 2004. Tickets have a face value of \$10, however, a second ticket will be attached to the primary that functions as a receipt for the additional \$15 donation. Tickets will need to be sent out via certified mail.

Magnolia Tower Location

Director Vicknair presented a written report to the Board with recommendation for a new site for reconstruction of Magnolia Tower. It has been determined that the original site will not accommodate the building and still allow for safe clearance from live track, city required building restrictions and stair construction.

Discussion ensued regarding this issue and the Board agreed that their recommendation was placement of the tower between the Inside Balloon Track and 4 Rail (next to proposed turntable lead).

Motion # 04-06-03 – Acceptance of Alternate “B” location as presented through report and discussion of the Board. Motion made by Director Cochran, seconded by Director Stiles. All Directors present voted in favor. Motion carried.

New Business

Equipment Scrapping

President McClure recommended the following pieces of equipment be scrapped on property: US Guard car, box car with window frames cut out, UP gondola holding drop

tables, two of three tank car frames currently sitting inside of the balloon track. Scrap prices are at an all time high and it will free up valuable track space.

It was determined that the trucks under the US Guard car belong to Director Holmes.

Motion # 04-06-04 – Authority to proceed with scrapping of US Guard car, box car with window frames cut out, UP gondola holding drop tables, two of three tank car frames currently sitting inside of the balloon track. Motion made by Director Anderson, seconded by Director Brehm. All Directors present voted in favor. Motion carried.

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President's Report

President McClure reported on the following:

Quincy 4 – Arrived by flat car mid-May and has been unloaded. Special thanks go to Director Anderson for all of his hard work coordinating with the SPI folks.

Magnolia Tower – Two gondola cars should be in Oakland next week for loading of Magnolia Tower. Special thanks go to Doug Morgan for all of his hard work in coordinating and supervising the disassembly and loading of the tower on behalf of the Society.

SP 4004 – The California Trolley and Railroad Corp is not interested in this locomotive and we will continue to look for interested parties to purchase it.

Oil House – Outside area has been a mess. Effective immediately, no open containers, waste oil barrels or any other materials are to be left outside of the oil house shed for any reason. Not only a safety issue, but an eyesore to the public.

SP 1100 – Sierra Pacific Industries is working through IRS issues and we will then be in a position of needing to move the locomotive from Susanville.

Webmaster – Sam Herschbein has resigned as FRRS Webmaster. Director Vicknair has been working on a newly formatted site. President McClure recommended David Epling for the position of Webmaster and consensus direction was provided in support of this appointment.

Rio Vista Trade – Equipment move is coming soon as BAERA members should have the needed track work done. Equipment will need to be lubed and inspected prior to movement.

Motoyka Estate – Final settlement has been issued from the Carl Motoycka Estate in the amount of approximately \$2,200.

Troop Sleeper – Trucks need to be changed out soon and the swap will commence as soon as necessary work is done to the derrick.

Director's Reports

Director Vicknair reported that work continues on the website revisions. So far, remarks have been very positive.

Director Holmes recently took a trip to Alaska and spoke with the former CMO from the Alaska Railroad. They have 2 RDC-2 and 2 RDC-3 Budd cars which might be of interest to us, however, they are not in a position to part with them at this time. They also had other pieces of equipment including an F7B, a power car, several GP7s and a couple of diner cars (one Pullman and one Budd with complete stainless steel kitchen). Consensus direction was given by the Board to refer this issue to the A&D Committee.

Department Reports

Mechanical – Director Stiles reported that the governor on the WP 608 and controller on the SP 2873 need to be replaced. The cost for these parts are very high – controller for SP 2873 is \$1,100. The FM 1857 has had the machine work done on the heads and they have all the gaskets except for one set to put it back together. Inspection of the WP 512 has revealed the need to replace two injector pumps, angle drive and will need the wheels turned. WP 504 may have bad main bearings due to it being run with water in the crankcase. Hopes are the crank is still good.

Facilities – Director Vicknair reported the Volunteer Lounge is moving along and offered special thanks to Director Cochran for his hard work in finishing of the framing work that needed to be done in the car. Smoothing was done of the areas disturbed when the walkway project was underway.

Western Pacific Railroad Historical Society Convention – Written report was presented on behalf of Steve Hayes. Overall, the convention went well and had one of the biggest turnouts for both the convention and the banquet in the history of the event. Suggestions were made for minor changes to streamline and revamp the convention processes in the future.

Operations – Director Cochran advised he had a fairly good turnout for opening weekend. He also pointed out to the Board that many of the radio batteries need to be replaced at a cost of about \$1,000.

Committee Reports

Election Committee – Ed Wagner advised that the ballots were counted 06/04/04 and certified by Portola City Clerk, Leslie Tigan. Results to be announced at the Membership meeting later that evening. Director McClure complimented Mr. Wagner for doing an outstanding job. She also said it was the smoothest she had seen an election go in the time she had been involved and his attention to the project was the reason why. Several other Board members echoed this sentiment and expressed their desire to have Mr. Wagner in the capacity of Election Committee Chair again next year.

Magnolia Tower – Director Vicknair reported to the Board that the estimated costs for the building foundation and utilities sub-prep will be approximately \$15,000.

Legal Counsel Report

No legal counsel report at this time.

Status of Surplus Property Report

Primary report provided as part of President's Report. Two couplers recommended be given to Shasta Cascade Rail Preservation Society as we have no use for them and they do. Consensus direction given by the Board to proceed with donation of these items to SCRPS.

Other

Matthew Shurman, SCRPS, asked if it was possible to include a link to their website on our website. A link to our site does appear on their page.

BREAK: 2:20-2:38 pm

Closed Session

Adjourned to closed session at 2:38 p.m. and reconvened to open session 3:24 p.m. President McClure reported out the following:

Personnel item discussed. Action taken regarding continuance of employment contract as follows:

Second personnel item discussed. No action was taken.

Legal item discussed. Action taken regarding continuance of ongoing legal action in the matter.

Other

Director Vicknair reported that sale fell through on the Silver Lodge and representatives of D.F. Barnhart were in contact with him regarding purchase of the car in the amount of \$61,900. Consensus direction was provided to pursue inquiries as to available terms for purchase of the car.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 3:41 p.m.
Next meeting: Saturday, July 10, 2004
Location: Volunteer Lounge
Portola, CA

Respectively Submitted
Gail A. McClure

Motions and Actions Summary

Motions Passed

1. Consent Motions – Motion 04-06-01.

Minutes – Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held May 1, 2004.

Financial Reports – Approval of financial reports through April 30, 2004.

2. Motions

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PRM Volunteer Lounge
Portola, CA

respectfully submitted by Eugene Vicknair, secretary

July 8, 2004