

**Feather River Rail Society  
Board of Directors Meeting  
January 8, 2005  
1:00 PM  
McClure Residence  
Reno, NV**

Meeting location was moved to the McClure residence due to inclement weather conditions and physical inaccessibility to PRM due to snow. President Rod McClure called the meeting to order at 1:12 p.m. The following directors were present:

Frank Brehm (phone)	Kerry Cochran (phone)	Gail McClure
Wayne Monger (phone)	Hank Stiles (phone)	Eugene Vicknair (Phone)

Directors Andy Anderson, Steve Habeck, Norm Holmes were unable to attend.

Staff present:                      Dan Brady                              John Walker

Visitors present:                      Merrill Thurman

**Correspondence**

None

**Consent Calendar**

1. Minutes – Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held December 4, 2004.
2. Financial Reports – .

Motion # 05-01-01 – Removal of consent calendar from agenda. Motion made by Director Vicknair, seconded by Director Stiles. All Directors present voted in favor. Motion carried.

**Presentation of Financial Reports**

Dan Brady provided a comprehensive report regarding the financial position of the Society. Investment accounts have made about \$5,000 and which is better than the market did in general. He did express an administrative issue regarding the valuation of several non-cash contributions. Members of the Board knowledgeable in market value of equipment provided for Mr. Brady.

Overall, he advised we look good financially as he reviewed the line item categories. His one caution was to curb spending until further notice due to low income potential usual for this time of year. Improvements need to be made in promoting the RAL program, fundraising, and donations from the members which averaged \$5 per member.

John Walker advised the Board he is of the believe that revenue was down during the last half of the operating season due to a rise in gas prices and a corresponding drop in visitorship.

President McClure also advised that there are a number of upcoming projects which will result in some expenditure including preparations for and movement of the Silver Lodge, and the BAERA/FRRS Equipment trade.

The Board thanked Mr. Brady for his continued outstanding financial analysis and guidance.

## **Old Business**

### **Rio Vista Equipment Move**

President McClure advised the Board that the equipment move is postponed until the weather improves. With over four feet of snow at the Museum and soggy ground at Western Railway Museum, it may be some time before we can move forward. Volunteers will be desperately needed to help with different aspects of the movement and are encouraged to contact President McClure. He will continue to monitor and inform the Board as the situation progresses.

Several Board members questioned what the status is on the WP 165 movement and storage charges. President McClure indicated that he has made some gentle inquiries without response.

## **New Business**

### **FRRS Mission Statement**

President McClure did not have the opportunity to provide his proposed changes to the mission statement prior to the meeting. Consensus direction was provided by the Board to table the issue, for President McClure to provide his changes via e-mail prior to the next meeting, and have the item addressed on the February agenda.

## **Good of the Order**

### **President's Report**

President McClure reported the Museum facility appears to be in good shape with little or no weather related issues other than access. Effective January 1, 2005 Charlie Spikes has been appointed as the new Facilities Manager. He has been a very active volunteer in the Operations, Mechanical and Facilities Departments. He lives locally and is looking forward to being able to volunteer on a regular basis.

There were some issues with the ownership of the electric cart which has now been resolved. Sometime this spring the FRRS will need to make arrangements to pick up the Greenville Depot signal semaphore purchased last year and installed at the museum. Doug Peterson, the gentleman from whom the semaphore was purchased, has also provided plans for a stable mounting foundation.

President McClure further advised that a box car and flat car was on its way with a variety of materials and equipment procured on behalf of the Society by member Keith Smith from Morton Thiokol. He is working with the UP on certain billing issues for transit. The generous donation includes industrial shelving, a Unimog with many specialized repair tools, parts and manuals, air conditioning unit, chairs, and many other useful items.

President McClure informed the Board that the principles of the Dunsmuir and Sparks Railroad days events have expressed a strong interest in our participation. The Board suggested President McClure continue his investigations.

### **Director's Reports**

Director Brehm reported that the deadline for submission to The Train Sheet has once again passed and he is in desperate need of articles for same. He also advised he continues to work on the revised timetable book from author Jeff Asay for publication and debut at the WPRRHS Convention.

Director Monger reminded President McClure of the need to send a letter to ACE canceling our excursion. President McClure advised he would take care of it.

Director Vicknair reminded the Board of the previously discussed restoration planning meeting. The session will be planned for the morning of the scheduled February 5 Board Meeting.

### **Department Reports**

*WPRRHS* – A written report was presented on behalf of the Convention Committee. Reminder to all that the convention is scheduled for April 15-16, 2005 at the Holiday Inn, Tracy, CA.

### **Committee Reports**

*Funding* – Director Vicknair reported that he thought the mail out fundraiser had gone out as he has not heard further from the mailing house. Director Brehm indicated he was advised there were problems which prevented the mailing from going out. Director McClure asked Director Brehm to check with the mailing house and e-mail what he was able to determine to her and to Director Vicknair.

*Election* – A written report was presented on behalf of the Election Committee. The three seats up for election this year are currently held by Directors Anderson, Brehm and Stiles. Intent statement must be in by the end of January.

*Railfan Photographer's Day* – Director McClure requested that the members of the committee plan on meeting sometime during the day of the February Board meeting for the purposes of getting the plans together for the event. She asked that the members of the committee get their ideas together so that we can get them moving forward.

### **Legal Counsel Report**

None

## **Status of Surplus Property Report**

None

## **Safety Report**

John Walker indicated that a great deal of "housecleaning" was done before winter hit, but that we need better stairs for equipment access, ON&W Locomotives need to be secured due to no handrails which could present a public hazard. He also recommends the need for some emergency lighting.

## **Public Comments**

Member Merrill Thurman advised he felt the Organization has been making great progress. He did recommend we be in better contact with the membership, with just a simple letter, may make a difference with respect to financial support.

## **Notices**

February 2005 Board of Directors Meeting Location will be Oxford Suites, Roseville, CA

## **Closed Session**

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 2:33 pm and reconvened to open session at 3:22 pm. Director McClure reported out of closed session that the Board of Directors received a report regarding two ongoing business items of a proprietary nature. No reportable action was taken. The Board also received information regarding ongoing legal issues. Consensus direction was given to the President. No reportable action was taken.

## **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Next meeting: Saturday, February 5, 2005 – 1:00 PM

Location: Oxford Suites Conference Room – 130 N. Sunrise Ave.  
Roseville, CA

Respectively Submitted  
Gail A. McClure

**Motions and Actions Summary**

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**Motions Passed**

1. Consent Motions – Removed from Agenda by Motion 05-01-01. Tabled to February 05.

Minutes – Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held December 4, 2004.

Financial Reports – Approval of the financial reports.

2. Motions

**No motions presented**

**Actions and Notices**

- Treasurer Dan Brady advised we look good financially as he reviewed the line item categories. His one caution was to curb spending until further notice due to low income potential usual for this time of year.
- President McClure advised the Board that the Rio Vista equipment move is postponed until the weather improves. With over four feet of snow at the Museum and soggy ground at Western Railway Museum, it may be some time before we can move forward. The movement of WP 165 is also on hold due to heavy snow in Portola.
- Effective January 1, 2005 Charlie Spikes has been appointed as the new Facilities Manager.
- Morton Thiokol has made a generous donation includes industrial shelving, a Unimog with many specialized repair tools, parts and manuals, air conditioning unit, chairs, and many other useful items.
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respectfully submitted by Eugene Vicknair, secretary

January 31, 2005