

**Feather River Rail Society
Board of Directors Meeting
July 9, 2005 -- 6:00 p.m.
Volunteer Lounge, Portola Railroad Museum
Portola, California**

President Rod McClure called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m. The following directors were present:

Kerry Cochran	Steve Habeck	Norm Holmes	
Gail McClure	Wayne Monger	Hank Stiles	Eugene Vicknair

Directors Parker and Brehm were unable to attend. All Directors except Cochran and Holmes participated in the meeting by telephone.

Staff present:

Dan Brady, Treasurer

Visitors present:

David Epling	Linda Monger	Matthew Shuman	Diana Shuman
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Installation of New Board Members

President McClure welcomed Matt Parker as the newest member of the FRRS Board of Directors.

Correspondence

None to report at this time.

Consent Calendar

1. Minutes – Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held June 4, 2005.
2. Financial Reports – May-June 2005.

Motion # 05-07-01 – Removal of minutes from Consent Calendar. Motion made by Director Vicknair, seconded by Director Habeck. All Directors present voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motion #05-07-02 – Removal of Financial Reports from Consent Calendar. Motion made by Director Vicknair, seconded by Director Habeck. All Directors present voted in favor. Motion carried.

Financial Summary

Treasurer Dan Brady presented an overview of the financial situation of the organization. Fundraising campaigns have netted slightly over \$8,000, membership dues holding steady. Need to raise money to recoup expenses for purchase of Silver

Lodge. Gift shop revenues down, but so are expenses. RALs are down a bit, but special events are up. Revenues to date are where they were at this time last year. Expenses have been kept down and in line with revenue. Copies of reports are available at the Museum for pickup or mailing.

Investment account doing well. Our broker has left Dain Raucher and is now with Smith Barney. He has asked that we move our accounts to his new brokerage house. Board Direction was given to the Treasurer to follow his best judgment – he has recommended we continue with Dain Raucher and consider a change if we have any issues.

Mr. Brady also advised that he has commissioned a new winter scene print which he will coordinate with John to offer for sale in the gift shop.

He also highly suggested we consider recruitment of new volunteers. There was discussion regarding some new volunteer assignments and the fact that we are starting to see some new faces on the property.

On a side note, President McClure directed Mr. Brady to pursue discussion of sale of MILW 5057 to an organization in Cle Elem, Washington to which this unit is historically significant.

Once again, Treasurer Brady was thanked by the Board for his hard work and excellent counsel in the financial matters of the organization.

Old Business

Truckee Railroad Days 2005

President McClure reported that as of this date, he has heard nothing further from the organizers of Truckee Railroad Days regarding our participation in their event this year.

Motion # 05-07-03 – Abandon pursuit of participation in Truckee Railroad Days 2005. Motion made by Director Cochran, seconded by Director Stiles. All Directors present voted in favor. Motion carried.

New Business

Wheelchair Lift Purchase

Director Vicknair presented a report regarding the opportunity to purchase a manual wheelchair lift belonging to a co-worker of member Alan Hirasawa. Item was a back-up lift for Amtrak and was built in 1992. He inspected the lift and with the exception of minor repairs, it appears to be in good shape and working condition. Purchase price is \$800. New lifts run around \$7,500 not including shipping. Dan Brady generously offered to donate \$400 if Board members would pledge the rest. The following Board members each pledged \$100 toward the purchase of the lift: Norm Holmes, Gail McClure, Wayne Monger, Hank Stiles. The following Board members each pledged \$100 toward any needed repairs: Kerry Cochran, Eugene Vicknair.

Motion # 05-07-04 – Authorization to purchase wheelchair lift in the amount of \$800 to be funded from budgetary line item 40415 - LIFT FUND AND ADA COMPLIANCE.

Motion made by Director Stiles, seconded by Director McClure. All Directors present voted in favor. Motion carried.

WP 484 Caboose Restoration

Director Habeck requested that the Board consider a proposal to approve a cosmetic restoration of the WP 484 caboose. This caboose was one of the last six ordered by the WP and delivered in May 1980. President McClure and Director Habeck will be responsible for a Hospital Equipment move from Portola, CA to Cheyenne, WY for the UP's Historic Locomotive Program. The UP has requested that the caboose accompany the equipment for the purpose of transporting tools and other equipment which may be required on the trip. They have recommended that the caboose be returned to Portola as part of the UP 3985 Steam Train. As an ambassador for the FRRS, it would be beneficial for the caboose to receive a cosmetic restoration prior to use in mainline service. This year also represents the 25th anniversary of its build date/receipt by the WP.

Anticipated costs are \$4,000 for prep, paint and lettering. Director Habeck pledged \$500 and Director Stiles pledged \$100 toward the project. Director Vicknair was instructed to conduct an internet fundraising effort toward this project.

Motion # 05-07-05 – Approval of cosmetic restoration of exterior of WP 484 caboose, in an amount not to exceed \$4,000 to be funded from budgetary line item 56000 – Restorations, with a specific line item to be created for WP 484 under this general category, and supported by an internet fundraiser. Motion made by Director Vicknair, seconded by Director Stiles. All Directors present voted in favor with the exception on Director Habeck, who abstained. Motion carried.

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President's Report

President McClure reported Dunsmuir Railroad Days 2005 has been successful for the FRRS. Event is well organized and we appear to be receiving lots of positive public relations opportunities. He extended special thanks to Matt Shuman/Shasta Cascade Rail Preservation Society for his hard work in seeing that we were well represented and that the FRRS and volunteers have been treated very well.

WP 2001 is back under our care and control after use on an excursion in conjunction with Trains Unlimited, Tours on the McCloud Railroad. The locomotive performed extremely well and was returned with no issue.

Silver Lodge has not been moved from San Antonio, TX yet and he continues to be in contact with representatives of the UP to get this issue to progress.

Our red flatcar is currently at the loading point as agreed upon for use by Pacific Locomotive Association/Nile Canyon Railway. They are leasing the car from us for transportation of a donated locomotive. Hopes are that once the locomotive is unloaded at PLA, we will be able to load the WP 165 for return to Portola.

Director's Reports

Director Monger advised he has concerns regarding the membership fee structure. He asked that the Board re-evaluate the current structure and asked that research be done to determine how many new life memberships we have received since it was adopted.

Department Reports

Roadmaster's Report – President McClure reported that a switch was run through and two axles of SPI 12 were on the ground. Incident was handled exactly as required and expected by the Director of Operations and his crew. Engine was re-railed with minimal effort and little or no damage to the equipment and track. Two ties need to be replaced on the West Pass before the end of August.

CMO Report – Director Stiles reported that SP 1100 has a bad load regulator. WP 2001 running "like a watch". Director Cochran also advised that UP 849 up and running although it currently has no oil.

Funding – Director McClure reported that a mail out fundraiser is planned for September to take advantage of last minute opportunities to make tax deductible donations.

Facilities – Director Vicknair reported that work continues on the Silver Debris including additional sheetrock work. Deck work and electrical work including hard power connection with quick disconnect to follow shortly.

Committee Reports

Director Stiles has requested a listing of all committees to be included on each month's agenda, ad-hoc and standing, active or not.

Legal Counsel Report

None

Status of Surplus Property Report

None

Safety Report

Director Cochran advised the Board that over the last several months, there have been several incidences that have him extremely concerned regarding safety at the museum. He implores each and every member to make safety our number one concern and watch for any and all instances which could lead to accidents or injuries. We want to continue to be a leader in safety, not in reportable incidents.

Public Comments

Webmaster David Epling reported that our webcam will be operational by week's end. He, Tom Carter, and Director Vicknair have also created a member based bulletin board tied to the FRRS website to go live that evening.

Notices

Officer elections, committee and department head appointments scheduled for August Board meeting.

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 7:31 p.m. and reconvened to open session 7:38 p.m.

Closed Session

President McClure reported out of closed session that a report was given regarding an ongoing legal issue. No reportable action was taken.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.
Next meeting: Saturday, August, 6 2004
Location TBD
Portola, CA

Respectively Submitted
Gail A. McClure

Motions and Actions Summary

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Motions Passed

1. Consent Motions – Motion 05-07-01/05-07-02. Removed from agenda by motion

Minutes – Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held Jun 4, 2005.

Financial Reports – May – June 2005. Removed for report by Treasurer.

2. Motions

Motion 05-07-03.. Abandon Pursuit of Participation in Truckee Railroad Days 2005

End plans for participation in Truckee Railroad Days 2005 following no contact from organizers of the event. Motion made by Director Cochran, seconded by Director Stiles. All Directors present voted in favor – Motion carried.

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Next Board Meeting

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Location: PRM Volunteer Lounge - Portola, CA

respectfully submitted by Eugene Vicknair, secretary

September 10, 2005