

**Feather River Rail Society
Board of Directors Meeting – April 10, 2021 –1:00 PM
Conference Call due to COVID-19 Shelter Protocols**

President Greg Elems called the meeting to order at 1:09 PM. All attendance by phone.

Attendance

The following Directors were present:

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| Kerry Cochran | Charlie Spikes | Matt Elems |
| Bob Sims | Greg Elems | Janet Steeper |
| Steve Habeck | Eugene Vicknair | |

8 directors present at meeting start – Quorum achieved.

Guests present:

Matt Shuman – 2021 Election Chair
David Elems – Asst. CMO

Correspondence

- *Habeck* –Getting fundraisers back. So far we have received \$7,305. Mailer cost \$1,052. Received a few for \$1,000 including David Young, a few more \$500 including Jeff Asay, a couple \$250 including Jay Sarno. Received \$50 donation for WP 165. We have received about \$250 through PayPal.
 - From someone in Tuscon, AZ for archives. Postcard showing single bridge at Tobin before highway built. Sent to someone in New York, postmarked San Francisco on Sept. 8, 1913. Cancelled with Panama-Pacific Expo stamp.
 - Received some letters from a couple of members and donors. One sent letter with story for possible Train Sheet article.
 - ULine is opening a facility in Reno which will save us on shipping.
 - Ozark Mountain Railcar sent Eugene Vicknair an introductory letter.

Consent Calendar

Approval of the minutes of the March Regular Meeting.

Motion 21-04-01

Approve the minutes of the March 2021 Regular Meeting as presented.
Vicknair / Spikes. Aye – 8, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

Old Business

UP 6946 Fundraising and Restoration Proposal

Review concept to raise funds and cosmetically restore UP Centennial for its 50th birthday.

- Written report provided.
- Steve Habeck found a guy who has copies of official Union Pacific painting and lettering diagrams, including the Centennials. Steve ordered copy. The 6946 was last painted in 1984 and the diagram is from 1981. Steve looking at getting the lettering locally reproduced. Noted that Union Pacific shield is 60 inches and scotchlite. Some differences between current 6946 paint and what diagram says it should be.
- Eugene noted that we need to improve access and steps to walkway.
- David Elems noted there are two codes for stairways, OSHA and IBC. We need to conform to IBC for general public access.
- Kerry Cochran brought up remarks from members that we should be focusing more on WP equipment.
- Discussion about how the 6946 is the biggest, most obvious piece of equipment to visitors and has been left accessible to the visitors.
- Agreed that focus should be safety and compliant access to the engine.

- Noted that with weather and covid issues improving, WP 705 work will start soon.
- Discussion about whether UP Centennial will get more attention on Go Fund Me vs. other equipment.
- Board consensus that safety / access issues are first priority for UP 6946.
- Thinking is to prioritize dock stairs and no access to 6946 without docent this year.
- Board consensus to allow Eugene to set up Go Fund Me to raise funds for UP 6946.

New Business

COVID Reopening

Discuss needs and issues surrounding COVID-19 protection needed for museum reopening.

- Written report and information provided.
- Kerry discussed proposed reopening plan. Suggests we empanel a group to look deeply at this and make plans and recommendations.
- Suggested that David Elems, Charlie Spikes and Kerry Cochran be COVID committee.
- Consensus approval given to allow committee to finalize a reopening plan.

Archive and Library Policy Updates

Review updated policies concerning the Archives and Library.

- Written report and policies provided.
- Discussion about security provisions concerning cel phones / removable media / etc.
- Concern about responsibility for cel phones. There are disclaimers in the policy that we are not responsible for phones, media, cameras, etc.
- Discussion about health requirement for having water on hand for hydration. Limit to designated locations and not allowed in storage area or on research tables. Suggestion to limit bottled water to entry way only.
- Bob Sims commented that he has not had sufficient time to fully review. Has already noted that there are some grammar and spelling errors.
- Kerry Cochran requested that this be moved to Closed Session as a matter urgency. Consensus direction given. Item is tabled until Closed Session.

Affiliate / Institutional Member Benefits Policy

Update benefits for Affiliate / Institutional Members and codify in policy.

- Written report provided.
- Discussed background of the affiliate / institutional groups.
- Habeck feels we should only send 1 copy Train Sheet and no Headlight.
- Clarification on dues for Institutional Membership.

Motion 21-04-02

Approve the change in Institutional Member policy with change to 1 copy of the Train Sheet and no Headlight. Vicknair / Cochran. Aye – 8, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

Matt Shuman left meeting – 2:20 PM

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President's Report

- Written report provided.
- Kerry Cochran had question about track rebuild costs. Asked for definition of seconds ties. Ties we are proposing to acquire are unused ties rejected by UP for non-structural reasons.
- Discussion about tie quality and track structure.
- Review of track replacement work scope.

Financial Reports

- Written reports provided.
- Budget revision.
- Discussion of revised budget.
- Noted that charge to MailRite in transactions is for Fundraiser, not Train Sheet.

Motion 21-04-03

Approve the revised budget as presented.

Vicknair / Spikes. Aye – 8, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

Director's Reports

- *Vicknair* – written report provided.
 - Habeck has concern about RAL appointment software. Wants to have appointment software not lock appointment until we approve the time. The software being looked at will allow that.
 - Discussion about if we should scale back width of concrete pad to just cover up to track 1.
 - Discussion about cost for removal of existing concrete.
 - Concern about reopening advertising and whether we should tread lightly.

Event Reports

- *2021 WP Historic Convention* – Finalize date for 2021 Convention
 - Greg Elems has talked to proposed hotel. SureStay by Best Western. They have banquet room with max 300 capacity. Waiting to hear back on price quotes. Hotel is working on issues with Nevada reopening requirements.
 - Possible dates are 3rd and 4th weekends of September. Reno Air Races are Sept 15-19. Camel Races in Virginia City are Sept 18.
 - Question about how many rooms for clinics and exhibits. Usually 1 clinic and 1 vendor / exhibit.
 - Recommended Sept 24-26, 2021 for Convention.

Department Reports

- *General Superintendent* – written report provided.
- *Historical / Archives* – written report provided.
- *Train Sheet* – written report provided.
- *Webmaster* – written report provided.
- *Funding* – written report provided.
 - Noted that the fundraiser is doing well.
- *Mechanical* – verbal report
 - Mainly been buying parts for equipment to be worked on.
 - Bought filters for WP SW1500 1503. They have been out of stock.
 - Starting work on SP GP9 2873. Has filters on order.
 - Been doing clean up around engine area.
 - Once 1503 is out of the shop, going to focus on 2873 and then WP GP7 707.

Committee Reports

none

Legal / Insurance Report

none

Status of Surplus Property Report

none

Safety Report

none

Public Comments

none

Notices

none

Closed Session – 3:17 PM – 4:55 PM

The Board heard a report on a Business Item – Potential Business Opportunity. Consensus direction given, no reportable action taken.

The Board heard a report on a Property Item – Property and Buffer Zone. Consensus direction given, no reportable action taken.

The Board heard a report on an Operations Item – Museum Reopening. Consensus direction given, no reportable action taken.

The Board heard a report on a Collection Item – Meeker Collection. Consensus direction given, no reportable action taken.

The Board heard a report on a Business Item – Equipment Policies. Consensus direction given, no reportable action taken.

Motion 21-04-04

Approve the Archive and Library Policies as presented under business item New Business 2.

Vicknair / Habeck. Aye – 8, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at: 4:56 PM (Vicknair / M. Elems)

Next Meeting: May 15, 2021 – 4:30 PM

Location: Conference Call – COVID-19 Protocols

Respectfully Submitted, Eugene Vicknair – FRRS Secretary