

# Board of Directors Report

Board of Directors Meeting, May 7, 1994.

There has been no progress on any steam acquisition projects - the deal with Nevada State Railroad Museum for YSPL Shay is in "hibernation."

Hank Stiles reported on his progress on finding parts for Ingersoll-Rand #110-1 by making contact with I-R personnel in San Leandro, Ca. and is awaiting word back. Norm Holmes mentioned that he has discussed with Hatch & Kirk in Napa, Ca. about finding I-R parts. Dave Dewey mentioned that the push rods and other parts are in the process of being made at Butte College in Oroville.

Gordon Wollesen reported that 3-Phase 220-V wiring is being installed for the welder. Wayne Monger suggested looking into a new geo-textile material for placing between tracks that was advertised in recent issue of Railway Age. Kent Stephens received positive response from Green Rock Quarry at Eley that fine ballast will be donated to the FRRS.

Norm Holmes has recently purchased a cylinder compression tester for EMD's and has found someone in Reno that is interested in doing the work. A wheel-truing machine has been purchased but has not arrived yet. Wayne Monger mentioned that he has asked Jeff Forbis at McCloud Railway for a cost estimate for doing the work to replace all wheels on both trucks of 921-D at the McCloud Ry. shops.

The purchase of GE U33C SP 8653 was discussed; then the board voted to overturn the previous decision to purchase it.

Discussion followed on purchase of operational FPA-4 that will replace the 921-D in the Rent A-Locomotive program following the sale of our Long Island FA1 to Illinois Railroad Museum.

The board discussed problems with RPO Car on Napa Valley Wine Train. There are possible major problems moving the car due to friction bearings and the mention from people that have worked on the car that there may be serious problems with the underframe. It may have to be trucked if we go ahead with the purchase.

There was a brief discussion of the continuing problem of ownership/donation of passenger car "Pioneer" and of needing a resolution of the problem with Sam Gerdler.

There was an update from Kent Stephens on negotiations for the purchase of ex-SN 146 44-ton GE from North-western Oklahoma Railroad.

Next was a report of a party based in Sacramento who is interested in leasing from the FRRS the ex-O&NW track tamper for use for 6 months in exchange for doing repair on machine and returning to do track tamping on museum track for free. Hank Stiles made report on it saying that it is only in need of new batteries and some minor repairs to the fuel system. The board voted to continue investigating before allowing any lease.

Hank Stiles estimates that cost of parts to finally fix prime mover on WP 501 will be around \$2,500. Due to the historical significance of the unit, there was a general decision that we should make top quality repairs that will last.

Board of Directors meeting June 12, 1994. *Brief overview of high points.*

A shop class from Portola High School has started repairs on our caboose UP 25049. By the end of school in June, most all of the yellow paint on the outside of carbody had been stripped down to the original brown paint.

The Board reevaluated the proposed purchase of SP U33C. The prior decision to cancel the purchase held by 3-3 tie vote. Our offer to purchase 44-ton ex-SN 146 from North-western Oklahoma RR was discussed.

Agreement was made on the proposed new format for the 1994 National Track Motorcar Championships being held on August 6, 1994.

# Circle The Wagons

We are just now starting to relax after the very busy time we put in preparing for our Tenth Anniversary Celebration. In the next Train Sheet, we'll have a complete listing of the members helping and the work they did; but for now, suffice it to say, the Circle the Wagons celebration was an unqualified success. We planned for more than twice the number of people that showed up, but 2,000 or so isn't bad. Nevada State Railroad Museum sent their 1881 4-4-0 steamer that operated on all three days and California State Railroad Museum sent WP F7A 913 which also operated with our 921D. The steamer was trucked from Carson City, 913 was brought up from Sacramento courtesy of Union Pacific. Other visiting locomotives did not make it for a variety of reasons. If you didn't visit our museum during the July 2-3-4, 1994 holiday, you missed a great show. The pageant was outstanding. The Pacific Limited train, looking magnificent and powered by Union Pacific's E9's, rumbled in and out of Portola during the festivities.

# Annual Membership Meeting

The annual membership meeting on June 25, 1994 was attended by about 30 members. A great London broil and breast of chicken dinner was prepared by Mardl Langdon and Sue Cooper, assisted by Linda Lippincott. The highlight of the evening was the unveiling of our WP 805A. David Dewey had just finished the nose wings and Odie Lorimer painted a WP herald, with the proper curve and handle notch, to complete the job. Some painting on the roof and back remain to be done, but it really looks great.

# Election Results

With over 400 votes cast, the By Laws amendment to increase the number of members of the board of directors passed with only 3 "No" votes.

The following people were elected:

- Steve Habeck
- William "Hank" Stiles
- Gordon Wollesen
- Vic Neves
- Peter Langdon
- Sue Cooper

Steve, Hank, Gordon, Vic and Peter were each elected to a two-year term, Sue was elected to a one year term.

We thank all who ran for the Board for their interest in shaping our future.

# Help Wanted

Work on the Silver Shower Car at the museum is moving right along. We still need assistance in completing it. We need to:

- complete painting the interior.
- install hot water heater.
- install fixtures.

Contact Gordon Wollesen at the museum if you can help.

# Portola Steam-Up!

The 4-4-0 steam locomotive that the Nevada State Railroad Museum loaned to us for the Circle the Wagons event, will be pulling our caboose trains at Portola on Saturday and Sunday, July 23, and 24, 1994 from 11 AM to 4 PM. Come up and see steam at Portola!