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site as well as equipment relocation. Passed.

2. MOTION 50-7/2000-Presented by Director Brehm stating:

All long distance phone calls placed from or charged to Feather River Rail Society telecommunications equipment will be logged on the attached form and forwarded to the accountant for reconciliation each month with the bill received from the provider of such service. Any charges that cannot be identified or reconciled may be reversed to the party called. Passed.

3. MOTION 51-7/2000-Presented by Director Brehm stating:

All discretionary expenditures of Feather River Rail Society funds will cease immediately. This includes all previously approved budgetary items for the 2000 calendar year. AN departments will immediately suspend purchasing as well as suspend any future "agree to purchase" arrangements unless directly associated with member benefits or approved by the President and/or the Board of Directors at a regularly held meeting. This action will remain in effect until such time as a report is received from our Treasurer affirming a positive financial outlook and a positive cash flow for Feather River Rail Society. This motion will be revisited at each Board meeting until a positive cash flow is noted. Passed.

4. MOTION 52-7/2000 ... Presented by Director Brehm stating:

The F.R.R.S. shall accept the A & D Committee recommendation on the Simplot/SP RS-32 and the WP sleeper "Clover Plot" and approve an official opening of negotiations with the Golden Gate Railroad Museum concerning these items. Negotiations to be conducted by Director Vicknair. Passed.

### **SUGGESTIONS PRESENTED:**

1. Director Murphy presented the following suggestions that may help improve the efficiency of the Museum.

A. Activate a Funding Department see MOTION 29-2/2000

B. Coordinate and seek volunteers by: Introductory classes, Local newspaper ads, Talking to people who come to the Museum

C. Museum must have a line of authority

D. New ways of marketing the Museum

E. Have staff meetings regularly

2. Ken Roller asked permission to do some track work around the Museum. Permission was granted.

3. John Walker submitted a report from the W.P.R.R.H. S. and gave a recap of the recent meeting held in Quincy.

4. Possible replacement for Lolli Bryan was discussed. Chairman Anderson and Director Murphy will pursue this.

5. RAILFAN DAY: Board approved the suggestion by Director Neves that we move Railfan Day to Yolo this

year only.

6. Letter to Mr. John Bromley of Union Pacific requesting consideration of donating to the Museum retired equipment that will be disposed of in the future was read to the group. In that much of this equipment has Western Pacific history it was felt that if this were possible it would be a great acquisition.

### **GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

1. Director Murphy expressed his and the City of Portola's thanks to Director Morgan for his assistance in relocating a caboose to the downtown area. This will definitely be a plus for the Museum and the City.

2. A caption of the narrative from member Gary Hall is as follows: (a complete text is on file at the Museum).

A. Museum needs a goal

B. We need to do better in customer service and public relations

C. Care more about members and their opinions

D. President needs to set goals

E. Ask members to help and get their opinions

F. Set a firm calendar and stick to it

G. Ask members for their input re: calendar or events

He expressed interest in forming an Organizational Committee, which he volunteered to be a part of

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. Railroad Days August 19 & 20th

2. August Board Meeting August 12, 2000 - Beanery, Portola Railroad Museum, 6 p.m.

3. Locomotive Maintenance Clinic August 5 & 6

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

August 12, 2000

The August meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at the Beanery at 1704 hours.

Directors present: Brehm, Morgan, Brimmer, Vicknair, Neves, Stiles, Wagner, Murphy and Anderson.

Others present: Jim Gidley, Dan Brady, Gary Hall, Tom Graham, Steve Habeck, Janice Stiles, Wayne Monger, Lolli Bryan, John Walker, Ken Iverson and Thom Anderson.

Minutes were approved as mailed. Correspondence was read.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Dan Brady's report included the following:

1. Form 990 is ready to be sent. Financial picture is slightly on the plus side.

2. Preliminary Budgets will be brought up at the October Board Meeting.

3. Advertising Plan could be better. Possible we should

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look into an advertising agency. A plan is definitely needed for next year in writing. Treasurer Brady felt that advertising expenditures were less than organized and that possibly a committee comprised of both Board Members and membership would be advantageous and more fiscally accountable.

4. Credit Cards: new ones will be issued and cannot be used for cash advances. They can be cancelled immediately if anyone having one is found to be misusing it.

5. A Policy on contributions and membership is needed.

6. Financial status at this time is relatively good but at year's end will be basically depleted.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Truckee Railroad Days: Director Morgan cannot make contact with Ms. Smart so the Board came to the decision to discontinue negotiations with the Truckee Railroad Days Committee as per MOTION 53-8/2000 if certain demands are not met by August 20, 2000. Passed. Chairman Anderson was instructed to contact Ms. Smart as to the Board's decision and requirements. Director Morgan brought forth MOTION 11-96-010 regarding the requirements that are to be met before any Museum rolling stock will be permitted to leave the property. (attached)

2. Roof Repair: Director Morgan felt procurement of bids should be the responsibility of the Facility Manager. In order to expedite obtaining bids Chairman Anderson will assume responsibility while working with Facility Manager Ken Iverson.

3. Dunsmuir Daylight Final Financial Report: Director Morgan was unable to present this report to the Board.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. Master Plan: Director Vicknair announced that Master Plan meetings have been organized for October 7 & 14 at noon at the Portola Railroad Museum. Notification will be made to all involved people. A possible "Round Table" discussion will be organized by Director Murphy.

2. WP Steamer 26: Director Vicknair is pursuing the possible acquisition on a long term loan basis of WP Steamer 26. Board directed him to proceed.

3. A & D Committee: The Board recommended that Jim Ley be appointed to the A & D Committee.

4. Headlight: Board instructed John Walker to assist in drafting a policy procedure for the Headlight publication. Possibly cutting page content and publishing on a regular basis.

5. Calendars: Director Neves reported there will be no 2001 FRRS CALENDAR. He is proceeding with the 2002 calendar.

6. Painting of Rolling Stock: Director Stiles has contacted Steve Ohrman regarding painting of locomotives. Mr. Ohrman predicted it would take 3 weeks to do a unit and his charge would be \$39.00/hour. (approximately 120 hours) Director Stiles will get a contract from Mr. Ohrman.. MOTION 54-8/2000 states that we paint Unit

707 as follows: silver and orange with single white stripe. Passed.

7. Bylaws: The preliminary copy of the revised Bylaws have been sent to the committee members and they are reviewing them. A report will be forthcoming. Chairman Anderson was instructed to write Mr. Jacobson regarding his fees, if any, in this matter.

8. Magnolia Tower: Directors Neves & Vicknair are going to pursue cost and acquisition possibilities.

9. Membership: Director Brehm presented a motion regarding membership fees changes. This will be discussed at the next Board meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Organizational Flow Chart: Gary Hall made a presentation concerning the development of an Organizational Flow Chart and with the Board's approval will continue to present, at a later date, a proposal for the Board's adoption. Mr. Hall is in charge of forming a committee for this project.

2. Whitaker Negatives: MOTION 55-8/2000 presented by Director Brehm to accept the offer of ninety-one (91) negatives from the Whitaker Estate Collection. Purchase price \$444.00. Passed.

### **GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

1. R.A.L: Having a new contact for R.A.L. was discussed and Director Murphy will endeavor to talk to various individuals concerning the location of the R.A.L. reservation phone.

2. Railroad Days: Participation was discussed. Two Model Railroad Clubs will be here.

3. Facility Manager Report: Ken Iverson reported that the facility needed cleaning and repair and if necessary he recommended we hire some of this work done. This is due to the severe shortage of "volunteer" help at the museum. He suggested we have an information table at the Master Plan meetings in order to entice more people to participate in the R.A.L. program also.

4. ARMS Convention: Norm\_Holmes asked to be the representative to the ARMS Convention to be held in Scranton, Pa on September 19, 2000. The Board, by voice vote, agreed to pay the following: Hotel & Convention Registration, allowance of \$34.00/day for meals. Passed.

5. Silver Hostel Litigation: Chairman Anderson was instructed to correspond with the law firm representing the Museum in the Hostel litigation concerning the level of progress toward resolving this issue.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. September Board Meeting Saturday, September 9, 1 p. m., Museum

2. Master Plan Meetings October 7, Portola Railroad Museum-4 Noon, October 14, Portola Railroad Museum, Noon

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned.