June 2007 Membership Meeting

Summary continued from Issue 140...

Director Holmes reminded the group that the WP had been absorbed into the UP 25 years ago and that when he was working as part of the founding group to create the organization, he never thought the museum would be what it is today. He expressed his pride in what has been accomplished and what he believes is to come.

Director McClure indicated her pleasure at seeing so many members in attendance, including new people who had recently become involved with the Society. She stated the importance of spreading the passion that brought them all into the organization's membership, and the importance of giving donations of time and/or money to support the FRRS' mission of preserving, interpreting, and educating the public as to the history of the Western Pacific Railroad and its people. She reminded all present that they should contact their Directors with any questions or concerns they have regarding the direction or activities of the organization.

Director Monger announced a summary of activities planned for the FRRS 2009 Centennial Celebration in honor of the 100th Anniversary of the completion of the WP, 60th Anniversary of the inaugural run of the CZ and 25th Anniversary of the FRRS. Possible events being investigated include a re-enactment of the Ruby Jubilee, placement of historical markers, and a traveling history exhibit about the WP. He noted the impact the WP had on the development of the Oakland waterfront, which will also celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2010. Lastly, he thanked Thom Anderson and Dave Pires for their efforts regarding the WP conventions over the years. He also thanked Museum Manager John Walker for his work with the archives.

Director Parker indicated that he was in agreement with what Directors who spoke before him had said that evening. He expressed to the members present the importance of defining who you are as well as what you are not. He is pleased we present a unique experience to our visitors and acknowledged that this would not be possible without the Herculean efforts of a small group of very talented volunteers who accomplish great things. He asked that everyone keep in mind not just what needs to be done, but take some time to take pride in what we have done.

Museum Manager John Walker spoke of the pride he felt upon the overwhelming positive response received from our peers attending the ARM-TRAIN Convention pre-convention tour, particularly the applause he received upon leaving the convention busses which was deserved by all who had worked to prepare and execute the event. He echoed Director Brehm's remarks regarding the work providing the dayto-day operational support that members and visitors don't see including house- and groundskeeping. He is pleased with the continuity and productivity improvements happening all the time, and very proud of the volunteers who give up their time to make things happen. He then provided a special award to those he identified as "super volunteers": Don Borden, Bruce Veilleux, Wayne Monger, Alan Lamb, Mike Mucklin, Steve Habeck, Cody Wilson, Thom Anderson and Dave Pires.

WPRRHS Administrator Thom Anderson reviewed the 11th Annual WPRRHS Convention including a presentation rundown. He thanked Jim Diaz for his coordination efforts and indicated great pleasure for a job well done. He spoke about the production schedule of The Headlight, the need for articles, and reminded everyone that there is a lot of archive material for research.

Headlight Editor Dave Pires recognized and thanked Kent Stephens, Virgil Staff, and Director Holmes for their outstanding efforts as supporters of the magazine through their contributions. He indicated a need for new historical material and reminded interested authors that the magazine is currently scheduled for publication in April, August and December for parties interested in contributing articles.

Election results are as follows:

Norman Holmes - 367 . elected Wayne Monger - 350 . elected Kerry Cochran - 330 . elected

Merrill Thurman - 121	Ed Wagner - 112
Craig Simmons -2	Charlie Spikes - 1
Vic Neves - 1	Loren Dunlap - 1
Dave Pires - 1	John Walker - 1

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Public Comments

Vicki Epling shared her experience of walking onto the property for the first time ten years ago and recalled that she was not impressed with what she saw. She shared that her opinion of the facility and organization has changed drastically. She thanked the Board Members and President McClure for all they have done to raise the organization to new heights. Her remarks were echoed by David Epling.

July 2007 Board Meeting Motions and Actions Summary

Motions Passed

1. Consent Motions - approved motion 07-07-02.

. Minutes - from the June 2007 BOD Meeting.

. Financial Reports - Profit/Loss and Balance Sheet through end June 2007.

Added by amendment motion 07-01-07: . Correction to June minutes noted: John Ryczkowski's wife is Mary, not Linda as reported. .2007 Annual Meeting Minutes

. June 26, 2007 Special Meeting.

2. Business Motions

Motion 07-07-03

ARM Convention

Approval for expenditure not to exceed \$2,000 to be funded from budgetary line item 67310 -Travel & Meals for the purpose of sending two delegates to the ARM Convention in Pittsburgh, PA in October 2007. McClure / Habeck. Aye - 5, Nay - 1, Abstain - 0. Motion carried.

Motion 07-07-04

Members Appreciation Weekend

Table agenda item until a future meeting. Stiles / Holmes. Aye - 6, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0. Motion carried.

Actions and Notices

• Re-elected directors Holmes, Monger and Cochran were seated on the Board.

• Consensus direction from the Board to accept offer to participate in Dunsmuir Railroad Days currently scheduled for July 11-13, 2008.

President's Report

The President gave a summary of recent work projects around the museum, including work preparing for Operation Season opening.
He also gave a synopsis of preparation for Dunsmuir Railroad Days and an overview of how the event was shaping up.

Museum Manager's Report

• The Museum Manager reported that Gift Shop sales are slow while visitorship remains steady. • The facility is in good shape.

• There have been a considerable number of volunteer hours worked by our members.

Director's Reports

Monger - Reported the unexpected passing of John Mackey, a Winterail regular. Stiles - Estimated cost for Scott Franklin to seal asphalt entrance to the facility is \$1,000. Additional work required to fix the Model-T in the estimated amount of \$500. Agreement from President McClure to authorize additional work to be funded from the Roadmaster's budget.

Department Reports

Zephyr Project - Reported offer from owner of Silver Thrush for the FRRS to purchase the car. Unfortunately, funds for such a purchase are not available at this time.

Funding - Reported advice from member Jeff Asay regarding application for UP Foundation Grant for ADA modifications to MP Caboose. *IT Services* - Work proceeding on network installation.

Committee Reports

Railfan Photographer's Day - Work progressing on Railfan Photographer's Day scheduled for September 29, 2007.

Acquisition & Deacquisition - Committee considered disposition of caboose WP 646 and reported a recommendation of deaccession in a vote of 5-1.

Public Comments

• Member and President of Shasta Cascade Rail Preservation Society Matt Shuman thanked all members and volunteers from the FRRS who made our participation possible.

Closed Session

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 7:11 PM and reconvened to open session at 7:18 PM. Director McClure reported the following: