- · CSRM is no longer interested in the IR boxcab. Agreement concerning boxcab is now void.
- · Private equipment letters will go out to owners as certified mail.

# **Director's Reports**

Vicknair - Tom Carter working on on-line store set-up. Carter gave presentation on system and reported costs. Showed example website. Gave outline of what it would take to get products on-line. Board gave consensus direction to bring formal proposal to May Board Meeting. Monger - Bob Sims purchased an 1911-12 Arthur Keddie Map and built display case for it. Mr. Sims brought map and case with him from Tehachapi to place in display room. Shows all railroads, wagon roads, mines, lumber railroads, lumber mills, creeks, etc. It was adopted in 1912 as the official map of Plumas County. Board formally thanks Bob Sims for his generous donation and work. Director McClure thanked Bob for his recent monetary donations as well. Holmes - Reported on new catering service in town doing birthdays and weddings. Could be used for events at museum. They are interested in working with us. Joe Strapac is interested in doing a compendium on WP locomotives, wondered if we are interested in participating. Director Brehm will contact for more info.

# **Department Reports**

IT - Looking at VPN info and new costs on ISP service. Found cheaper service with better access to facilitate point of sale system.
 Advertising - Had report on participation in Sparks Farmers Market.

Funding - Gave report on outstanding donation letters. Asked that any and all monetary and equipment donations needs to be given to Director Monger.

Grants - Director Vicknair gave Director Monger info on Save America's Treasures grant, will be following up on applications for this. Director Monger wants to target Life Members about donating to WP locomotive paint fund, specifically to cover WP 705, 921, 917. Wants to send Athearn special models of WP F-units to first 5 people who donate at least \$1000. Also wants to send fundraising letter tied to the US government tax stimulus letter.

Mechanical - Seth Adams will present new locomotive inspection form at the training day.

# **Committee Reports**

Election - Every candidate has presented

statements. Five candidates are Charlie Spikes, John Walker, Rod McClure, Matt Parker and Frank Brehm. Epling informed candidates that they can have observers at the count. Model Railroad - Bob Sims has donated \$1000 to the Z Scale layout and purchased two engines and 30 cars, plus track components, and donated them. Layout is functioning on basic level and fully assembled. Bruce Veilluex did a lot of work prepping the display room. In future, we will be placing Plexiglas around the layout for protection. Is getting two custom made WP cabooses made for the layout. Other equipment is also committed for donation. Merrill Thurman's donation of the layout was again acknowledged. Loren Schneider, owner of a hobby shop, gave us a steep discount on parts. A&D - Director Vicknair, as liaison, gave report of A&D committee findings on two items: PFE mech reefer and DRGW wooden boxcar. Both were deemed appropriate to the collection.

## **Closed Session**

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 11:40 PM. Reconvened to open session at 12:25 AM. Secretary Vicknair reported the following:

"The Board heard a report on an on-going legal issue, FRRS v. Kasten / ITAC. Information given, no reportable action taken.

The Board heard information on a concept for fundraising excursions. Concensus direction given, no reportable action taken.

The Board reviewed issues on a business issue concerning the open Museum Manager position. Concensus direction given, no reportable action taken.

The Board heard a report concerning a possible issue of member misconduct. Concensus direction given, no reportable action taken."

# May 2008 Board Meeting Motions and Actions Summary

## **Motions Passed**

- 1. Consent Motions approved motion 08-05-01.
- . Financial Reports Profit/Loss and Balance Sheet through end April 2008.

#### 2. Business Motions

## Motion 08-05-02

# Donation of Cars from CSRM

Accept donation of WP related railcars from CSRM. Cars are early PFE mechanical reefer, SN wood flat car 1449 and WP beer boxcar. \$2000 from line item 52010 will be approved to cover movement costs.

Vicknair / Holmes. Aye - 6, Nay - 1, Abstain - 1. Motion carried.

#### Motion 08-05-03

# Reno Area Advertising

Approve \$500 from line item 67010 -Advertising to purchase 2 weeks in the Reno Gazette Journal Event Calendar. Add would offer ½ price family train ride pass. Vicknair / McClure. Aye - 8, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0. Motion carried.

## **Actions and Notices**

- · Appointment of 2008 Election Tellers: Russ Johnson, Sherri Johnson, Vicki Epling, Craig Simmons.
- · IT Manager Bruce Veilleux made a report concerning improvements to the computer and webcam systems and to museum security. B. Veilleux, E. Vicknair and M. Parker appointed to ad-hoc security improvement committee.
- · Concensus direction given to Director Parker to proceed with plan to create interactive display of telegraph / radio operations.

### **President's Report**

- · Private Equipment all certified tags came back as accepted. Most contracts have been signed or other actions being taken.
- · WP 708 is in shop to provide good trucks and motors to 805, one axle has bad flanges
- Dunsmuir waiting for contract, contract needs to be to us by June meeting, UP has approved our movement
- · Fence E Vicknair talked to Cal Conservation Corp about doing fence around property. Cost about \$4000 for 8 days of CCC workers. G McClure donated \$100 for fence work.
- · WPRRHS Convention great convention, highest attendance ever. 160 attendees, 140 for dinner. WP motorcar WPMW 2377 donated and received. Phil Schmierer has offered to restore it over the winter. FRRS sales table did roughly \$4200 including memberships. D Epling did \$946 at Turlock Model Train Show. Got 3 \$500 donations for Zephyr Project jackets and 4 other

commitments for \$500 donations.

· Edenwold - needs to be kept clean, it was filthy during last year. Is clean now.

# **Museum Manager's Report**

- · Visitor sign-in logbook: down 26% last year 5933 estimate for 2006, 4407 estimate for 2007
- · Biggest draw is Northern Sacramento Valley, then Bay Area, then Reno - Carson City
- · 3400 were first time visitors, 824 were repeat visitors of those who wrote in log book
- · We had visitors from 46 of the 50 states and from Wales and a bunch of other countries.
- · Lot of visitors from Oregon.
- · All numbers are down.

# **Director's Reports**

McClure - KNPB PBS station in Reno is doing auction nights and would like to auction off RALs each night. We would get 30 second ad spot in exchange.

Vicknair - California Conservation Corp will be sending a small team tomorrow to do some work, asked for project suggestions. Passed along thanks from Eric Stephens for the welcome everyone showed him when he was up for last meeting and at Convention.

Monger - Wednesday May 7 is California Museum Advocacy Day in Sacramento. E Vicknair, W Monger and M Coen will be attending. Will be meeting with govt reps and learn about museum related programs. Talked with Plumas Museum to see if they could also send a rep, no response yet.

Holmes - June 22: Shriner's picnic in picni Holmes offered to supervise event and take care of area and clean-up area. Is thinking about holding another Memorial Day yard sale to get rid of excess stuff. Tom Carter said that a new member suggested having a rail yard sale as part of members day.

## **Department Reports**

Public Relations - Plumas Rural Electric wants to do another article for their newsletter. Habeck stated that about 82,000 people get this newsletter around several western states. InfoTech - Thanks to Jake Knudsen for helping move computer and servers.

Funding - Gave out listing of donations given in March and April. Discussed donations being made and some interesting donations, including \$100 from Norway. Discussed issues surrounding some grant applications including Save America's Treasures.

## **Committee Reports**

Election - All ballots mailed, had some bounce back but have found correct addresses for all but one so far.

#### **Closed Session**

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 10:01 PM and reconvened to open session at 12:53 AM. Secretary Vicknair reported the following out of closed session:

"The Board heard information regarding member misconduct charges. After consulting with corporate counsel received consensus direction on issue. No reportable action taken.

The Board heard a report on an on-going legal issue, FRRS v. Kasten / ITAC. Concensus direction given, no action taken.

Finally, the Board considered redefinition of the Museum Manager position recently vacated by John Walker. Concensus direction was given to the Hiring Committee to redefine the job. The Board interviewed potential candidate David Epling. After extensive discussion, a motion was forwarded and passed unanimously to offer the redefined position to Mr. Epling."

#### Motion 08-05-04

Museum Manager Hiring

Hire David Epling as Museum Manager. Start date is May 12, 32 hours / week minimum up to 40. Hours are 9 AM to 6 PM with flexibility, Mon and Tues off, 90 day probationary period. During 90 days probabtion, job description will be defined. After 90 days, further details to be determined.

Vicknair / McClure. Aye - 7, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0. Motion carried.

# June 2008 Board Meeting Motions and Actions Summary

### **Motions Passed**

- 1. Consent Motions approved motion 08-06-01.
- . Financial Reports Profit/Loss and Balance Sheet through end May 2008.
- 2. Business Motions

#### Motion 08-06-02

Advertising

Approve expenditure from line item 67010 / Advertising to not exceed \$15,000 to participate in Hot August Nights sponsorship.

McClure / Thurman. Aye - 6, Nay - 1, Abstain - 0.

Motion carried.

#### Motion 08-06-03

**Crew Lunches** 

Approve crew lunch budget of \$600 per year from line item 51025, supplying hamburgers, hot dogs and buns.

Vicknair / McClure. Aye - 7, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0. Motion carried.

### Motion 08-06-04

WPRRHS Headlight

Table issue until the November Budget Meeting. Thurman / Monger. Aye - 2, Nay - 3, Abstain - 3. Motion fails.

#### Motion 08-06-05

Improvements to Edenwold Sleeper Table issue until July Regular Meeting. Thurman / Parker. Aye - 7, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0. Motion carried.

#### **Actions and Notices**

· Due to decisions by the Dunsmuir RR Days Committee, the FRRS is joining other sponsors in not participating in Dunsmuir RR Days.

## **President's Report**

- · Private Equipment most private owners have either removed or donated their equipment, or have filed or are completing the required paperwork.
- · Virgil Staff has donated his Western Pacific archives to the FRRS.

## **Museum Manager's Report**

- · Majority of visitors are coming from Sacramento Bay Area.
- · Handled 13 walk-in RALs in prior month.
- · Need for highway signs on 70 discussed.
- · Listed donations made by local businesses for Member Day raffle. Thanked Linda Knudsen for her help in securing donations and the businesses for their generosity.

## **Director's Reports**

Parker - Reported on advertising efforts and results for recent advertising pushes.
Thurman - Shared experiences of people