

**Feather River Rail Society**  
**Board of Directors Meeting – July 8, 2017 – 4:00 PM**  
**WPRM Meeting Room – Portola, CA**

President Steve Habeck called the meeting to order at 5:10 PM. Meeting delayed 1 hour due to volunteer needs at museum.

The following Directors were present

Eugene Vicknair  
Rick Gruninger  
Leisa Wesch

Charlie Spikes  
Kerry Cochran  
Roger Stabler - phone

Steve Habeck  
Greg Elems – phone – 7:14 P  
Matt Elems - phone

**Attendance**

Paul Finnegan – webmaster  
David Elems – Asst. CMO

Bil Jackson – CMO  
Bart Hansen – treasurer

**Correspondence**

- *Vicknair* – Portola 192 phone call about property. National Airstream group was here, wants to help with restoring and fundraising for Airstream. Willow Glen trestle group received State historic status.
- *Habeck* – Question about international member who has not been getting Train Sheets and Headlights. Getting handled.

**Consent Calendar**

Approval of the minutes of the September 2016, May and June 2017 BOD Meetings.

Minutes considered separately.

Motion 07-17-01

Approve the minutes of the September 2016 BOD Meeting as presented.  
Vicknair / Spikes. Aye – 6, Nay – 0, Abstain – 2. Motion carries.

NOTE: Original submission of September 2016 Minutes was delayed due to Secretary's medical issue.

Motion 07-17-02

Approve the minutes of the May 2017 BOD Meeting as presented.  
Spikes / Vicknair. Aye – 7, Nay – 0, Abstain – 1. Motion carries.

Motion 07-17-03

Approve the minutes of the June 2017 BOD Meeting as presented.  
Vicknair / Spikes. Aye – 8, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

**Old Business**

**OB1 – SP Sugar Beet Gondola Sale / Donation**

Review request from Arizona Railway Museum for one SP Beet Gon.

- Written report provided.
- Arizona Railway Museum would be responsible for loading, tiedown and switching charges.
- Confirm with museums they may need to remove side extensions.

Motion 07-17-04

Approve the donation of Beet Gon 359246 with plywood sides to Arizona RY Museum. ARM responsible for switching at \$100/hr, movement and tiedown. Separate contract with two museums.  
Cochran / Wesch. Aye – 8, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

## **OB2 – WP 165 Fundraising Dinner**

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Review revised plan / cost for fundraising dinner.

- Written report provided.
- Discussion on monetary split. Noted need to support general fund for planning and administrative costs as applied to the 165 from general fund.
- Proposed to split 80-20% from net profit.
- Final count and payment is 2 weeks ahead of event.
- Event date is May 12, 2018. Open at 5 PM and dinner at 6 PM.
- Someone offered to do a live auction at the event.
- May 12, 2018 is day before Mother's Day. Concerns about if this date is viable.
- Discussion on the date and related issues. Ops crews and volunteers. Discussion of no train rides.

Motion 07-17-05

Approve the fundraising dinner plan for May 12, 2018, with net income split to be 80% to 165 restoration and 20% to general fund to cover various administrative and facilities costs relating to 165.

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

## **New Business**

### **NB1 – FRRS Grant Applications**

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Review proposed grant applications and approve expenditures.

- Written report provided.
- Concerns about matching grant / CCHE. Concern that we not involve this with FEMA / OES funds.
- Consensus to not pursue CCHE.

Motion 07-17-06

Approve pursuit of the 4 of the 5 outlined grants, dropping CCHE matching grant. And approve \$2,000 expenditure for Grant Writers Associates and Susan Jacobson for research and writing of grants to come from line item 40405 – Building Restricted Fund.

Vicknair / Spikes. Aye – 7, Nay – 0, Abstain – 1. Motion carries.

### **NB 2 - Facility and Equipment Repair and Upgrade Loan**

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Review information from Plumas Bank for a loan to cover repairs and upgrades.

- Informational only.
- Bank is still reviewing proposal.
- Approval expressed to also purchase a light plant as part of capital expenditure to expand event capabilities to enhance revenue.

## **Good of the Order**

### **President's Report**

- Written report provided.
- Discussed Julia Rigutto, Charles O. Sweetwood nurse visit.
- Update on Carbell plow. Took David Elems and Ethan Doty to Chester review. Rushway Trucking declined. Taylor Heavy Haul has estimated doing the move for \$20,000. Collins Mill will help with loading. Discussion about getting financial support from Collins Pine.
- FEMA inspection. Greg Elems and Steve met with 4 FEMA inspectors 2 weeks ago. FEMA on site inspector was here yesterday.

### **Financial Reports**

- Reports and summary provided

- Bart discussed working with his Uncle John Evert on selling remainder of the Bruce Ypg. Collection. Could also advise us to adjust prices.
- Patty Clawson shared that there is a collector show coming to Graeagle soon. Could be place to sell Bruce Y collection as well.
- Suggestion to save some WP equipment from Bruce Y collection for fundraising dinner auction.
- Museum Store income up \$6,000 over last year. Thanks to Leisa and KC and staff for big improvement.
- Mechanical Department has been doing a lot of work lately and has some major expenditures.
- Discussion of finding credit union to replace BofA for credit card.

### **Director's Reports**

- *Vicknair* – written report provided. Discussed Bill Wolverton upcoming donation of china, CZ silver and paperwork. Updated board on Julia Rigutto Pagan visit. Red Cross reps came to visit and gave certificate to Julia along with Shane Starr. Discussion of setting up Sweetwood commemorative event for Sept 9.

### **Event Reports**

- *2018 Convention* – written report provided on planning status.
- *2017 Pumpkin Patch Express* – written report provided. Discussion of food trucks, pumpkin sales and night train ops for PPE.

### **Department Reports**

- *Webmaster* – written report provided. Discussion on traffic to convention pages. Showed new on-line conductor report. Reviewed new on-line Board Minutes and Reports set-up. Improving timeliness of news. Info on web page traffic relating to TV and Facebook publicity. WPLives.org now has custom search.
- *Roadmaster* – written report provided. Don Nelson performed instrumental work in digging out damaged ties with backhoe and prepping for new tie insertion. Have some issues with rails and spiking, need to respike a section.

Greg Elems joined via phone at 7:14 PM.

- *Mechanical* – Making progress getting load handler repaired. Changing hoses and filters. Will be moving locomotive jacks, Quincy RR wants to borrow for wheel change on QRR 12. Still working on fuel leaks in WP 2001. Filter changes are done. WP 707 and WP 805-A need work. Wants to get the Unimog running. Have radiator leaks on 2873, 917, 2001, 1503. Making replacement plan and talking with Roger Stabler about radiator issues. Steve Habeck has new pricing on batteries. Going to address a number of mechanical issues with 2001. Seth Adams is working on WP 501. We are salvaging fuel contaminated oil and using it as a cleaning agent for crankcase clean outs and flushing.

### **Committee Reports**

*none*

### **Legal / Insurance Report**

*none*

### **Status of Surplus Property Report**

*none*

### **Safety Report**

- Need past quotes for fire extinguisher servicing. Steve Habeck to get those to David Elems. Looking at replacement cost for old extinguishers.
- Lots of dry grass and brush. Need to be careful.
- NO SMOKING in shop.

### **Public Comments**

- *Kerry Cochran* – We received a donation of an original Scenic Limited drumhead from Wes and John Maier, Jr. They are seeing a lot of positive improvements in our archives and felt we were the home for the drumhead.
- *David Elems* – Thanked Charlie for handling 4:00 PM rental.

- *Charlie Spikes* – Concerns that restrooms need to be serviced more often.

**Notices**

- The August Meeting is official election of officers and appointment of department and committee heads

**Closed Session** – Requested by Director Vicknair – 7:33 PM – 7:42 PM

*Legal Issue – Morgan v. FRRS*

*Legal Issue - Archives*

The Board heard a report on a Legal Issue – Morgan v. FRRS. No action taken.

The Board heard a report on a Legal Issue – Archives. Consensus direction given. No action taken.

**Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at: 7:43 PM

Next meeting: August 12, 2017 – 4:00 PM

Location: WPRM Meeting Room – Portola, CA

Respectfully Submitted, Eugene Vicknair -- Secretary, FRRS