

Feather River Rail Society
Board of Directors Meeting –September 13, 2014 – 4:00 PM
WPRM Meeting Room – Portola, CA

President Rod McClure called the meeting to order at 4:08 PM.

The following Directors were present

Tom Carter	Eugene Vicknair	Steve Habeck
Charlie Spikes	Kirk Baer	Gail McClure
Greg Elems	Kerry Cochran (phone)	Wayne Monger (phone)

Attendance

Alicia LaBrecque	David Elems
Debra Bear	Ron Huey

Correspondence

Lots of positive emails / notes about the recent convention.

Consent Calendar

Motion 14-09-01

Approve the minutes for the August 2014 BOD Meeting.

Vicknair / Habeck. Aye - 9, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0. Motion carries.

Election of Officers

- Nominations for President open
Debra Baer nominated by Wayne Monger
Rod McClure nominated by Tom Carter

Debra Baer – 1
Rod McClure – 6
Abstain – 2

Rod McClure elected as President

- Nominations for Vice-President open
Steve Habeck nominated by Gail McClure

No further nominations, Steve Habeck elected as Vice-President

- Nominations for Treasurer open
Gail McClure nominated by Tom Carter

No further nominations, Gail McClure elected as Treasurer

- Nominations for Secretary open
Eugene Vicknair nominated by Gail McClure

No further nominations, Eugene Vicknair elected as Secretary

Old Business

none

New Business

Reconfiguration of the Board of Trustees

- Tabled from August meeting.
- Majority of Board of Trustees has asked that Board be reconfigured to avoid inherent or possible conflicts with Board of Directors. Indicated most would resign under current set up.
- Suggestion is that Trustees be reconfigured as an Advisory Board to review all business and investment aspects of the FRRS and provide recommendations to FRRS Board of Directors.

Motion 14-09-02

Motion to dissolve Board of Trustees and reestablish as an Advisory Board with the purpose of advising the FRRS Board of Directors on all aspects of its business as well as management of the endowment.

Cochran / Habeck. Aye - 7, Nay - 1, Abstain - 1. Motion carries.

- Advisory Board will have responsibility of coming back to Board with updated version of their responsibilities based on original intent of Trustees and ideas from Trustees / Advisors.

Archives Research Room

- Written report provided.
- Discussion about concerns on progress or lack of with the Archives.
- Discussions about alternatives and how to engage volunteers in Archives.
- Director Vicknair given consensus direction to pursue outlined grants.
- Concerns about getting the volunteers to do the work.
- Suggestions on changes to plan.

Rod McClure had to leave the meeting for work reasons. Vice-President Habeck took over meeting.

2015 Events Calendar

- Suggested calendar presented and changes submitted and approved.

Motion 14-09-03

Approve the 2015 Calendar as amended.

Carter / G. McClure. Aye - 9, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0. Motion carries.

Note that the upcoming Steam Work Session moved to October 2 – 4, 2014.

Good of the Order

President's Report

- Written report provided.
- We need to buy more locomotive batteries. We have no spares left.

Director's Reports

none

Financial Reports

- Written summary and reports provided.
- Financial class will be 3 PM before next Board Meeting.
- Suggestion to set up "Rainy Day Account" and possibility of using internet account for this purpose.
- Usually go through \$45,000 - \$50,000 over the winter.
- Place battery acquisition on agenda for October meeting.
- Suggestion that department heads make calls / contacts to their volunteers / members to find out why they are not coming back / renewing.

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Event Reports

2014 Historic Convention – written report provided

- Discussions about plans for 2015 Convention in Elko. Tentative plans include event in Ely.
- Convention got a lot of great notices.
- Board thanks Eugene and Wayne for their work.
- Concerns about Elko location and travel distance.

Department Reports

Facilities: Perimeter Fence – written report provided. Large amount of work done by California Conservation Corp. Looking at contractor to complete fence and new gates.

Funding – written report provided. Several grant applications out.

Model T – Thanks to Ron Huey who purchased a radiator and new battery for the Model T.

Archives – We now have two large format, archival high resolution printers.

Committee Reports

none

Legal / Insurance Report

none

Status of Surplus Property Report

- SP SD9 4404 is in Roseville.
- Milwaukee Road U25B 5057 will be getting brake work when Wayne Monger is available.
- Rod McClure is working to contact Hines about AS-616.

Safety Report

- Will be emailed to Board.

Public Comments

Debra Baer – Asked about status on Policies and Procedures Manual. Director Cochran is working to get them on CD and mailed out.

David Elems – Safety Comment: Last weekend the Finnegan's worked on network wiring and reconfigured for better operation. Noted we need to move the server rack as it is blocking the breaker panel.

Greg Elems – Has been working to contact other museums and venues in the area and dropping off brochures and getting their brochures. Talked to Sierra Safari Zoo. Folks are always asking what is there else to do, this gives us recommendations for them.

Eugene Vicknair – We had a lot of visitors this morning. Concerns about needing more volunteers for ops and handling visitors.

Ron Huey – Suggestion to ask businesses who support us to place sticker in the window.

Notices

- The November 2014 Board Meeting will be held in San Jose, CA at the History San Jose Museum in Kelly Park. It will be in the Firehouse Meeting Room.

Closed Session – tabled to October meeting.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at: 5:49 PM
Next meeting: October 11, 2014 – 4:00 PM
Location: WPRM Meeting Room
Portola, California

Respectfully Submitted,
Eugene Vicknair
Secretary, FRRS