

**Feather River Rail Society  
Board of Directors Meeting – October 14, 2023 – 1:00 PM  
Western Pacific Railroad Museum Meeting Room – WPRM, Portola, CA**

President Greg Elems called the meeting to order at 13:15.

**Attendance**

**The following Directors were present:**

Bob Sims – phone

Kerry Cochran - phone

Greg Elems - phone

Charlie Spikes – phone, arrived 13:24

Steve Habeck - phone

Matt Elems - phone

6 directors present at meeting start – Quorum achieved.

**Visitors:**

David Elems – CMO / Safety Officer

Nick Manos – phone by permission

**Correspondence**

*G. Elems*

- Thank you card from the Rotary Club thanking us for our support for Fly-In Breakfast.
- Jim Hill (302 area code) has materials for the archives if his son is not interested. Greg will sent phone number to Kerry.
- Received a call from Ed Wagner on 9/26/2023 he said the Paul was doing a excellent job eith the museum website.

*Habeck*

- Mail box has been full with memberships, donations.
- Plumas Bank article in High Country Life magazine about us for Santa Train and museum did not get in last year. They want logo and photos and 300 word article by Oct 25th. Steve will work to get this in to them

**Consent Calendar**

- Minutes – Minutes of the August and September 2023 BOD Regular Meeting.

Noted correction to Archive report and Train Sheet:

David Elems made a \$100.00 donation to the WP 302 builder's plate, so there was no out of pocket expense to the FRRS

Motion 23-10-01

Approve the August and September 2023 BOD Regular Meeting Minutes as corrected.

Spikes / G. Elems. Aye – 6, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

**Old Business**

none

**New Business**

**Museum Admission and RAL Pricing**

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Suggested changes concerning RAL train and admission pricing.

- Written concepts provided by Nick Manos.
- Museum Brochure has no pricing.
- Nick Manos addressed the Board on the biggest thing is advertising and the small signs around the museum.
- He indicated that some of the signs are in locked locomotives.
- He feels that we need to be able to let the public and membership know about the RAL program
- He was looking from the point of view, if he was a visitor or member coming into the museum for the first time, all of the adverting is not in front of the people, and how to attract them to purchase a RAL.
- Also a way to promote membership in the member area by becoming a member and members get a discount on museum store and the RAL.
- Possibility of having several board members and Nick Manos on a committee to review the suggestions and ideas create a report

Motion 23-10-02

Create a RAL committee to review and make suggestion to the Board of Directors on the RAL Program.

Cochran / Spikes. Aye – 6, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

### **Proposed Photo Book by Jim Lekas**

Review concept for Oroville Line Change book by Jim Lekas.

- Director Cochran explained the concept in the question does the society want to pursue a book project.
- General discussion on the concept. (Soft Cover book)
- Continue to work on the concepts of the book and come back to the board with a proposal.
- Continue to work with Dale Sanders, Jim Lekas and others to develop this project.
- Consensus direction to continue to develop and report back to the board.

### **Good of the Order**

#### **President's Report**

- Verbal report provided.
- Radiators work on the SP GP9 2873. Thanks to David Elems and Nick Manos working on the radiators, along with Brian Waller working on the cancer on the metal body.
- SN 1642 caboose work continues, getting more wood primer and to get it ready for the future and final Green painting. I'm advising that the green paint goes on next spring.
- Paul at Mast Roofing is looking at our building to get an estimate for repairs, may not get done this year.
- Track work, ties sitting in the parking lot. Roger is back working at the museum and should be able to get back to work on the track.

#### **Financial Reports**

- Financial reports provided.

#### **Director's Reports**

- Vicknair – written report provided

#### **Event Reports**

- *2024 Convention* – written report provided
- *Motorcar Event* – written report provided

- *Pumpkin Patch Express*
  - Need help with all positions to make the event take place.

## Department Reports

- *Webmaster* – written report provided.
- *Headlight* – written report provided.
- *Train Sheet* – written report provided.
- *General Superintendent* – written report provided.
- *Historical / Archives* – written report provided.
- *Mechanical*
  - We did get radiators for SP 2873. Nick Manos helped David pick-up radiators and bring them to the museum. Been getting ready to install. Water pump got installed and working on the locomotive
  - WP 1503 in shop over the pit for annual inspection, should be ready for service next week (Sat 9/14) Quincy 1100 has continue to be inspected for oil leaks from the stack.
  - Will not be able to work on WP 707 this season.
  - Need to clean up the shop to be able to continue to do work.
- *Mechanical - Steam*
  - It's been a busy and productive October thus far. We've made major progress on SP GP9 2873. Nick Manos was up for a week and a half from the end of September into the first week of October helping me with 2873 and turning things around in the wood shop. I have quite a few pictures of the work on 2873, as well as the annual inspection of WP SW1500 1503 last month; I hope to get these sorted through this month and eventually writing something up. The radiators were placed into 2873 last weekend (Oct 6 & 7), and the hatch placed and wired back up yesterday afternoon. The new radiators are leak free, as are the water pumps that were both rebuilt over the last two seasons. Resealing the overspeed trip housing drain lines required removing quite a bit of stuff, which all had to be reinstalled with new gaskets; no oil leaks so far. The layshaft had a bad ball bearing at the fuel control rod from the governor; this was replaced Thursday the 12th and the control rod is now steady and there is no more hunting from the governor. There is some more ongoing work to be completed, such as repairs to the car body up front that has been rusting through. I'll be making and donating new number boards next week. The class light lenses need to be replaced on the front, and we plan to reinstall the rear lenses at some point.
  - I'd like to recognize the following volunteers: Nick Manos for the extensive hours he's put in these last two months helping me with mechanical work (not to mention putting up with me). Brian Waller has been patching the rusted out holes on the nose of 2873. Roger Stabler has been a huge help, assisting with repairs and painting of 2873's radiator hatch in between his various tasks on WP165. Steve Lee has been up this past week, likewise assisting with cleaning of the radiator fan hatch, priming the upper surface etc in addition to 165 work.
  - At the moment, I'm formulating the plans for the spring 2024 equipment work schedule; I expect to have that more or less finalized for next month's meeting.
  - UP 25283 Caboose work getting finished up on the interior.
  - Director Cochran thanked Dave, Nick, Brian and the other volunteers for all the work on 2873. And also thanked David for the updates to the Board of Directors on maintenance work. meeting.
- *Facilities*
  - Decorating for Pumpkin Express and Santa Trains. (Around the museum)
  - Still working on installing LED lights.

## Committee Reports

none

### **Legal / Insurance Report**

- We still have a \$598 credit with our attorneys.

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

none

### **Safety Committee**

- With SP 2873 back in service three fire ext. need to be serviced

### **Public Comments**

*Charlie Spikes* - \$1,802.00 for pumpkins, David Hansen will pick them up on the 18th

*Bob Sims* - Has acquired large package of WP maritime materials from eBay seller.

### **Notices**

none

### **Closed Session** – requested by President Greg Elems and Director Eugene Vicknair

In session 15:03 – 15:35

The board heard information on a Business Item – Railroad Days Revival, no reportable action taken.

### **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 15:36 (Spikes / M. Elems)

Next Meeting: November 11, 2023 – 3:00 PM

Location: WPRM Meeting Room, Portola

Respectfully Submitted

Kerry Cochran – FRRS Director / Eugene Vicknair – FRRS Secretary