

Feather River Rail Society
Board of Directors Meeting
April 7, 2001, 6:00 pm
Portola City Hall

Interim President Hank Stiles called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. The following directors were present:

Jim Murphy Frank Brehm Doug Morgan Vic Neves
Eugene Vicknair Ed Wagner Hank Stiles

Director Pat Brimmer participated via telephone
Director Andy Anderson was absent

Visitors Present:

Gary Hall Rod McClure Kerry Cochran

Housekeeping:

Director Morgan reported on his rental of FRRS tools and his payment of \$100
Director Murphy introduced Leslie Tigan who was present as Secretary to the board

Minutes:

The following corrections to the minutes of the February meeting were requested:

Sale of generators was to Boise Locomotive
Spelling of John Ryzchowski
Attendance of Kerry Cochran

Motion #01-04-01

Made by Jim Murphy, seconded by Eugene Vicknair to approve the minutes of the February meeting as corrected and the March meeting as presented. All directors present voted in favor. Director Anderson was absent. Motion carried.

Financial Reports:

The profit and loss report from January to March 2001 was presented for consideration.
Director Murphy suggested that a detailed report of checks written should be included at each meeting and approved by the Board. He presented an example of a report. It was explained that the negative figure on the P & L Statement was generated due to the lack of a budget being approved. It was also noted that all departments needed to reduce their operating costs if a balanced budget was to be adopted. At the next meeting the proposed operating budget drafted by Dan Brady would be available for consideration, but all capital projects would be considered on an individual basis.

Motion #01-04-02

Made by Jim Murphy, seconded by Hank Stiles to accept the Profit & Loss Statement for January through March 2001. All directors present voted in favor. Director Anderson was absent. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

Doug Morgan presented a letter of apology to the Board, it was the consensus of the board to review the letter, and respond to the complaining party.

Frank Brehm has corresponded with a gentlemen who has photos he thinks the museum may be interested in, Mr. Brehm will keep the board posted.

Reports:

Equipment Signs

Director Vicknair reported – Has requested bids for the signs from three retailers, has only received one bid. This will be a capital project and should be placed on the May Board meeting agenda.

Director Brimmer suggests additional signage for inside the RAL. Mr. Vicknair explained that signage for inside locations can be produced easier since there are no weather considerations for material.

Tidewater Southern Crossbucks

Director Vicnair reported that he had received information that UP is willing to release some crossbucks in the Modesto area to the museum. He will be receiving further information and will keep the board informed.

Camp Car

Director Morgan reported that the camp car has been moved to a storage yard in Oroville. A request for volunteers to work on it should be published in the Trainsheet, total cost for improvements \$1800.

TEA-21 Grant

Director Murphy reports that the grant application was submitted and a final decision will be made by the Transportation Commission in early July. He will continue to follow up and report to the board.

CMO

Chief Mechanical Officer Hank Stiles reported on the 921 load box and the 2001 speedometer.

Herlong Equipment

Norm Holmes has been working on this and isn't available to report, Director Morgan explains that Herlong hasn't gotten back to Norm.

Magnolia Tower

Director Morgan reports as the owner of the property the tower is located on Amtrack is requiring a 5 million dollar liability insurance policy, and pollution insurance. He has found several abatement contractors who can provide the pollution insurance and will be meeting with them, the extra liability insurance will cost \$1,000. Flagmen from both Amtrack and UP will be required, UP will donate time but Amtrack charges \$500 per day. Amtrack also is working on the donation agreement that will need to be approved by the board. Director Murphy suggests letting the Gold Mountain foundation know the status of the move and requesting assistance from them if needed. Murphy and Morgan will continue to work on the logistics of the move and keep Gold Mountain in the loop.

Old Business:

Reno Branch

Director Morgan presents a draft plan for a Reno Branch excursion drafted by Steve Habeck.

Director Murphy explains that he feels the Board needs more time to review the proposal due to its complexity and cost.

It was the consensus of the board to put the item on the May agenda and take action in at that meeting. Director Wagner noted that he will not be able to attend the May meeting and requests information by April 28 so that he can vote, either by phone or in writing.

RAL

Director Murphy shows a recent article that was published in the Portola Reporter with the hope that more local individuals would volunteer for the program. Discussion regarding how to keep all the responses received in one place and the need for an answering service due to phone problems at the museum.

Old Hospital

TEA grant was submitted. Need to correspond with the previous owner about clean-up and give a date that it must be completed by. Directors Brehm and Vicknair will draft a letter and get a legal review.

Election

Gary Hall reports that material is being printed and schedules are being met. There has been a question regarding the "official notice" for nominations that was published in the Trainsheet and another notice that stated the "official notice" would be sent via first class mail, were these the same "official notice"? It was determined that candidates were still able to use the write-in process if they did not realize the Trainsheet notice was the official notice and that any complaints would be handled individually.

Term expirations were also discussed and would be added to the May meeting as an agenda item.

Silver Hostel Litigation

Attorney has submitted a motion of summary judgment. Director Brimmer suggests that each director should get copies of correspondence from the attorney.

WP 2001 Update

Kerry Cochran reported on concerns of members that the 2001 hasn't been kept secure in its current location. The use agreement was discussed, the board should review the agreement to determine if all conditions are being followed. The board should then respond to concerns of members.

New Business:

Army Tanks

Director Morgan reviews a request from the Army for additional demilitarization of the tanks. The board will need to see the request, review the original agreement and determine if it is feasible to keep the tanks.

Director Morgan excuses himself from the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Yolo Shortline S-1

Woodland proposes a plan where the FRRS supplies labor for the engine and would then receive the engine in ten years. Consensus of the board to see a draft written agreement and then consider the project.

Reports:

By-Laws

Committee member Kerry Cochran explains that he did not request this item to be placed on the agenda. The schedule previously submitted by the Committee is being followed and they are still awaiting a legal opinion.

Director Murphy presents a draft letter to be considered by the board, the letter would be sent to the entire membership and explain the process used to revise the by-laws and the delays associated with the project. A committee would then be set up to evaluate the draft by-law revision submitted to the board by the committee.

Motion #01-04-03

Made by Jim Murphy, seconded by Frank Brehm to appoint a committee comprised of Jim Murphy, Hank Stiles, Pat Brimmer and Kerry Cochran to review the proposed by-law revision and send the letter drafted by Jim Murphy to the membership with the election package. All members present voted in favor. Directors Anderson and Morgan were absent. Motion carried

Organizational Committee

Gary Hall presents a draft functional organizational chart. The chart is discussed and minor revisions are suggested.

Kerry Cochran excuses himself from the meeting at 9:50 p.m.

Motion #01-04-04

Made by Jim Murphy, seconded by Vic Neves to adopt the functional chart with changes. All members present voted in favor. Directors Anderson and Morgan were absent. Motion carried.

Good of the Order:

Next Meeting: May 5, 2001, 6:00 pm, Portola City Hall

Headlight will be available for the annual meeting

Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned at 9:58 pm