

**Feather River Rail Society
Board of Directors Meeting
April 2, 2005
1:15 pm
Volunteer Lounge, Portola Railroad Museum
Portola, California**

President Rod McClure called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. The following directors were present:

Steve Habeck	Norm Holmes	Gail McClure
Wayne Monger	Hank Stiles	Eugene Vicknair (by phone)

Directors Andy Anderson, Frank Brehm, and Kerry Cochran were unable to attend.

Staff present: John Walker

Visitors present: Charlie Spikes

Correspondence

President McClure reported he received a phone call from a member Charlie Schiffer in Chicago, IL. Overall, he seemed pleased with the direction the organization is taking and had some suggestions regarding the gift shop which were passed along to Museum Manager John Walker.

Consent Calendar

1. Minutes – Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held April 2, 2005.
2. Financial Reports – through April 2005.

Motion # 05-04-01 – Removal of Consent Calendar from agenda. Motion made by Director Vicknair, seconded by Director Habeck. All Directors present voted in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business

Mission Statement

President McClure requested approval of the Mission Statement as presented in the Mission, Goals and Vision Statements policy presented to the Board as part of the agenda and agreed upon at the previous meeting. Balance to be reviewed at next meeting.

Motion # 05-04-02 – Adoption of the Mission Statement as included in the revised Mission, Goals and Vision Statements of the Feather River Rail Society Policies and Procedures. Motion made by Director Stiles, seconded by Director Habeck. All Directors present voted in favor. Motion carried.

New Business

Dunsmuir Railroad Days

President McClure advised he had been approached by the Union Pacific Railroad regarding our participation in Dunsmuir Railroad Days and moving equipment they have committed to the event on their behalf to same.

Motion # 05-04-03 – Support of FRRS participation in celebration of Dunsmuir Railroad Days and assistance to the Union Pacific Railroad of movement of their equipment. Motion made by Director Stiles, seconded by Director Vicknair. All Directors present voted in favor. Motion carried.

Truckee Railroad Days

Tabled until May meeting.

Diesel Shop Windows

Museum Manager John Walker, in conjunction with Facilities Manager Charlie Spikes and Glen Fair (who has been called upon in years past to repair winter window damage), presented a proposal for replacement of the Diesel Shop windows to prevent further damage due to snow and ice. The work would consist of engineering a polycarbonate overlay to the windows. The estimated cost for the work would be roughly \$2,000. Life of the material would be approximately 20 years.

Motion # 05-04-04 – Acceptance of proposal for window treatment on the north side of the Diesel Shop, capped at \$2,000 to be funded from line item 70005 – Building Maintenance, Shop and pending available funds. Motion made by Director Monger, seconded by Director Stiles. All Directors present voted in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Walker will approach the City of Portola as a possible funding source as well Bank of America for a Community Service Grant.

There was additional discussion regarding a general overhaul of the shop facility and the possibility of building a heavy maintenance shop. These discussions were tabled for a future meeting.

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President's Report

President McClure reported that the Rio Vista trade is moving along and he is scheduled to meet with the Union Pacific's division superintendent in the coming week. Most of the equipment moving from the FRRS is loaded.

WP 705 arrived on property 03-23-05 in good shape. There were some issues with transit, however, President McClure and Director Habeck took incentives to make sure that the locomotive continued on its way to Portola.

President McClure advised the Board that Doug Morgan is scheduled to go to San Antonio, TX to take care of any remaining brake work on the Silver Lodge to get the car moving to Portola.

He also reported that the Dakota Southern no longer wants the 80-tonner we were looking to trade to them and were to obtain as part of a proposed trade with the California State Railroad Museum (CSRM) for an MRS-1 obtained from the Rio Vista Trade. Additional discussions will be had with CSRM regarding what would be appropriate trade material for that locomotive. Additionally WP 4408, "shorty" steel gondola car, should be on the property in the coming days.

President McClure expressed his concern over our current cash flow. Due to weather and gas prices, visitor levels have been slow to start up.

Director's Reports

Director Holmes, on behalf of the Masonic Lodge in Beckworth, CA, has requested loan or rental of any scaffolding we have so that they can perform maintenance and painting of their building. No objection was expressed as long as we only provide scaffolding that is in top condition and that a loan agreement be signed that includes a hold harmless and damage responsibility clause as part of same. He has also been working on getting our volunteer facilities up to par.

Department Reports

None

Committee Reports

Election Committee – President McClure advised that a written report was presented to the Board. All processes and procedures are on schedule and ballots are being returned daily.

Railfan Photographer's Day – Director McClure reported that work continues on preparations for RPD including brochures printed, information out on chat lists, line up in the works.

Museum Manager's Report – Written report presented to the Board by John Walker. He echoed concerns expressed by President McClure regarding weather and gas prices. Income is down compared to this time last year. New gift shop catalog is near completion. He also made some changes to annual advertising to try and increase visitors from surrounding areas.

Legal Counsel Report

None

Status of Surplus Property Report

None

Safety Report

None

Public Comments

None

Notices

Western Pacific Historical Society Convention:
Crew Training/Rules Exam
Railfan Photographer's Day

April 15-16, 2005
April 30-May 1, 2005
May 21, 2005

Closed Session

Meeting adjourned to closed session 2:17 pm and reconvened to open session 2:25 pm. President McClure reported that an update was given regarding a pending business issue, no action was taken.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 2:26 p.m.
Next meeting: Saturday, May 14, 2005
Location TBD
Portola, CA

Respectively Submitted
Gail A. McClure