

Feather River Rail Society
Board of Directors Meeting – June 4, 2011 – 1:00 PM
WPRM Meeting Room – Portola, California

President Rod McClure called the meeting to order at 1:25 PM.

The following Directors were present

Frank Brehm	Steve Habeck	Norm Holmes	Rod McClure
Tom Carter	Charlie Spikes	Wayne Monger	Eugene Vicknair

Attendance

David Epling – Museum Manager	David Pires	Bob Sims
James Mason – Treasurer	Ed Wagner	Thom Anderson – WPRHS Admin
Kerry Cochran	Dustin Carter	Alicia LaBreque

Correspondance

none

Consent Calendar

Minutes of the April and May 2011 BOD Meetings
Motion 11-06-01. Motion to approve. (Monger / Spikes)
Aye – 6, Nay – 0, Abstain – 2. Motion carries.

Old Business

FRRS Collections Policy

Revised Collections Policy with added references to Association of Rail Museums practices presented. This was initially presented for review at the April BOD Meeting.

Motion 11-06-02. Motion to accept Collections Policy as presented. (McClure / Vicknair)
Aye – 8, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

FRRS Disposal Policy and Sponsorship Program

An Equipment Disposal Policy and Equipment Sponsorship program were presented, along with review of specific points. The Sponsorship program was presented for consensus review and commentary. Approval given to proceed with refinement of program plan and the present in future for Board review.

Motion 11-06-03. Motion to accept Disposal Policy as presented. (Vicknair / Carter)
Aye – 6, Nay – 1, Abstain – 1. Motion carries.

New Business

WPRRHS Travel Costs

Motion 11-06-04. Motion to change budget line item on previous Travel Budget Motion 11-05-01. Charge to budget line item 53035 – Shows. (Brehm / Vicknair)

Aye – 7, Nay – 0, Abstain – 1. Motion carries.

WPRRHS Administration Changes

Thom Anderson has retired as WPRRHS Administrator. The FRRS Board formally thanks him for his excellent service.

Discussion about issues relating to recent internet postings and convention actions. The following items were entered into the record to clarify claims and discussions which had occurred:

- WPRRHS Department is not a separate entity from the FRRS. It is a department of the FRRS.
- The Archives are a historic collection of the FRRS, of equal importance and stature to the Rolling Stock collection.
- The Historical Department (currently called the WPRRHS) of the FRRS is the advocacy and caretaking entity for the Archives collection. (Similar to the Mechanical Department for the Rolling Stock Collection)
- The Archivist has primary responsibility to oversee and protect the archives.

WPRRHS Department appointments:

John Walker - Manager of the department

Frank Brehm - Archivist

Wayne Monger - Assistant Manager of the department and special projects

Headlight Publications appointments:

Mike Mucklin - Publisher of the Headlight Magazine

Dave Pires - Editor of the Headlight Magazine

Discussion about standards for scanning and cataloging the archives. Concerns that this be done properly.

Mike Mucklin is working on standards for scanning and cataloging of archives.

Thom Anderson expressed confidence in the direction and decisions made.

Wayne Monger discussed elements of proposed 5 year plan for archives.

Monger and Brehm to work together on archives program, make report back to Board next meeting.

Noted that the Archives are in process of being cataloged and organized. As this progresses to a viable point, systems will be put in place to allow controlled public access.

Discussion of Meeker Collection donation and how it will be handled.

Social Media Coordinator

Recommendation to create and appoint an On-Line Social Media Coordinator.

Discussion of progress on new website. Tom Carter has redesigned site and is about 50% rebuilding the website.

Proposal to have one person coordinate all on-line Social Media: Facebook, MySpace, LinkedIn, YouTube, etc. Would take over informal duties that several managers and directors have been doing.

Dustin Carter recommended as Social Media Coordinator (SMC).

SMC would take photos, video, noting events, interviewing, recording actions and share them on-line for the promotion of the Society.

Request that we make decision at the next meeting so that other factors can be considered.

Consensus direction to pull together more details. Table to July Meeting for approval.

Motion 11-06-05. Motion to table item to July 2011 Meeting. (Monger / Vicknair)

Aye – 7, Nay – 0, Abstain – 1. Motion carries.

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President's Report

- Dunsmuir RR Days – Approved. McClure has been working with UP the last month to pull permission and paperwork together. SCRPS group will be primary on managing guests and maintaining safety. FRRS people will cover our and UP equipment. Excursion to event is 85% and dinner train is 100% sold.
- Portola RR Days – organization is moving forward. Model railroads: CCRA and Orange County model railroaders have joined forces to assemble a large modular layout for RR Days. RR vendors will be in the Diesel Shop.

Museum Manager's Report

- Written report provided.
- Lone Railfair sales were down from previous, but event is in develop stages and may still be viable.

- Sales are up for May from 2010 in Store. Complaints about admission are down, but were few to begin with.
- New tickets and ticket punches seem to be working out.

Financial Reports

- Financials provided.
- 2010 Year End Financial Report provided.
- Total income for April 2010 was \$7927. April 2011 was \$6185. Store and RALs were down. Admission charge helped compensate. Total May 2010 was \$9191 and May 2011 was \$11,376. Store was down, but RAL up. Again, admission was a big help. Admission charge is looking to be a big benefit to the finances.
- Review of 2010 vs. 2011 to date. Due to various factors, including equipment repairs and store reset, expenses are up over 2010. Income is also up over 2011, but needs to increase even more.

Director's Reports

Carter – Has been working on the website, has 180 hours in work on the new site since May 9. New site is about 35% to 40% done. Also did work to create new front gate sign which is now hanging on fence. Donated money for one of the new ticket punches.

Holmes – Picked up some archives materials from Beaverton, Oregon. Fresno Scraper owned by Norm that was used in construction of WP is now on museum property.

Spikes – Reno Forklift is donating a shooting boom forklift, a lift with a 40' telescoping boom. George Pimpl is the owner and is arranging the donation.

Vicknair – Director Vicknair donated all design work, printing and materials for the new train ride tickets and the RAL certificates and donated one of the new ticket punches.

Event Reports

WPRRHS Convention Report – written report provided

- Convention went well. Found some good synergies between the SP&S Society and FRRS.
- Presentations on NCE and Oregon Trunk construction, freight cars for both railroads, etc.
- Reported profit from Convention was \$3491.92.

Department Reports

Website – Redesign in progress, status given.

Committee Reports

none

Legal Counsel Report

none

Status of Surplus Property Report

Southern Pacific SD9 4450 – Arizona State RR Museum is moving ahead with acquisition of 4450.

Safety Report

Concerns about people parking in the Fire Lane on the north side of the building.

Public Comments

none

Notices

- June 4 is the Membership BBQ and Annual Membership Meeting
- Eastern Plumas Chamber of Commerce wants to have a mixer at the museum.
- A movie producer came by the museum and was scouting locations for an upcoming independent film. Asked about possible use of the museum and equipment. Director Carter gave him a tour of the museum and answered questions.

Closed Session

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 3:33 PM and reconvened to open session at 4:13 PM. Director Vicknair reported following the closed session:

“The Board heard a report on a Legal Issue – FRRS v. Morgan. Consensus direction given, no action taken.

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The Board heard a report on a Business Issue – Off-Site Event. Consensus direction given. No action taken.

The Board heard a report on an Equipment Issue – Equipment Donation Possibility. Consensus direction given. No action taken.”

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at: 4:14 PM
Next meeting: Saturday, July 9, 2011 – 1:00 PM
Location: WPRM Meeting Room
Portola, California

Respectfully Submitted,
Eugene Vicknair
Secretary, FRRS