

**Feather River Rail Society  
Board of Directors Meeting – January 8, 2022 – 1:00 PM  
Western Pacific Railroad Museum Meeting Room – WPRM, Portola, CA**

President Greg Elems called the meeting to order at 13:08.

**Attendance**

**The following Directors were present:**

Kerry Cochran – phone	Steve Habeck	Matt Elems - phone
Greg Elems	Roger Stabler - phone	Janet Steeper - phone
Bob Sims - phone	Charlie Spikes - phone	Eugene Vicknair - phone

9 directors present at meeting start – Quorum achieved.

**Visitors:**

Ethan Doty  
David Elems – Asst. CMO, Safety Officer

**2022 Calendar Additions / Changes**

- First steam work week of April 18
- WP Convention week - first official steam operations

**Correspondence**

*G. Elems*

- Has not heard response from email to Nevada County Narrow Gauge

*Habeck*

- Currently has 51 fundraiser slips for a total of \$7,034 from mail. 3 people chose to use fundraiser envelope to send membership renewal. 20 \$100 donors, 7 \$250 plus.
- Cost for paying Susan and Cheryl has gone up for bookkeeping.
- Did get Silver Sponsorship renewal from HR Block / Hansen Family in Susanville.
- Got card in mail from Winterail that 2022 event is happening.
- Received email from Shasta Cascade Wonderland Association – Shasta Lake business owners will be having booth at RV event in LA in March. Want \$100 to hand out 100 brochures.
- Liability application for insurance is in to broker. We found out that application has to go in early so the insurer can get more info if needed. Thank you to Roger Stabler for bio info concerning railroad experience for managers and directors. Put in info for Greg Elems, Steve Habeck and Roger Stabler. Also mentioned that a lot of the other directors have a lot of professional experience and expertise that we draw on.
- Some flooding in the building due to snow melt. Had close to 3 ft with drifts to 5 ft. Most is now melted. Went through 200 gallons of propane in 35 days.

**Consent Calendar**

- Minutes – Minutes of the December 2021 BOD Regular Meeting.

Question about internet report in last meeting. AT&T was supposed to send new modem. Has not arrived. Only change to internet is that service fee went up \$100 a month.

Motion 22-01-01

Approve the December 2021 BOD Minutes as presented.

Vicknair / Spikes. Aye – 8, Nay – 0, Abstain – 1. Motion carries.

## **Old Business**

### **1. Building Purchase (Cochran / Vicknair)**

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Review status and steps forward on Whitman Building purchase.  
Discussion. Possible Action.

- Kerry Cochran has asked for review of current status and payments.
- Eugene Vicknair gave summary of the purchase of the building and its status.
- Suggestion to update the building company as to current status.
- Eugene and Greg will draft a letter to the building company updating status.

## **New Business**

### **1. Kalmbach Advertising (G. Elems)**

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Review Kalmbach ad proof.  
Discussion. Possible Action.

- Draft ad and info provided.
- Discussion of ad copy and changes

Motion 22-01-02

Revise copy of ad as discussed and approve payment of ad.

Cochran / Vicknair. Aye – 9, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

## **Good of the Order**

### **President's Report**

- *Written reports provided.*

### **Financial Reports**

- *Written reports provided.*
- Discussion about SBA loan repayment.
- Director Vicknair review grant and loan structures and updated on possible grants to retire SBA loan.

### **Director's Reports**

- *Cochran* – written report provided. 2021 Volunteer hour report for Cochran (minimum 1,344 hours) and Paul Finnegan (minimum 1,500 hours)
  - Discussion about how to make recording volunteer hours easier.
- *Vicknair* – written report provided.

### **Event Reports**

- *2022 Western Pacific Convention*
  - Confirmed with Steve Cope and Chris Skow on shows, Mike Coen on layout tours. Eugene Vicknair and Greg Elems also confirmed on shows.
  - Tom Hervey is confirmed as banquet speaker.

- Greg Elems and Steve Habeck working on special stuff for museum tour / operations.
- Request for committee meeting for later in the week.
- Registration is open.

### **Department Reports**

- *General Superintendent* – written report provided. Discussion about 2021 work list.
- *Historical / Archives* – written report provided.
- *Train Sheet* – written report provided.
- *Webmaster* – written report provided.
- *Headlight* – written report provided.
- *Funding* – written report provided.
  - Donation letters going out starting next weekend.
  - \$4,400 in donations through online means. \$11,443.00 total to date.
  - Director Sims delivered another batch of gift books to post office today.
- *Mechanical* – written report provided.
  - Discussion about gear oil for backhoe.
- *Facilities* – verbal report given. Snow and snow clearing.

### **Committee Reports**

- *Election* – written report provided.
- Director Eugene Vicknair nominates sitting directors Bob Sims, Janet Steeper and Roger Stabler for reelection. Nomination endorsed by Director Kerry Cochran.

### **Legal / Insurance Report**

- Vice-President Steve Habeck working on liability questions and application. Expectation is that premium will go up.
- Directors and Officers Insurance, Inland Marine, other insurances, etc. are all current and in force.

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

- Do we consider talking to scrappers buying freight cars from UP to consider acquiring WP cars currently in scrap status. Consensus is yes.
- Wooden Bay Window caboose on flatcar (WP 645). Do we want to continue with plan to donate to Oroville Museum. Other idea is to rebuild into an open car. Would need to put on trucks. President Greg Elems asked everyone to consider these.
- Steve Habeck asked about gondolas with remains of Magnolia Tower. Reported trucks of one gondola are in bad condition.

### **Safety Committee**

- Cold wet and icy around museum.

### **Public Comments**

- *Greg Elems* - Noted the passing of Ed Mackinson Friday morning. Supporter of the museum, friend to several directors and members. Railroad historian and author.
- *Ethan Doty* – Applying for work at Quincy mill.

### **Notices**

none

### **Closed Session – 3:14 PM – 3:34 PM**

- *Equipment Item* – Stored Passenger Car

The Board heard a report on an Equipment Item – Stored Passenger Car. Consensus direction given. No reportable action taken.

**Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at: 15:35 (Habeck / G. Elems)

Next Meeting: February 12, 2022 – 1:00 PM  
Location: WPRM Meeting Room, Portola, CA

Respectfully Submitted  
Eugene Vicknair – FRRS Secretary

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