

**Feather River Rail Society
Board of Directors Meeting – July 8, 2023 – 4:30 PM
Western Pacific Railroad Museum Meeting Room – WPRM, Portola, CA**

President Greg Elems called the meeting to order at 16:33.

Attendance

The following Directors were present:

Bob Sims – phone
Greg Elems
Steve Habeck
Kerry Cochran

Charlie Spikes
Matt Elems - phone
Eugene Vicknair - phone

7 directors present at meeting start – Quorum achieved.

Visitors:

Tom Hervey
David Elems – CMO / Safety Officer

Installation of New Board

New Board formally installed for 2023-24. No changes.

Correspondence

Received letter from Nancy Peterson. FRRS Life Member Tom Graham passed away on May 19, 2023.

Habeck

- Had invoices for fuel and oil for WP 165 steam engine. Those have been sent to Susan and Cheryl.
- Received invoice for 1250 gallons of diesel fuel delivered last week. Quincy 1100 and WP 1503 are full. Rest went into Snail for Rotary. Should be enough fuel to last to end of year, barring any major increase in operations.

G. Elems

- Needs to check with Boy Scout Troop from Sacramento for day trip July 12. 19 kids plus adults.
- UP Real Estate Department sending 2 people to museum the same day. Greg will be present for both.
- Troop from Carson City that donated new mattresses for Troop Sleeper wants to do an overnight soon. Working on details and date. Troop would arrive Friday night and do an RAL Saturday AM.
- Sacramento troop said they would help us get someone certified to do Railroad Merit Badge.

Consent Calendar

- Minutes – Minutes of the June 2023 BOD Regular Meeting.
Tabled to August 2023 Meeting

Old Business

none

New Business

WP 301 Builder's Plate

Offer for FRRS to acquire builder plate from Western Pacific 2-8-2 301.

- Written report provided.
- \$400 pledged for donations. Kerry Cochran, Greg Elems, Eugene Vicknair, Matt Shuman.

Motion 23-07-01 (Cochran / M. Elems)

Motion to purchase the plate as outlined and donate the tickets to the Head Start Program. \$200 to come from the Archives fund to complete purchase.

Aye – 5, Nay – 1, Abstain – 1. Motion carries.

- Eugene Vicknair and Greg Elems to handle purchase and ticket donation.

Multi-Purpose Building Name

Member request to reconsider name for new multi-purpose building..

- Written report provided.
- Comments from the Board that this name has been decided on and used for many years already.
- Pointed out that this name has already been circulated among local to federal politicians and is noted.
- Frederic Whitman was President during the most profitable and prominent period of the WP's history.
- Board recommends that Eugene Vicknair draft response to member on behalf of Board that name will remain and what went in to its selection. Consensus direction given.

Good of the Order

President's Report

- Verbal report provided.
- We have had a pretty successful start to operating season. We have had several new students come into the Ops Department. Good response from the public.
- Looking good on fuel. Radiators ordered for SP GP9 2873. Running engines in good shape.
- Thank you to David Elems for his work on the locomotives.
- One of our new members is a former Navy welder and wants to start working on SP 2873 and WP 302.
- Had a family donate the bell from WP 2-8-0 31. They even made up a plaque. It is dedicated to the memory of Harold Semichy and John C. Ellis. Currently on display in the Display Room. Greg gave family a tour of the museum.

Financial Reports

- *Written reports provided.*
- Discussion about financials.

Director's Reports

- *Vicknair* – written report provided.

- Discussion about Advertising and Marketing.

Event Reports

none

Department Reports

- *Webmaster* – written report provided.
- *Train Sheet* – written report provided.
- *General Superintendent* – written report provided.
 - Noted that Bil Jackson has retired from active volunteering.
 - Nick Manos is now a qualified Brakeman.
- *Historical / Archives* – written report provided.
 - We have received 3 – 4 significant donations.
 - Jane Conner's daughter donated scrapbook, notes and letters from her time as a Zephyrette.
 - Tom Hervey donated some documentations.
 - WP semi-trailer name sign and WP 31 loco bell donated.
 - Several other items donated recently.
 - Ethan Doty has joined the Archive Department and has been working diligently on the magazine collection. Making great progress. Eugene Vicknair ordered magazine boxes to help with the organization.
- *Museum Store* – written report provided.
 - Kerry Cochran photographed a bunch of products and uploaded them to WP cloud storage.
- *Mechanical*
 - Verbal report.
 - A1 Radiator is working on the radiators. Will call when they are ready for pick up. Probably at least a month out.
 - Working on several other items on SP 2873.
 - Tore apart several water pumps and now has enough parts to do 1 complete pump and is obtaining parts to rebuild 1-2 more for stock.
 - Working on water system and took a long time to remove crusted on gaskets and cleaning flanges. Then moving on to working on radiator area.
 - Some rust issues on front of locomotive. Looking at getting patches welded in to remove and repair the rust issues. Current ETA on completing work on SP 2873 is late August / early September.
 - WP 1503 and Quincy 1100 are running strong. WP 1503 is having issue with rear headlight. Might need new terminal board. QRR 1100 major issue is feed valve for the train brake system. Need to rebuild or replace. Getting quotes for rebuilt feed valve.
 - Backhoe working fine.
 - Been in 4-7 days a week, mainly working on SP 2873.
- *Facilities*
 - Looking at more LED tube lights for the shop. Ones installed last year working well.

Committee Reports

none

Legal / Insurance Report

- Renewed volunteer accident policy.
- Chasing down info for renewal on D&O policy coming up.

Status of Surplus Property Report

none

Safety Committee

- David Elems cleaned out First Aid kit in Museum Store. Restocked with fresh material. Purchased ANSI rated 10 person First Aid kit. Looking at ordering at least 1 more for \$29 from MSC. Will be adding additional individual items like sting wipes. Thinking of having a kit that goes with the caboose train conductor.
- Fire extinguishers are up to date. Just a few left to do toward end of the year.

Public Comments

Bob Sims – Asked if anyone else has received email labeled “Pictures from Rod McClure”. Looks like it is coming from Rod, but reply email is from a Mexican domain.

Thank you to Logan Beers for cleaning the cabooses recently.

Notices

none

Break – 5:41 PM – 5:56 PM

Closed Session – requested by President Greg Elems – 5:57 PM – 6:28 PM

- Business Issue – RAL Operations

The Board heard a report on a Business Issue – RAL Operations. Consensus direction given, no reportable action taken.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 18:29 (Vicknair / G. Elems)

Next Meeting: August 12, 2023 – 4:30 PM
Location: WPRM Meeting Room, Portola

Respectfully Submitted
Eugene Vicknair – FRRS Secretary