

Minutes of Past Meetings

BAGGAGE CAR/GIFT SHOP: Ms. Tigan explained that this item was placed on the agenda at the request of Vice-President Anderson. It was the consensus of the Board to table this item to the next meeting.

BUDGET INCREASE WP779, CLV 2: Director Holmes requested a \$1,500 increase to the budget to acquire the cars. The additional funds will be used to purchase a storage unit for the donor.

Motion No. 01-11-04

Made by Director Holmes, seconded by Director Breitwieser to increase the budget for the cars by an amount not to exceed \$2,500. All members present voted in favor. Vice-President Anderson was absent.

2001/2002 CALENDAR: The calendar presented at the last meeting was discussed. The dates for Portola and Truckee Railroad Days were still not final so they would be left off the calendar. Railfan day will be moved forward one week. The board directed the calendar to be finished and published.

2002 BUDGET PROCESS: Treasurer Dan Brady presented an updated Profit & Loss Report and cash report. He updated the Board on the current financial standing of the Society and requested Board members provide figures for projects to be included in next years budget.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESTORATION PROJECTS: Director Brimmer presented a motion to stop all restoration projects for the Board to consider. He explained that he felt the slate should be wiped clean and all projects should be approved before any more work is done. He noted that past approvals should be considered null and void. He also explained that this action would affect all projects with the exception of the Silver Hostel Project. The Board discussed the wording of the motion and the need for a policy relating to restoration project.

Motion No. 01-11-05

Made by Director Brimmer, seconded by Director Breitwieser that the restoration projects list for the FRRS is now blank and contains no items for restoration with the exception of the Silver Hostel Project which may continue as long as funds remain in the Silver Hostel project temporary restricted fund. Directors Brimmer, Breitwieser, Vicknair, Brehm, Cochran voted in favor. Director Vicknair abstained. Director Stiles voted against. Vice-President Anderson was absent.

Director Brimmer left the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

2002 ELECTION PROCESS: Tom Graham presented the election schedule and process to the Board. He explained that the resignation today would change the election by adding an additional one-year term. The Board discussed the process that would be used for a member to see proposed by law changes, the need for the Train Sheet notice to constitute the official notice to the membership. It was then consensus of the Board to accept the proposed report, minor correction would be made and a new copy gotten out to the Board.

MEMORIAL GROVE: Director Vicknair presented his report regarding the addition of a Memorial Grove to the master site plan. The Board directed the Site Committee to move forward with the proposed change.

RELOCATION OF OFFICE & BUNK CARS: It was the consensus of the board to table this item to the next meeting.

ROADMASTERS REPORT: Rod McClure presented his report to the Board and asked them to review it for discussion at the next meeting. He noted that he needed a date for next years Portola Railroad Days so he could work on a passenger train. He noted that the UP was going to reconstruct track in Portola and that he would try to get any old track for the museum.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

It was noted that the tamper and gift shop ordering both needed to be addressed.

ADJOURN:

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

December 1, 2001

Portola City Hall
Portola, California

Vice-President Andy Anderson called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. The following directors were present: Andy Anderson, Pat Brimmer, Frank Brehm, Kerry Cochran, Eugene Vicknair, Jan Brietwieser, Norm Holmes, Hank Stiles.

Visitors Present: Eric Stephens, Rod McClure, Gail McClure, Judy McGrath, Alan Turner, Tom Graham, Ed Wagner.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Minutes – Approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on November 3, 2001.
2. Finance Reports - Transaction report through November 20, 2001 Profit & Loss
3. Convention Report
4. Revision of Motion #01-11-05

Motion #01-12-01

Made by Director Vicknair, seconded by Director Brehm to approve the consent agenda reports as presented. All directors present voted in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

ELECTION SUGGESTIONS: Director Vicknair reviewed his report that listed five items relating to the election process which he felt should be addressed. After reviewing the items, the Board determined that the items were addressed in the Nomination and Election Policy already in place and that no action needed to be taken. The Board did agree that members of the Election Committee should not publicly indorse any candidate or legislation to the membership.

ROADMASTER REPORT: Rod McClure presented his report regarding the roadmaster position and the state of the railroad. The Board thanked Mr. McClure for the report and complimented him on the report's content.

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TRUCKEE LIAISON: The Board discussed follow up items from this years Truckee event and expressed a need to have a "project coordinator" for next year's event. Director Brimmer suggested that the Board should ask any members who are interested in working on the project to respond to the Board. After further discussion it was the consensus of the Board to advertise for the project coordinator on the Web site and set the deadline for responses as December 20, 2001. Director Vicknair noted that he would communicate with Sam Herschbine to get an announcement on the Web.

NEW BUSINESS:

100 TON ROLLER BEARING TRUCKS: Director Brehm reviewed his report regarding the proposed trade or purchase of 100 ton roller bearing trucks from the Dobbis site in Roseville. He explained that the trucks were available and why he felt the museum could use them. After a brief discussion it was the consensus of the Board to direct Mr. Brehm to go ahead with is proposal.

MAINTENANCE OF WAY SUPERVISOR: Vice President Anderson appointed Rod McClure as Maintenance of Way Supervisor.

FAIRBANKS MORRIS 1857: Director Holmes asked the Board if they would like him to pursue acquisition of the equipment. After a brief discussion it was the consensus of the Board to have Director Holmes pursue the acquisition and bring back specifics to the board when they were available.

FACILITIES APPRAISAL: Vice President Anderson indicated the need to have the facilities inspected, appraised and brought up to code.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Director Brimmer reported that the Santa Train preparation were going well, he thanked Gail McClure for her help and suggested that the Board may want to consider moving the meeting to the Sunday of the Santa Train weekend next year.

Director Holmes reported that he may be able to schedule the CDF crew to work on the caboose.

Director Vicknair reported that the Zephyr dome is complete.

Director Brehm noted that the trainsheet deadline is the end of the month.

Director Brietwieser explained that Portola had not set a date for 2002 Railroad Days.

Vice President Anderson noted that the January meeting agenda would be quite long and requested the Board have a split meeting with am and pm sessions. He also noted that he had received a copy of the Magnolia Tower contract. And explained that the board vacancy would be advertised on the Web site with a deadline of December 20, 2001.

Attorney Alan Turner reviewed closed session with the Board and explained what type of items could be discussed in closed sessions. He also requested that future agendas have a section for a report for counsel. He then reported that the board would receive a report over the phone from the litigation attorney at the next meeting.

Director Brietwieser and Gail McClure each expressed the desire for the Board to consider proposal on setting up an organizational structure,

strategic planning retreat and funding processes. They would each have items for the January agenda.

CLOSED SESSION:

The Board adjourned to closed session at 2:15 p.m.

1. Loyalton Branch
2. Museum Property

The meeting was reconvened to open session at 2:21.

The following action was reported: It was the consensus of the Board to have the President communicate with UP regarding the Loyalton Branch. And the Board received legal advise about the status and legal effects of the existing lease.

ADJOURN:

Meeting adjourned at 2:22 p.m.

Next Meeting: January 5, 2001

Portola

Respectively Submitted

Leslie Tigan

Membership Benefit

Feather River Rail Society members can receive a 10% discount on any shoes/boots purchased at the Red Wind Shoe Store in Reno, NV. All you have to do is show your current FRRS membership card to receive the discount. A flyer will be posted at the museum in the spring from the store also. This discount is only available at the Reno Store. If a member finds a model shoe/boot they like and can't make it to Reno, Rod McClure has volunteered to assist by visiting the store after confirming membership status and payment has been made to pick them up and deliver them to the museum.

The store is located across the street from the Park Lane Mall, next to McDonalds.

Red Wing Shoe Store

347 E. Plumb Ln.

Reno NV.

775-323-4966

Help Wanted

By Kerry Cochran

Would you like to become a member of the Portola Railroad Museum Train Crew?

Requirements are; 18 years of age, active membership (\$30.00) or above, leather gloves and leather footwear that protects the ankles

If you are interested ask any crew member for information, see one of the train crew supervisors who are Don Nelson, Pat Brimmer and Paul Finnegan or contact me directly either at the museum or by phone at (650) 952-7127.