

the best interests of the organization foremost and sign same without Board review. Motion made by Director Stiles, seconded by Director Cochran. All Directors present voted in favor. Motion carried.

### **Closed Session**

Moved ahead on the agenda due to conflicting schedules of some attending Directors. Meeting adjourned to closed session at 1:50 pm and reopened to regular session at 2:20 pm

President McClure reported out from the closed session: Equipment purchase issues were discussed, no action was taken. Possible policy changes were also discussed, no action was taken. Legal litigation report was provided, no action was taken.

### **Actions and Notices**

President McClure advised that Scott Franklin has brought the first load of the frame for the New Melones Dam building to Portola. The Board originally approved an anticipated budget of \$2,500 for transportation expenses. The revised transportation amount is anticipated to be \$5,000-\$6,000. Review of the minutes revealed that \$2,000 was approved by the Board.

President McClure reported that he would like to see the volunteer lounge, AKA the "Silver Debris", gutted, rebuilt and in service by opening season. Director Vicknair presented proposed layouts for the remodeling of the car. Discussion ensued regarding the status of the car as a "building" as defined by the City of Portola and the need for the car to be a safe, clean, comfortable place for volunteers to spend time when the work day is done.

President McClure advised that overall, Truckee Railroad Days went well. There was some confusion over several issues, but they were all worked through and will be addressed in advance should we participate again next year. A complete report was not available at the time of the meeting. Gift shop sales were strong and the debut of the newly repainted UP caboose was a big hit. The E-9s were also very popular and it has been made clear that not many other organizations would be allowed to "borrow" these historic pieces of equipment for events such as we were.

President McClure also reported that the Board has accepted the trade of the UP 737 and the Santa Fe 414 caboose for the WP 165 and Oroville Fire Equipment. He is working on the contract and terms. He also has written approval from the Nevada State Railroad Museum releasing their first right of refusal on the UP 737 and continues to work on a storage contract for the WP 165 with the Pacific Locomotive Association where the locomotive currently sits. President McClure did report that there appears to be no ownership paperwork for the SF 414 caboose, however, Director Holmes did indicate that the previous owner

## ***PRESERVING "THE FEATHER RIVER ROUTE"***

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#### **Mission Statement**

The mission of the Feather River Rail Society is to preserve the history of the Western Pacific Railroad. The secondary mission is to preserve the history of the subsidiary and interchange railroads within the territories it served.

#### **Mission Goals**

To preserve and interpret the history of the WP, the "Willing People" as a vital link in the development of the rail industry on the West Coast, including the steam and diesel evolution, WP's influence in the passenger tourism industry, the impact of freight competition between neighboring railroads. WP's influence in the lumber, mining and agriculture industry from Plumas County throughout California, Nevada and Utah

was paid by check and that documentation should be available.

President McClure took two pieces of traded equipment to WRM/Rio Vista so that they can complete the needed track work they have to do to allow us to transport traded equipment via rail connections. There will be some cost involved with transportation, however, Director Habeck and President McClure will both provide volunteer services in their capacity as UP employees as the crew for transportation both ways. He also advised that our renewed relationship with the Western Railway Museum may result in exchanges of information and assistance regarding maintenance of way and other issues.

President McClure reported that our flatcar is currently at the SPI mill in Quincy, CA to allow for loading of Quincy 4 for return to Portola, CA. Once the flat car has returned, the SP Beet Gon will be loaded for transport to the Santa Maria Valley Transportation Museum.

He also asked that the job description issue be revisited as the project remains uncompleted. He asked that Department Heads review what they have. President McClure asked that Directors Cochran and McClure work as an Ad Hoc Committee to gather this information together.

President McClure stressed the importance of continued equipment restorations. We have the second UP caboose restoration authorized and Director Habeck will likely slate work to be done on it over the winter. He asked that Director Stiles review having a new locomotive ready to go for opening season.

Lastly, President McClure reported that the estate of Carl Motycka has been settled. The museum was a benefactor and received a check in the amount of \$17,341.23. He advised he insisted that a plaque be placed on the property acknowledging this generous posthumous donation and asked that Director Brehm include an article regarding same in the next issue of The Train Sheet.

Railfan Day 2003 – Director McClure reported that a written report was not available for the meeting however. She stated that in her opinion, the event was both a success and a failure. The participants, railroaders vendors and authors had a great time. The attendance was poor in relation to the amount of work that went into the event. It has been suggested that either the event has run its course as an annual event or needs to be held at a different time of year. She advised that the Board will be asked to reconsider this at the next meeting.

### **Items Postponed, Held Over or Continued**

Magnolia Tower  
Santa Train  
Beanery Kitchen Issues  
2004 Calendar

## **Upcoming Events**

### **December** (Santa Trains)

6 Board Meeting, 1 p.m., Santa Train 5 p.m.  
13 Santa Train 5 p.m.

### **January 2004**

1 New Year's Day  
1-31 Director Nominations open for 2004 elections, nominations go to Nomination and Election Committee  
3 Board Meeting - 1 PM Portola  
19 Martin Luther King Jr. Day

### **February..** Grounds Clean-up

7 Board Meeting - 1 PM - Sacramento  
16 President's Day  
29 Train Sheet Deadline