

## Summary of Recent Board Meetings

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### December 2003 Board Meeting

#### Motions and Actions Summary

#### Motions Passed

Consent Motions – Motion 03-12-01

Minutes – Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held December 6, 2003.

Financial Reports – Removed via motion 03-12-01.

Motions

#### **Motion 03-12-03.. WP 165 Trade**

Acceptance of contract finalizing the trade of UP 737 for WP 0-6-0 165 and sale of the SF 444414 Caboose in the amount of \$5,000 and two pieces of horse drawn fire apparatus as presented, along with authority for the President to sign said contracts. Motion made by Director Brehm, seconded by Director Monger. All Directors present voted in favor – Motion carried.

#### **Motion 03-12-04.. SP 2873 Loan**

Amendment to current contract loaning SP 2873 to Sierra Pacific Industries extending the gratis period for the usage of the locomotive through the end of February 2004, along with authority for the President to sign said amendment. Motion made by Director Brehm, seconded by Director Cochran. All Directors present voted in favor – Motion carried.

#### **Motion 03-12-05.. Cheyenne Business Trip**

Authorization for travel expenses for representative Committee comprised of President McClure and Director Habeck to travel to Cheyenne, WY and said expenses to be posted against budget line item 67310 – Travel & Meals. Motion made by Director Anderson, seconded by Director Brehm. All Directors present voted in favor with the exception of Director Habeck who abstained.– Motion carried.

#### Actions and Notices

Planning continues for the California Zephyr excursions coordinated with the WP Convention in Reno. Chris Skow reported on car availability.

President McClure advised that all required paperwork has been completed and our insurance has been renewed for 2004. He informed the Board that none of our rolling stock has been insured in the past and he is currently exploring insurance for select pieces of our collection.

Director Anderson reported work continues with regard to movement of Quincy 4 to Portola.

Director Habeck stated all batteries have been removed from and all

stacks capped on locomotives with the exception of WP 707, WP 608 and WP 512.

Eighteen ties were replaced under the 2-3 switch with another 14 to go.

Director Vicknair reported 5 sets of left-handed tear drop dome glass windows were donated by the owners of the passenger car “Virginia City”. They have also offered to assist with restoration of the “Silver Hostel” in any way they can.

Director Vicknair reported that Kewit Construction has allowed us more time on the Magnolia Tower. Volunteers from Santa Clara along with Vic Neves have inspected and have a plan to remove the machine from the building. Coots Construction appears to have agreed to the plan to dismantle the building in exchange for forgiving their debt to us.

Election Committee – Ed Wagner reported that he, Jay Sarno and Vic Neves comprise the committee this year and things are moving forward with the elections process.

#### Closed Session

Meeting reconvened to open session at 3:30 pm. Alan Turner reported information regarding noted issues was provided to the Board. Consensus direction was given. No reportable action was taken in closed session.

### January 2004 Board Meeting

#### Motions and Actions Summary

#### Motions Passed

Consent Motions – Motion 04-01-02

Minutes – Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held December 6, 2003.

Financial Reports – Removed via motion 04-01-01.

Motions

#### **Motion 04-01-03.. Locomotive Battery Acquisition**

Authorization for the President to negotiate for the purchase of seven sets of batteries at a cost of \$1,000 per set, plus a life membership, pending confirmation that they are in good condition via testing, and to be funded from line item 51020-Equipment Maintenance, Mechanical Department, and pending confirmation of available funds per Dan Brady. Motion made by Director McClure, seconded by Director Anderson. All Directors present voted in favor, with the exception of Director Brehm, who voted against – Motion carried.

#### Actions and Notices

President McClure advised the Board that CSRM has stated that they are unable to accommodate our request for meeting space in February due to their “Free Museum Day”. He is working on meeting space at the Oxford Suites in Roseville, CA. **February Meeting WILL BE at Oxford Suites, Roseville.**

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Insurance is in place for this year with a minimal increase in cost. This coverage includes general liability, commercial property and business income. It also includes for the first time, property damage insurance on selected pieces of our collection (WP 707, WP 805, WP 2001 and WP 921).

### Closed Session

Adjourned to closed session at 2:05 p.m. and reconvened to open session at 2:35 p.m. President McClure reported out of the session that a report was given regarding possible equipment sale. Direction was given by the Board to the President on this issue. Report was also provided regarding a separate equipment issue with consensus direction given to President.

### February 2004 Board Meeting

#### Motions and Actions Summary

#### Motions Passed

Consent Motions – Motion 04-02-02

Minutes – Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held January 3, 2004.

Financial Reports – Removed via motion 04-02-01.

#### Motions

##### Motion 04-02-03.. 2004 Budget

Acceptance of proposed 2004 FRRS Budget. Motion made by Director Cochran, seconded by Director Brehm. All Directors present voted in favor with the exception of Director McClure who voted against – Motion carried.

##### Motion 04-02-04.. Policies and Procedures

Renewal of all presented policies for a period of four years with change of wording from “expiration date” to “effective date” with review date to be stated as four years from today. Motion made

### **PRESERVING “THE FEATHER RIVER ROUTE”**

#### **WP Lives, in Portola!**

##### **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

by Director Stiles, seconded by Director McClure. All Directors present voted in favor – Motion carried.

### Actions and Notices

Union Pacific 4-4-0 737 has been loaded and moved to its new home. Seven sets of lightly used Unipak locomotive batteries were acquired and delivered to the museum. Purchase authorization was for six, but seller threw in an additional slightly damaged set that is still usable. WP FP7 805-A is once again operational. RALs will begin March 1.

John Walker is now Advertising Manager.

Crew Training weekend is scheduled for 05/01-02/04.

Work is progressing on Silver Debris Lounge and Phase 1 Walkways.

### Closed Session

Reconvened to open session 3:54 pm. President McClure reported that an equipment issue was discussed. Consensus direction was provided by the Board and no action was taken.

respectfully submitted by Eugene Vicknair, secretary

## From the Editor

By Frank Brehm

First of all I must apologize for the lateness of this issue. Believe me it was not planned! I have been very busy with some personal items and time just kept slipping away. Hopefully the other items that have taken so much of my time will be completed very soon and I can fully concentrate on this as well as the other duties I have helping the FRRS.

On another note I hope you enjoy this issue and again we are asking for member feedback concerning the society and what we can do better to serve you, the membership.

If you get the chance drop us a line or better yet stop by and say Hi.

## Upcoming Events

**April..** Prepare for Operating Season Hours: 10 AM – 5 PM  
3 Board Meeting - 1 PM Portola  
3-4 Locomotive Maintenance Clinic, Facilities Work Weekend  
16-17 WPRRHS Convention Reno, NV  
20 Election Ballots mailed to membership  
24-25 Track Work Weekend  
30 Train Sheet Deadline

**May..** Prepare for Operating Season Hours: 10 AM – 5 PM  
1 Board Meeting - 1 PM Portola, Appoint Election Tellers  
1-2 Crew Training/Rules Exam, Locomotive Maintenance Clinic  
15-16 Track Work Weekend  
22-23 Facilities Work Weekend  
28 Ballot Return Deadline – 5 PM  
29 Operating Season Opens  
31 Memorial Day