

Feather River Rail Society
Board of Directors Meeting – May 11, 2013 – 4:00 PM
WPRM Meeting Room – Portola, CA

President Rod McClure called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m.

The following Directors were present

Tom Carter (phone)	Kerry Cochran (phone)	Greg Elems	Steve Habeck
Norm Holmes (phone)	Gail McClure	Wayne Monger	Charlie Spikes
Eugene Vicknair (phone)			

Attendance

Debra Baer	Kirk Baer
James Mason	

Correspondence

- Letter from County advising that during the course of digging to repair a water leak on the Hospital property, petroleum products were found in the ground. President McClure has left a message with the appropriate individuals requesting further details with no return call as of this date.

Consent Calendar

Tabled.

Old Business

Sale of SP SD9 4404

Board discussed changes to proposed contract. Contract was referred back to Director Vicknair for recommended changes by consensus direction. Contract to be returned to Board for final approval.

Life Memberships

Discussion regarding recommendations from Board of Trustees to change the current life membership payment structure. Director Vicknair expressed concerns due to a lack of time to consider recommendations. James Mason expressed concern regarding cost to service life memberships. Item tabled until there has been time to look at this issue in more depth.

New Business

Donation of Numberboards and Beet Gon to CSRM

The idea had been proposed that the Board consider donation of the original 913-A numberboards from the Kenneth J. Meeker / WP Corporate Archives collection currently owned by FRRS to CSRM for placement in the engine. Dr. Cheryl Meeker reportedly is in support of this as long as the numberboards are actually used on the locomotive and not placed in storage.

Motion 13-05-01

Motion: Transfer of Ownership of Two (2) Historical Artifacts from Feather River Rail Society (Western Pacific Railroad Corporate Archives/ Kenneth J. Meeker Collection) to California State Railroad Museum.

Description: Two (2) Original 33"x11 3/4"x3/8" translucent black on white locomotive identification "numberboards" for Western Pacific Railroad EMD Model F7A "913-A".

History: Original 1950-era "numberboards" for 1st Western Pacific F7A 913-A. Transferred to 2nd WP 913-A (original WP 920-A renumbered to WP 913-A) in October 1971. Ownership of "numberboards" transferred to Western Pacific employee Kenneth J. Meeker in late 1977 after WP 913-A was damaged and removed from service due to an internal fire. Last two public display/operational uses of these two original "913-A numberboards" was on the rehabilitated/repainted Western Pacific 913 during the inaugural run of April 24, 1978 and on May 19, 1978.

As per the Ten Year Fractional Donation Agreement between the FRRS and Dr. Cheryl L. Meeker covering the Western Pacific Railroad Corporate Archives/ Kenneth J. Meeker Collection, ownership of these two historical artifacts was transferred to the Feather River Rail Society during December 2012. This proposal transfers ownership of the two (2) historical artifacts to California State Railroad Museum at Sacramento for the reinstallation into Western Pacific F7A 913 for permanent public display. This proposal is made in memory of Kenneth J. Meeker and all Western Pacific Railroad employees during the years 1970 to 1983.
Monger/Habeck Aye – 9 Nay – 0 Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

- FRRS has three SP Beet Gons and it has been suggested one be donated to CSRM.

Motion 13-05-02

FRRS to deaccess one SP Beet Gon for donation to CSRM, number to be determined, all cost for loading, tie-down and movement to be the responsibility of CSRM.

Vicknair/Habeck Aye – 9 Nay – 0 Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

Good of the Order

President's Report

- Scrapper has not gotten back to President McClure with estimated revenue and details of equipment scrapping.
- In the process of reactivating DRMO status for the purpose of obtaining military surplus.

Director's Reports

none

Event Reports

- *2013 Convention* – Director Vicknair provided update regarding convention. Event is coming together and there are approximately 130 registrants at this time.

Department Reports

none

Committee Reports

- *2013 Elections* – Director Habeck reported there have been a rather large number of ballots returned as undeliverable. Recommendation that a request to update addresses be published in The Train Sheet.

Legal / Insurance Report

- Meeker collection now insured.
- CSRM had some insurance concerns regarding the convention that have been addressed.

Status of Surplus Property Report

none

Safety Report

- Wasps are out – be aware to avoid being stung.

Public Comments

- Debra Baer reported that Chris Skow is working on running several excursion trains in 2014 and would like to provide a presentation to the Board.
- Kirk Baer advised that he is in support of a large season-kickoff event, separate and apart from Portola Railroad Days.

Notices

None

Addition of Item of Urgency

Motion 13-05-03

Addition of Financial Reports to Agenda

Vicknair / Monger Aye – 9 Nay – 0 Abstain – 0

Written reports provided

Motion 13-05-04

Approval of transfer of \$7,090.94 from BofA account to RBC Investment (Endowment) account.

Habeck / Spikes Aye – 9 Nay – 0 Abstain – 0

BREAK: 5:07-5:15 p.m.

Closed Session – requested by President McClure and Director Vicknair – 5:16 PM – 5:35 PM

- *Business Item* -- Off-site Event
- *Legal Item* – Worthen v. FRRS
- *Business Item* – WP Convention

The Board heard a report on a business item – Off-site Event. No action taken.

The Board heard a report on a legal item – Worthen v. FRRS. No action taken.

The Board heard a report on a business item – WP Convention. Consensus direction given, no action taken.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at: 5:36 PM
Next meeting: Saturday, June 1 – 1:00 PM
Location: WPRM Meeting Room
Portola, California

Respectfully Submitted,
Gail McClure for Eugene Vicknair
Secretary, FRRS