

Feather River Rail Society
Board of Directors Meeting – June 7, 2014 – 1:00 PM
WPRM Meeting Room – Portola, CA

President Rod McClure called the meeting to order at 1:14 PM.

The following Directors were present

Tom Carter	Kirk Baer	Eugene Vicknair
Wayne Monger (phone)	Charlie Spikes	Kerry Cochran
Greg Elems	Gail McClure	

Attendance

Debra Baer	David Elems
Stephanie Parker	

Motion 14-06-01

Add item of urgency for Closed Session – Personnel

G. McClure / Spikes. Aye - 8, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0. Motion carries.

Correspondence

- Issue began on Altamont Press slamming us for scrapping of SP SD9 4450. Several people have responded defending us.
- Message went out on an email list that made inference that there were issues with election. Was responded to by Director Carter. Suggestion that we have a “cookie-cutter” response that we send out in such situations that has contact information for people to reach the correct people. Kerry Cochran reminded the Board that we have policies on ethics and communication that the Board needs to be aware of. Kerry will work on updating Policies and Procedures Manual and getting new copies made.
- Charlie Spikes has questions about message Boards and email lists.

Consent Calendar

Minutes of the May 2014 BOD Meeting

Correction to spelling of Liisa Stark’s name, UP Foundation.

Motion 14-06-02

Approve the minutes for the May 2014 BOD Meeting as amended.

Vicknair / Carter. Aye - 8, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0. Motion carries.

Old Business

none

New Business

Change Time / Date for August Board Meeting

- Review suggestion to change August Meeting due to Portola Railroad Days.
- Concerns about Board Meeting conflicting with Portola Railroad Days event.
- Suggestion to move Board Meeting to Saturday, August 2 at 4:00 PM.

Motion 14-06-03

Move Board Meeting to Saturday, August 2 at 4:00 PM to avoid conflict with Portola RR Days.

G. McClure / Spikes. Aye - 8, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0. Motion carries.

Good of the Order

President's Report

- Written report provided
- Question to Board about working with RPCA (Rail Passenger Car Association) during their convention in January 22-26, 2014. Would like to bring over 1-2 bus loads of people. Consensus is to provide RPCA visitors free admission and ask for donations.

Director's Reports

- *Monger* – Union Pacific Foundation press release shown to Board

Financial Reports

- Financial reports provided
- Cash is tight. As of May 31, we have about \$33,000 in general operating account. Balance on credit card is dropping due to paydown plan. Dues are down about 17% from previous year, we have several renewals and new members due to earlier convention last year. RALs down about 9% but reservations are growing. Overall revenue down about 20%. Board and members are asked to do what they can to promote visitorship and increase revenue. Concern about condition of RAL fleet.

Event Reports

2014 Historic Convention – written report provided. Advertising shown to Board. Registration starts today.
Portola Railroad Days 2014 – written report provided. Question about benefits from Portola RR Days and who benefits. Local charities and groups get proceeds from events they run. Request that Lyon's list us on their RR Days website. We provide People Mover operation and open the museum for no admission, which costs us an estimated \$6,000 to \$8,000 in admission revenue. Consensus to provide a Plan A RAL certificate to the Lyon's Club to raffle off for benefit of Railroads Days Committee and event. Reported that Lyon's Club heard from past store manager how much money we made through Railroad Days and inquired if we could support event more. Several directors expressed that it is not their business how much we make to support our non-profit efforts. Point made that we are the "Railroad" in Railroad Days and we are a major draw for the event.

Department Reports

Funding – written report provided. Spring fundraiser nearly \$20,000. Several grant applications submitted.
Archives – written report provided. Plans for improving archives storage presented.

Committee Reports

Election - written report provided. Total ballot count received is 252, about 27% return. 869 total ballots mailed out. 132 Family / Family Life received two ballots. Board needs to appoint tellers. Names put forward are: Debbie Reynolds, Stephanie Parker, Rick Gruninger. Ballot count will be held in the Silver Debris which will be off limits during count. No requests for nominee observers. Secretary to provide roster for validation of write-in nominees.

Legal / Insurance Report

- Volunteer liability insurance premium will be going down as our broker has moved to a new provider. Suggestion from our insurance advisor to increase our volunteer liability levels.
- Gail McClure found out that parcel offered for donation has never had a structure and has no utilities on property. Consensus of Board to proceed with donation.

Status of Surplus Property Report

- We have several items for deaccession. Suggestion that we quickly film some humorous YouTube clips "used car style" to promote people to purchase or sponsor equipment. Consensus to proceed.

Safety Report

- Written report provided. Comments that we need to continue looking deeper at some of the actions being taken during work in the shop. Concerns about reaching out to members / volunteers that we need to improve various areas, including use of personal protection equipment, etc. Kerry Cochran reminded Board that we need to review / update and use our safety procedures / policies. Kirk Baer suggested that we give David Elems a Safety title since he is here so often. David Elems will now be Shop Safety Supervisor working with Tom Carter as Safety Officer.

Public Comments

Spikes – Several months ago we discussed having a locomotive work session. Charlie stated that some people have asked what can be done, but they have not had anything lined up or mismatch of skills and needs. Cochran requested we work on implementing our draft volunteer program and get more coordinated with volunteers and work needed. Tom Carter shared that Alicia LaBrecque has started a phone / email tree to better contact and coordinate volunteers.

Notices

- Annual Meeting and Dinner will start at 5:30 PM

Closed Session – requested by President McClure and Director Vicknair.

Adjourned to closed session 2:30 PM and reconvened to open session at 2:47 PM

“The Board heard a report on a personnel issue – Safety Issue. Consensus direction given, including directions to Secretary Eugene Vicknair to pursue resolution and report back to Board.”

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at: 2:48 PM
Next meeting: July 12, 2014 – 4:00 PM
Location: WPRM Meeting Room
Portola, California

Respectfully Submitted,
Eugene Vicknair
Secretary, FRRS