

Feather River Rail Society
Board of Directors Meeting – July 11, 2015 – 4:00 PM
WPRM Meeting Room – Portola, CA

Vice-President Steve Habeck called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM.

The following Directors were present

Eugene Vicknair	Kirk Baer	Charlie Spikes	Steve Habeck
Kerry Cochran - phone	Greg Elems	Wayne Monger	Tom Carter - phone

Leisa Wesch requested to audio record the meeting

Attendance

Leisa Wesch
Bil Jackson
Bob Sims
David Elems
Rick Gruninger – Insurance Liaison

Correspondence

- *Habeck* – Received letter from Willie Tate Scholarship Fund with card and check for \$40 in appreciation for time taken to cut up rail for Willie Tate Memorial Walk awards. Bil Jackson and Charlie Spikes mentioned by name.

Consent Calendar

Minutes of the May and June 2015 General BOD Meetings, the January 2015 Special Meeting and June 2015 Membership Meeting.

Correction – Vote on Motion 15-01-01S was Aye – 4, Nay 2, Abstain 1. Motion carried. Correction made to January 2015 Special Meeting minutes.

Motion 15-07-01
Motion to act on minutes separately.
Vicknair / Monger. Aye - 8, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0. Motion carries.

Motion 15-07-02
Motion to approve minutes of January 2015 Special Meeting as corrected.
Vicknair / Spikes. Aye - 7, Nay - 0, Abstain - 1. Motion carries.

Motion 15-07-03
Motion to approve minutes of May 2015 BOD Meeting.
Vicknair / Carter. Aye - 7, Nay - 0, Abstain - 1. Motion carries.

Motion 15-07-04
Motion to approve minutes of June 2015 BOD Meeting.
Spikes / Cochran. Aye - 8, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0. Motion carries.

Motion 15-07-05
Motion to approve minutes of June 2015 Membership Meeting.
Vicknair / Carter. Aye - 6, Nay - 0, Abstain - 2. Motion carries.

Old Business

none

New Business

Advertising

Written report provided.

Overview of advertising with Deals and Wheels in cooperation with the city.
Looks like we are getting an increase in RAL bookings in last few weeks following ad coming out. Lots of folks asking for RAL in a day or two.
Cost is \$200 per issue to us.
Carter recommends going for at least 1 more month.
Review at August BOD Meeting.

Good of the Order

President's Report

- Vice-President Steve Habeck provided written report.
- Due to errors in election and complaints / demands of members, we will be requesting FRRS legal counsel David Ludington to demand current election be stopped and a new election mailing be performed.
- Document refuting claims from the SOS Group was also handed out.
- Steve Habeck will have these documents placed into Train Sheet.

Financial Reports

- Reports provided
- Letter from Treasurer Gail McClure read. Year End Report for 2013 was completed, but a section was not included in binding. Reports need to be rebound and will be available once revised and approved by Board.
- McClure also requested that we look at adopting a standard format for 2015 Year End report going forward.
- McClure is also following up on status of 2014 taxes which are still being worked on by CPA and bookkeeper and are under approved extension by IRS.
- We received an estate bequeathment of \$50,000 in the last 2 weeks. Check has been deposited. Information on bequeathment is with the Treasurer and we will be getting a full report. She is drafting a thank you letter for review of the Board.

Director's Reports

- *Vicknair* – written report provided, WP San Jose Trestle update
- *Monger* – written report provided. Noted that Western Rail is aware of importance of getting pilot plate for WP 501 off MILW 5057 and get it returned to us. Will be going back up in mid-October.

Event Reports

- *2016 Convention* – Vicknair spoke to Scott McAllister about joint NMRA / FRRS convention. April 20-24, 2016. Director Cochran said he thinks this is a great idea and we should consider. Director Carter also likes the idea, pointed out that a lot of the convention goers for our conventions are modelers. We could complement each other. Director Elems pointed out that joint with SP&S group was success. Board gives consensus direction to proceed. Vicknair will begin working directly with NMRA committee. Habeck asked for details of costs so we can approve budget soon.
- *Father's Day Mini-Zephyr* – Train came out of Emeryville. Arrived 2 hours later. Train came in to museum to allow passengers to disembark. Volunteers worked very hard to have everything ready. Train was inside gate within 25 minutes of arrival. Lots of equipment was open for display: rotary, troop sleeper, diner, etc. Everyone seems to have had a good time. Store that day was a \$4000 gross. Will be writing an article for the Train Sheet. Amtrak came and inspected the lead a week before with Director Elems and we made some good contacts with new manager. We had about a dozen small issues to take care of. Director Elems and crew took care of the issues. Amtrak was impressed with us. Amtrak liked the caboose loading platform. Thank you to Dennise Giarritta (check sp) for her work cleaning and organizing the store, container, restrooms and board room. Car owners were very appreciative of our work.

Department Reports

- *Funding* – written report provided – grant application out to Tom Dailey Foundation, working on grants with city
- *Operations* – written report provided – Bil Jackson requalified; David Elems completed Student Passenger Engineer training; Kerry Cochran, Paul Finnegan and Rick Gruninger have been working to update and strengthen Ops Department processes / policies. Rick asked that Ops Department reports be included in Train Sheets.

Committee Reports

none

Legal / Insurance Report

- Report from FRRS Legal Counsel David Ludington summarizing legal case with election and current status.

Status of Surplus Property Report

none

Safety Report

- Have been getting fire extinguishers updated and recharged over the last few months. Will be close to 80 by the time we are done. Director Carter has been pricing some new replacements for some at end of life. Director Carter has also been coordinating the work with Alpine Fire Extinguisher, who is doing the work. At request of Treasurer McClure, Alpine has given us NET45 payment terms, and Alpine offered discounts and no start on payment terms until all work done.. They have also been working out other ways to lower cost. Director Carter also donated 4 newer, certified extinguishers which are now all in the caboose train cabooses. Alpine also suggested we get inexpensive single use extinguishers for the rubber tire equipment. Next priority is Silver Plate, Volunteer Lounge and Edenwold. Thank you to Director Carter and Alpine Fire Extinguisher.
- There is now a big red NO SMOKING sign in the machine shop near the oxygen bottles. Also one posted by the electrical cabinets.

Public Comments

- *Rick Gruninger* – Thanked David Elems and Leisa Wesch for providing materials to retarp the injector test stand.
- *Bill Jackson* – Has just purchased a home in Portola. Will be around a lot more.
- *Bob Sims* – Asked if we should be mailing our ballots in even with all errors and confusion. Habeck said members should still send in their ballots until things change. Sims also found a telescope level from WPRy to go with the Surveyor's Transit. Donated for display room. Thank you to Bob Sims.

Notices

- Portola Railroad Days August 7-9, 2015. Request for Director Vicknair to contact Robert Meacher concerning plans for Railroad Days. (NOTE – following meeting it was discovered that dates were incorrect. Date changed to August 21-23, 2015.)
- Director Elems asked if Board wants him to do brochure exchange again with Reno / Sparks / Tahoe attractions. Consensus direction to proceed.

Closed Session

none requested

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at: 5:27 PM
Next meeting: August 8, 2015 – 5:00 PM
Location: WPRM Meeting Room
Portola, CA

Respectfully Submitted,
Eugene Vicknair
Secretary, FRRS