

**Feather River Rail Society**  
**Board of Directors Meeting – May 10, 2025 – 1:00 PM**  
**Western Pacific Railroad Museum Meeting Room – WPRM, Portola, CA**

President Greg Elems called the meeting to order at 1:08 PM.

**Attendance**

**The following Directors were present:**

Greg Elems - phone	Matt Elems	Tom Hervey - phone
Michael Coen - phone	Bob Sims – phone	Eugene Vicknair - phone
Janet Steeper joined meeting at 3:24 PM		

6 directors present at meeting start – Quorum achieved.

**Visitors:**

Ethan Doty - phone

**Correspondence**

none

**Consent Calendar**

1. Minutes – Minutes of the April 2025 BOD Regular Meeting.
  - Correction of typo in Mechanical Report received from Bob Sims and entered into minutes.

Motion 25-05-01

Approve the minutes for the April 2025 Regular Meeting as amended.

Vicknair / Coen. Aye – 6, Nay – 0, Abstain – 1. Motion carries.

**New Business**

**Updates to Museum Brochure and Membership Letter**

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Review report and provide feedback.

- Written report provided.
- Discussion about having credit card number on membership form.
- Noted some typos.
- QR codes will be added for direct links.

Motion 25-05-02

Approve the provided report and recommended brochure and letter changes.

Vicknair / Hervey. Aye – 6, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

**Offer to Sell to Museum Bust of Arthur Walter Keddie**

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Discuss and provide guidance.

- Written report provided.
- Price determined to be too high.
- Consensus of the Board is to pass with our thanks for contacting us.

**Planning for Upcoming Events in June**

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Discuss plans for Membership Meeting and Open Cab Day.

- Discussion about upcoming events.

- WP FP7 805-A will be moving into the shop at some point. WP GP7 707 and WP SW1 501 are currently in the diesel shop. Need to get Armando to clear out cab of UP DDA40X 6946.
- Discussion about having WP 0-6-0 165 cab open and possibly subbing FM 1857 for WP GP7 707.
- Reviewed options for access.
- Nick Manos suggested to Ethan that we have rotary running.
- Consensus to start promoting Open Cab and Membership Dinner. Send MailTrain and note we need volunteers for Open Cab Day. Put Open Cab Day on Facebook.
- Promote through City of Portola social media.
- Membership Dinner: get sign-ups and get idea of amount of visitors.
- Suggestion to use Port of Subs for the Membership Dinner. Noted there is now a taco truck in Portola.
- Ethan Doty suggested having taco truck come in for the day since we will be open.
- Start promoting and ask for RSVP by May 27.
- Discussion about approaching taco truck and seeing if we can develop a relationship with them.
- Greg will be at museum on Monday. He will go by taco truck and talk to them.
- July 4-6 – Motorcar group will be giving rides on July 5-6. Greg to talk with taco truck and Eugene to check with We Cook For You.
- We have a crew and looks like we will be running caboos on Friday, July 4.
- Michael Coen wants to have discussion about school groups coming to museum.

## **Old Business**

none

## **Good of the Order**

### **President's Report**

- Verbal report provided.
- Chris Skow donation move. Assistance provided by Michael Coen, Ethan Doty, Chris Skow and Mario (last name not recorded) who was hired by Chris to assist in his move. Move went well. Chris Skow is excited to be working on Display Room.
- Jen Ramiro from Lost Sierra Chamber of Commerce contacted Greg. Meeting for RR days has been postponed from the 14th to the 20<sup>th</sup>. Ryan Bonk from the city of Portola will attend. Portola Railroad Days is September 27.
- Mike (Frivvel (sp?)) asked for help getting info on repair specs for SD7/9 Flexcoil trucks. Greg will provide links and PDF files to him courtesy of Phil Schmierer. Mike offering to help with getting parts for repairing GP7/9's.

### **Financial Reports**

- Financial reports provided.
- Reviewed financials.
- Questions on Charles Schwab account and RBC for stock sales.

### **Director's Reports**

- *Vicknair* – written report provided.

### **Event Reports**

- *2025 WP / DRGW Convention* – written report provided.
  - Mike Coen has friend with model layout in Folsom willing to open for convention. Mike is willing to contact Dave Houston. We will be talking to SMRHS for convention.
  - Idea to invite Diablo Pacific and Wandering Railroad to convention.
  - Greg Elems and Alan Barrett for First Sub show.
  - Mike Coen talking to Erik Blasko to do a show.
  - Eugene Vicknair doing updated show on ex-DRGW locomotives on WP system.
  - Reach out to Cantenary video again.
  - Discussion about TSG video doing videos of our convention presentations.
- *Sacramento Model Railroad Historical Society Open House* – May 17-18
- *Ardenwood Rail Fair* – May 24-26

- *Kaiser-Frazer Car Club visit* – May 31
- *Good Sam RV Club* – June 3

### Department Reports

- *Webmaster* – written report provided.
- *Train Sheet* – written report provided.
- *General Superintendent* – written report provided.
- *Historical / Archives* – written report provided.
- *Mechanical* – written report provided.
- *Facilities*
  - A majority of the water was returned to operation by Brian Waller with help from several others. Still a minor leak near the lounge car.
  - Eugene Vicknair ordered new filters and filter canister for the store water and water fountains. Greg Elems and Ethan Doty will install those.
  - Charlie Spikes will get the Coke machine operating after filters replaced.

### Committee Reports

- Ad hoc business meeting was held Friday, May 2 with Paul Finnegan, Greg Elems, Kerry Cochran and Eugene Vicknair. Reviewed several items of society business operations. Full report will be presented next meeting.

**Legal / Insurance Report** - none

**Safety Committee** - none

### Notices

June 7 – Membership Dinner – 5:30 PM followed by Annual Meeting

### Public Comments

Motion 25-05-01

Add to Closed Session a Business Item – RAL operations as item of urgency.

Vicknair / Coen. Aye – 6, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

### BREAK – 2:53 PM – 3:00 PM

**Closed Session** – requested by President Greg Elems and Director Eugene Vicknair

3:02 PM – 4:00 PM

- *Business / Property Item* – Property Lease
- *Property Item* – Property Improvements
- *Business Item* – RAL Operations

The Board heard a report on a Business / Property Item – Property Lease. Consensus direction given. No reportable action was taken.

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### Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 4:01 PM

Next Meeting: June 7, 2025 – 3:30 PM

Location: WPRM Meeting Room, Portola

Respectfully Submitted - Eugene Vicknair – FRRS Secretary