

Feather River Rail Society
Board of Directors Meeting – December 13, 2014 – 1:00 PM
WPRM Meeting Room – Portola, CA

President Rod McClure called the meeting to order at 1:12 PM.

The following Directors were present

Eugene Vicknair	Kirk Baer	Gail McClure
Wayne Monger - phone	Charlie Spikes	Tom Carter – phone (dialed in at 1:30 PM)
Kerry Cochran – phone	Greg Elems	Steve Habeck

Attendance

Ed Wagner
Debra Baer
Matt Shuman
Ron Huey
Dave Elems

Correspondence

none

Consent Calendar

Motion 14-12-01

Approve the minutes for the November 2014 BOD Meeting.
Vicknair / G. McClure. Aye - 6, Nay - 0, Abstain - 2. Motion carries.

Old Business

Purchase of Video Surveillance System

- Tabled from November meeting.
- President McClure and Director Cochran conferred on proposed security video system, feel that this is a good system to get with some modification.
- Requested to approve acquisition on a funds available basis.
- Currently \$799 but may go on sale soon.
- Proposal to put \$2000 expenditure into the 2015 budget under line item 70022 – Locks and Keys (to be changed to security).
- Consensus to place into the 2015 budget on a funds available basis.
- Question about system capabilities: 2TB recording video storage (est. 96 hours of time), 10 day/night cameras, can be monitored via secure internet. Proposed to place cameras inside and outside Diesel Shop, additional cameras can be added.
- Suggestion to contact local security installer and see what install cost would be. Install still being decided.

New Business

Election Policies and Procedures

- Written report provided.
- Tabled from November meeting.
- Written information provided along with proposed policy and procedure changes.
- Questions about changes to procedure concerning candidate statements.
- Request to add language to return any questionable statements to the candidate along with comments as to items not meeting policies and code of ethics. Candidate will have 48 hours to respond or return a revised statement.

- Ed Wagner will be the election chair for 2015.
- Suggestion to send policy and Code of Ethics to any candidates when they declare so that there are no questions about process.
- Question as to why statement about sending additional materials was removed. This clause is duplicated in other areas of the policies and by-laws.
- Concerns expressed that we need to be careful with “gatekeeping” statements. Concern that this could open us up to accusations of stifling member expression.
- Questions about how members can request and use our mailing list. There are procedures for this and there are also legal requirements that we must follow on release of any member information.
- Background on mailing list issue. In past we had an issue with business acquiring our list and using it for their benefit. Policy was placed to protect mailing list.
- Discussion about changing the additional materials clause to eliminate mailing list section.
- Concern still expressed that we are creating a situation that will cause issues.

Motion 14-12-02

Approve the Election Policy and Procedure as amended, pending legal review. Written statement to be returned to the Board from legal.

Habeck / G. McClure. Aye - 7, Nay - 2, Abstain - 0. Motion carries.

- Election Policy and Code of Ethics will be sent to all candidates. Also, PDFs of these will be posted on website as part of nominations announcement.

Fuel Reimbursement

- Calrailfans group members came together to transport donated cantilever crossings from Manteca to the museum. Requesting fuel reimbursement of approximately \$250.
- The President has stated to the Calrailfans group that decision on what to do with the crossing signals will be performed by the Board and there are no guarantees as to what will be done with them.
- We have not received any request for reimbursement from the group as of the meeting.
- Clarified that if someone wants to make donation and put restrictions on it, then it must be reviewed by the Board of Directors and decision made if caveats are acceptable.
- Reimbursement will be reconsidered after we receive a bill or information from the group.
- Board expressed approval that this group of members stepped forward to take on this project.
- Director Carter will follow up with them and send a thank you letter.

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President’s Report

- *Railway Passenger Car Alliance* – Convention in Reno in January. Will be coming to museum for visit January 25. Steve Lee will be attending the Railway Passenger Car Alliance convention in Reno as part of our organization and representing us.

Director’s Reports

- *Vicknair* – Samples of the 2015 Historic Photo Calendar were showed to the meeting attendees.
- *Monger* – Milwaukee Road U25B 5057 is now in Spokane, Washington. Will be delivered to Pend Oreille Valley Railway by Tuesday.

Financial Reports

- Reports provided
- \$58,000 in checking account. Total about \$70,000 in cash accounts. We are going into winter in a fairly good position. Need to watch expenses until April / May.
- Membership down about \$3,000 versus last year.
- Museum Store running \$6,000 over last year’s revenue, but expenses also up about the same amount. As Winterail is moving to Oregon, we are reconsidering attending since income does not justify cost.
- Short term debt continues to fall and we expect to be paid off early 2015.

Event Reports

- *Santa Trains 2014* – written report provided. Cost for Reno Gazette ad was \$281. Have received many calls from Reno. Santa Train is also on cover of RuralLife magazine. Had 140 cars last Saturday. Collected 10 boxes of food. Trains Magazine also listed our Santa Train in their holiday issue. Dave Rudolph (our Santa) put our event on Sacramento event calendars. Redding parents magazine listed us as a museum to visit. Gate money / admission was about \$895 and donation boxes were \$189. Museum Store did about \$343. Expenses are being tracked. Director Baer thanked Director McClure for the idea of combining the food bank donation with Santa Train. No complaints about paying so far this year. Thank you to everyone who helped out and will be helping out. And thank you to Steve Habeck and his family for leading the project.

Department Reports

- *Funding Department* – written report provided. Update on year end fundraiser. Donations coming in very slowly.

Committee Reports

none

Legal / Insurance Report

none

Status of Surplus Property Report

none

Safety Report

- We had some local teenagers who were climbing unsafely on equipment last Saturday.
- Thank you to Santa Train for their excellent work last Saturday. Everyone was sticking with safety rules and it all worked very well.
- David Elems will be acting as night's operating supervisor for the first time.

Public Comments

- Ron Huey expressed thanks for everyone who worked on Santa Train.
- Matt Shuman thanked the Board for allowing himself and Ron Huey to help as election committee for the past two years.

Notices

- Santa Trains are running December 13 and 20. Volunteers and cookie bakers needed.

Closed Session

none

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at: 2:46 PM
Next meeting: January 10, 2014 – 1:00 PM
Location: WPRM Meeting Room
Portola, CA

Respectfully Submitted,
Eugene Vicknair
Secretary, FRRS