

**Feather River Rail Society  
Board of Directors Meeting  
January 3, 2004 – 1 PM  
Volunteer Lounge, Portola Railroad Museum  
Portola, California**

President Rod McClure called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. The following directors were present:

Andy Anderson	Frank Brehm (phone)	Kerry Cochran (phone)	Gail McClure
Norm Holmes	Hank Stiles (phone)	Eugene Vicknair (phone)	

Directors Steve Habeck and Wayne Monger were unable to attend.

Staff present: None

Visitors present: None

**Correspondence**

Director Vicknair announced that on the Railway Preservation News website, our press release was printed regarding the WP 165 trade along with a personal note from the Editor complimenting the FRRS regarding another "win-win" equipment trade. There was also positive notice on Trainorders.com and Altamont Press.

**Consent Calendar.**

1. Minutes – Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held December 6, 2004.
2. Financial Reports – No reports available at this time.

Motion # 04-01-01 – Removal of Financial Reports from Consent Calendar. Motion made by Director Vicknair, seconded by Director Anderson. All Directors present voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motion # 04-01-02 – Approval of Consent Calendar as amended. Motion made by Director Anderson, seconded by Director Holmes. All Directors present voted in favor. Motion carried.

NOTE: President McClure advised the Board that CSRM has stated that they are unable to accommodate our request for meeting space in February due to their "Free Museum Day". He is working on meeting space at the Oxford Suites in Roseville, CA.

**Old Business**

**Review of Policies and Procedures**

President McClure suggested this item be tabled in the interest of time. Director Cochran requested that all information presented be reviewed by the Board for discussion at a future meeting. Many of the existing Policies expired last year and were not renewed. Director Cochran suggested that they can be reinstated without further discussion if no objection.

## **New Business**

### **Truckee Railroad Days Excursion**

Director Holmes suggested that he believes there may be enough interest for a round trip excursion from Sacramento to Truckee in conjunction with Truckee Railroad Days. He requested Board direction regarding further pursuit of this possibility. There was some Board discussion regarding participation in this year's event, that we are guests at someone else's venue, and other issues. The Board requested that President McClure check to see if Truckee Railroad Days will be held and Director Holmes begin preliminary footwork with the understanding that no commitments be made regarding same.

### **Privately Owned Equipment**

President McClure presented a document he requested the Board review with respect to privately owned equipment on FRRS property. Director McClure suggested that President McClure work with Director Cochran to draft a policy based on the storage agreement presented for both to be presented at the next meeting. Consensus direction was provided by the Board to pursue this with legal advice on certain of the clauses contained in the draft agreement. It was suggested that the policy and agreement cover both rail and non-rail mounted equipment as well as address future requests for storage space on the property.

### **Purchase of Used Battery Sets**

President McClure reported that he and Director Holmes have been in contact with a gentleman who has provided the name and contact information for another gentleman who has used locomotive battery sets available for purchase. At President McClure's request, Director Vicknair has discovered these battery sets are from Union Pacific locomotives being retrofitted for "smart start" starting systems. They range in age from 3 months to 2 years. President McClure recommended purchase of 6 or 7 sets. Cost for same would be \$1,000 per set and a life membership for the seller. Scott Franklin should be able to provide transportation. Our newest existing set is 12 years old and the oldest is 19 years.

Further discussion included concerns that we do not have an approved budget at this time and that this offer will likely be withdrawn prior to the next meeting as the seller must have them of his property within 30 days or so.

Motion # 04-01-03 – Authorization for the President to negotiate for the purchase of seven sets of batteries at a cost of \$1,000 per set, plus a life membership, pending confirmation that they are in good condition via testing, and to be funded from line item 51020-Equipment Maintenance, Mechanical Department, and pending confirmation of available funds per Dan Brady. Motion made by Director McClure, seconded by Director Anderson. All Directors present voted in favor, with the exception of Director Brehm, who voted against. Motion carried.

## **Good of the Order**

### **President's Report**

President McClure reported our insurance is in place for this year with a minimal increase in cost. This coverage includes general liability, commercial property and business income. It also



includes for the first time, property damage insurance on selected pieces of our collection (WP 707, WP 805, WP 2001 and WP 921).

Double T Agriculture Museum will be up to load UP 737 as soon as the weather and snow clears.

### **Director's Reports**

Director Holmes reported that per Chris Skow, there were approximately 175 bookings for the CZ train going to the convention.

Director Anderson advised that the SP 2873 is being well taken care of by the SPI folks who are using her. Also, once the weather clears, they will be ready to help with loading of Quincy 4 for transport back to Portola.

Director McClure requested consensus direction from the Board. She advised that Director Monger reported at the last Board meeting he had been in contact with one of the principals of the Cascade Rail Foundation (Cle Elum, WA) museum regarding the Milwaukee unit. She asked for feedback from the Board regarding Director Monger and her working toward a cooperative partnership with them whereby joint applications are made for funding to restore the locomotive, as well as an agreement whereby they would eventually own the equipment, but we would do the work and would be able to utilize it in the RAL program until they are ready to take physical possession of it. Consensus direction was provided that this idea be pursued.

### **Department Reports**

Museum Manager – None at this time.

Operations Department – Director Cochran advised his reporting showed a reduction of 341 hours from 2002. He advised his annual department report will be presented at the next meeting. Discussion regarding the reduction may be in part due to lack of reporting and impact due to the general state of the economy. Director Cochran did request that greater attention be paid to completion of Conductor's reports to allow for tracking.

Zephyr Project Report – Director Vicknair reported he has been having more and more people in contact with him regarding the Silver Hostel. He has been in contact with David Varilek, owner of the car prior to ITAC. He may have parts he will be willing to provide to the project. He was also contacted by a gentleman in Blackfoot, ID who was a friend of the family that purchased the car from the WP and tried to turn it into a restaurant. He has photos of the car during the conversion and used of same. He also confirmed that most of the interior parts were disposed of during the conversion of the car in 1974.

Facilities Report – The interior of the Silver Debris has been gutted with the exception of some lumber stored in it for future use. Additional details regarding interior work to be presented at a future meeting. Snow has prevented other projects from moving forward.

### **Committee Reports**

Review of Committee List – Director Cochran presented a list of the current committees he is aware of. Several additional committees were detailed for inclusion on the list.

Election Committee – Nominations are open and the process should be moving forward. Committee is comprised of Ed Wagner, Jay Sarno, and Vic Neves.

## **Safety Report**

President McClure and Director Cochran both pointed out that snow and ice due to winter weather conditions are making footing hazardous. Everyone needs to pay attention to avoid injuries.

## **Legal Counsel Report**

None at this time.

## **Status of Surplus Property Report**

None at this time.

## **Closed Session**

Adjourned to closed session at 2:05 p.m. and reconvened to open session at 2:35 p.m. President McClure reported out of the session that a report was given regarding possible equipment sale. Direction was given by the Board to the President on this issue. Report was also provided regarding a separate equipment issue with consensus direction given to President.

## **Other**

Director Cochran asked for clarification of procedures regarding delivery of intent to run for a Board of Director seat and if electronic notification is considered to be a valid form of notification. Consensus was that based on the Board's understanding of California Corporation Code, it would be.

## **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 2:42 p.m.  
Next meeting: Saturday, February 7, 2004  
Location: Oxford Suites meeting room  
Roseville, CA

Respectively Submitted  
Gail A. McClure



## January 2004 Board Meeting

### Motions and Actions Summary

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#### Motions Passed

- Consent Motions – Motion 04-01-02

Minutes – Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held December 6, 2003.

Financial Reports – Removed via motion 04-01-01.

- Motions

#### **Motion 04-01-03.. Locomotive Battery Acquisition**

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#### Actions and Notices

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#### Next Board Meeting

February 7, 2004 – 1:00 PM

Oxford Suites

Roseville, CA

respectfully submitted by Eugene Vicknair, secretary

February 2, 2004