



# FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Tom Carter, director - ph  
Kerry Cochran, director - ph  
Greg Elems, director

Steve Habeck, vice-pres - A  
Norm Holmes, director - ph  
Gail McClure, director

Wayne Monger, director  
Charlie Spikes, director  
Eugene Vicknair, secretary

Rod McClure, president - ph

Regular Meeting  
December 8, 2012 – 1:11 PM

WPRM Meeting Room  
Portola, CA

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## Agenda Topics

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### Attendance

Debra Baer  
Kirk Baer  
Bob Sims  
Bruce Veilleux – IT Manager  
James Mason  
Matt Elems  
Dave Elems  
Rick Gruninger  
Ed Powell  
Ethan Doty

### Correspondence

### Consent Calendar – tabled to December

Items will be acted on simultaneously unless a Director requests separate discussion and/or action.

1. Minutes – Minutes of the October and November 2012 BOD Meetings.

Correction to November minutes: All locomotive radios are NOT compliant.

Motion 12-12-01

Accept the minutes for the October and November 2012 Meetings.  
Vicknair / Cochran. Aye - 8, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0. Motion carries.

### Financial Report moved to this time

- Financial information was not sent due to unavoidable circumstances.
- James Mason brought financial report.
- Current finances are looking good. James Mason presented a chart showing 2011 vs. 2012. Net income for 2012 is currently over \$50,000 for the year. We will be higher, close to \$100,000, when we book the 4404 sale money.
- Income has improved due to hard work by many people to bring in income, donations, improve the Gift Shop and find cost savings.
- Thanks to Gail McClure and her team, we have saved over \$35,000 in Gift Shop direct costs.
- Cash on hand is over \$100,000.

- Membership are up \$166 over last year this time.
- We are running \$123,624 ahead of this time last year in net income, not including SP 4404 income.
- James Mason recommends delaying full payment of short term debt until after the SP 4404 money is released.
- Discussed recent stock donation. James Mason donated 60 shares of stock to Steam Program. Board needs to direct that stock be sold and funds transferred to income item 40422 – Steam Fund. Recommended that a policy / procedure be enacted to handle future stock donations.
- Direct donation of appreciated stock to non-profit avoids taxes on appreciation and donor gets full value write-off.
- Recommendation to start drafting long-term business plan to present to the Board. Review prior business plans and proposals. Recommended that Business Practices Committee start looking at this.
- Questions about stock donation. A portion of stock can be donated. Value is set the day stock is transferred.
- James Mason will work with Kerry Cochran to draft stock policy.

Motion 12-12-02

Direct that stock donated by James Mason be sold and transferred through BofA account to line item 40422 – Steam Fund.

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

Concensus direction to have Business Practices Committee prepare a draft Business Plan looking forward 10 years. Include information from March 2012 special meeting.

## Old Business

### 1. Radio System License and Museum Radios (Cochran) – tabled from October

Review issues concerning museum radio system.

Discussion. Possible Action.

- Written report and information provided.
- On November 24, the radio license was processed for modification. Currently still pending with FCC.
- Did research into replacement radios. Found a vendor that can provide radios for \$260 each.
- Suggestion we look at offering this price to members who want personal radios and do a mass buy. Would be cash up front purchase. Quote is for portable radios only, not locomotive or station radios.
- Verified that currently we only have 6 portable radios compliant with new requirements.
- Two compliant station radios will be donated after January 1, 2013.
- We will need five new station / locomotive radios. Need to look into replacing those.
- Questions about what bandwidths are covered and other radios to be converted.

Motion 12-12-03

Accept the report and move forward as suggested with purchase of 12 new compliant portable radios. Total cost is \$3,982.00 on line item 51060 – Tools.

Carter / G. McClure. Aye - 7, Nay - 0, Abstain - 1. Motion carries.

- The 6 radios currently in hand can be converted by Kerry quickly. Discussion about getting those converted as soon as possible. They will be shipped to Kerry for quick conversion.
- Recommendation that we put word out on radio offer for volunteers who want personal radios.
- Question about liability if general public brings non-compliant radios. If they are not working for museum, then we are not responsible. We are only responsible for our volunteers doing FRRS business.

Question about status of Treasurer position. James Mason is functioning as Acting Treasurer currently and will handle year end report.

## New Business

### 1. Volunteer Hour Tracking System (G. McClure) – tabled from November

Approve acquisition of hour tracking system previously discussed.  
Discussion. Possible Action.

- Issues is still being investigated. Will bring report to next meeting.
- Tabled to January.

## 2. 2013 WP Convention (McAllister / Vicknair)

Approve proposal for 2013 WP Convention.  
Discussion. Possible Action.

- Written report provided.
- Convention dates suggested are May 17-19, 2013. Projected location is CSRM in Sacramento.
- Current fund for conventions is 11003 – Convention. Has \$1824.00. Thom Anderson is current signator on the account. Will review account status in January.
- Discussion about structure of the account and how to handle it.
- Question about work weekend before season open on Memorial Day weekend. Schedule new work weekend.

Concensus direction to proceed with planning and report back. Dates are approved.

## 3. Santa Maria Valley Beet Gon Donation (R. McClure)

Discuss proposal to donate SP Sugar Beet Gon for display in Santa Maria, CA.  
Discussion. Possible Action.

- Written report provided.
- President McClure has been talking to Santa Maria Valley Historical Museum. They have reformed their organization in the last few years.
- Suggestion to give them a beet gon and have SMVHM cover costs.

Motion 12-12-04

Motion to donate to SMVHM one of the SP / Holly Sugar beet gondolas (SP 358262) acquired by the FRRS in 1989. SMVHM to cover all related loading, tie-down and shipping costs. Beet Gon must be moved within 6 months of contract acceptance.

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

## 4. Short Term Debt Payment (Carter)

Review financial status for repayment of short term debt.  
Discussion. Possible Action.

- Suggested that this be tabled to March 2013 and continue current payment plan.

Concensus direction to continue with current payment plan and revisit in March 2013.

## 5. Santa Train Planning (Vicknair / Habeck)

Discuss ways to improve Santa Train attendance, finances and planning. Appoint coordinator.  
Discuss adding 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of trains.  
Discussion. Possible Action.

- Written report provided.
- Vice-President Habeck has requested a third Santa Train weekend this year.
- Opinions expressed that we need to complete SP 4404 and Santa Train is interfering with that work.
- We are losing money on Santa Train currently.

- Suggested in report that we appoint a coordinator for Santa Train for next year and improve fundraising and publicity.
- Reported that SP 4404 welder cannot return until after first of the year. We need to find another welder.
- Concern that we have no time to get a crew together. Also there has been no advertising.
- Last Saturday we had only 29 cars at \$5 a car. Cost for materials and set-up was over \$660.
- Suggestion to look at possible 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend next year or move it farther down in the month for next year.
- Noted that this year no one advertised, requested cookies or other advertising items.
- Thanks to Steve Habeck and his family for their great job decorating the train.
- Concensus is for no 3<sup>rd</sup> Santa Train this year.

Motion 12-12-05

Accept the report recommendations to appoint a Coordinator for 2013 to handle planning, fundraising, publicity and logistics. Planning activities to begin no later than October 1, 2013.

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

- Gail McClure has volunteered to be Coordinator for 2013 and Debra Baer and Bruce Veilleux have volunteered to assist.

## 6. Year End Fundraiser Budget (G. McClure / Vicknair)

Approve budget for year end fundraising mailer.

Discussion. Possible Action.

- Fundraising letter and written report provided.
- Suggestion in report to do two mailings. Recommendation to do spring mailing through mailing house and do fall mailing as more elaborate mailing. Suggestion to up the budget to \$3,000.

Motion 12-12-06

Accept the report recommendation of two annual mailings. Budget to be \$3,000 annual from line item 56600 - Fundraising.

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

## Good of the Order

### 1. President's Report

- Bill for damage to car on Railroad Days as been paid.
- Building has been drained.
- Rod McClure saw a black bear heading into the museum this morning.

### 2. Financial Report – done earlier in meeting

### 3. Director's Reports

- *Vicknair* – donated a set of outdoor information signs for equipment.
- *Monger* – Vic Neves' dog Zephyr who often came to the museum passed away recently.

### 4. Event Reports

### 5. Department Reports

### 6. Committee Reports

## 7. Legal / Insurance Report

- Fourth Street house insurance is paid in full and in effect.
- Rick Gruninger needs values for Meeker collection. Eugene Vicknair to resend.
- President McClure is renewing the museum liability policy.

## 8. Status of Surplus Property Report

- *SP SD9 4404, MILW U25B 5057, NVR DS-4-4-750 51* – written reports provided. Wayne Monger is putting up a \$3,000 challenge for Cascade Rail 5057 fundraiser.

## 9. Safety Report

## 10. Public Comments

- *Rick Gruninger* – Asked that crew training dates be decided soon. Kerry, Rick and Tom Carter to discuss. Asked about plans to install cameras and suggested that camera not show parking area next to Edenwold. Will discuss with Bruce Veilleux.

## 11. Notices

- *Santa Train December 8*
- *Board Nominations open January 1, 2013*

Break 2:55 PM – 3:05 PM

**Closed Session** – requested by President McClure and Director Vicknair – 3:09 PM – 3:23 PM

- *Legal Item* – FRRS v. Kasten / ITAC
- *Legal Item* – Worthen v. FRRS

The Board heard a report on a legal item – FRRS v. Kasten / ITAC. No action taken.

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**Adjourn – 3:24 PM**

## Next Meeting

January 12, 2013 – 1:00 PM – WPRM Meeting Room, Portola, CA

## Upcoming Events

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**December..** Santa Trains

1 & 8 Santa Train - 5 PM

8 Board Meeting - 1 PM Portola

9 Santa Train clean-up Work Party and Facility Closedown

- 25 Christmas
- 31 Train Sheet Deadline

**January 2013**

- 1 New Year's Day
- 1-31 Director Nominations open for 2012 elections  
nominations go to Nomination and Election Committee
- 12 Board Meeting - 1 PM Portola
- 21 Martin Luther King Jr. Day

**February.. Grounds Clean-up**

- 9 Board Meeting - 1 PM Sacramento – Stockton Area, CA TBD
- 18 President's Day
- 28 Train Sheet Deadline



FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCI  
 4024 4210 0069 3384  
 November 16, 2011 - December 15, 2011

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Company Statement

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Payment Due Date .....	<b>01/11/12</b>
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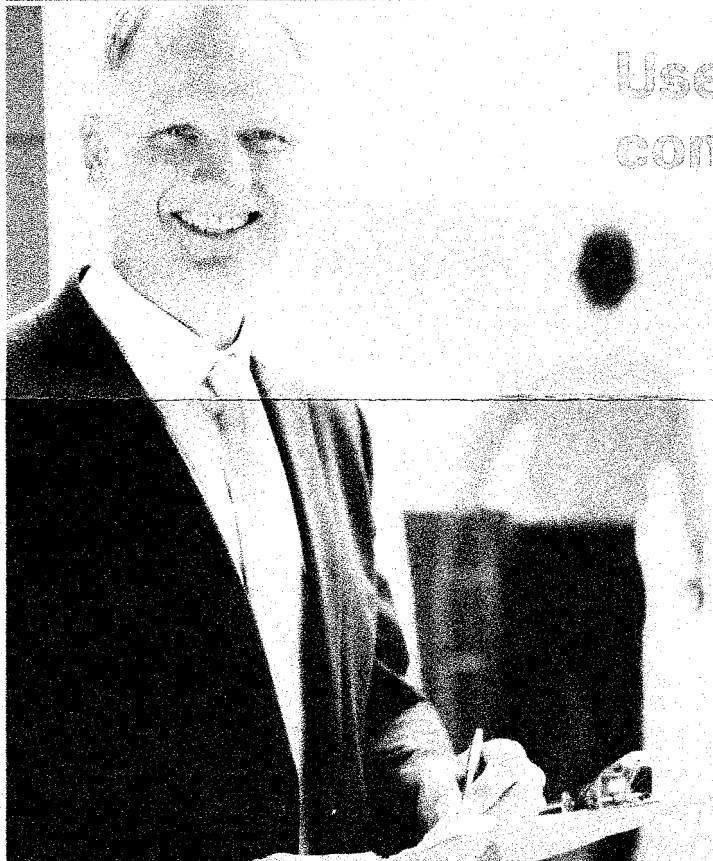
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