

FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY

AGENDA REPORT

DATE: March 15, 2014

FROM: Matthew Shuman – FRRS 2014 Election Chair

ITEM: New Business Item 5 and Committee Report

SUBJECT: **FRRS 2014 Election Update & Report**

At the present time, the following candidates have been verified as valid candidates for the 2014 FRRS Election as per current FRRS policies and procedures. I have received their candidate statements and their \$90.00 processing fee has been received by the FRRS Office for publishing such statements for each candidate. (This last sentence needs to be verified by the Secretary with the FRRS treasurer before the meeting.)

2014 Verified Nominees:

Kerry Cochran - Incumbent
Charlie Spikes - Incumbent
Greg Elms - Incumbent
James Mason – Nominee

Upcoming calendar of Election events.

April 21, 2014 – The Ballots shall be sent out by the Committee on or before the 3rd Monday in April.

May 10, 2014 – The **Board** shall select members and/or nonmembers to serve as **tellers** to count ballots.

May 28, 2014 – Ballots must be returned to the ballot return address by no later than 5 PM. No post marks will be accepted.

June 7, 2014 – The **tellers** shall report and certify the accuracy and proper procedure of the vote at the annual meeting of members of the corporation as provided for in the policies manual.

At the October 12, 2013 Board meeting, the Election Committee addressed some procedures that were observed and is now making light of them again as to the Boards responsibilities in these Election processes. These have been extracted from the newly adopted policy in 2013 by this Board, and therefore will be followed in accordance with such said policies.

“Dear 2013 FRRS Board members

These suggestions are being submitted for FRRS Board for their review at the Board meeting of October 12, 2013 by the current Election Committee Chair (Matthew Shuman – Family Life member) and Co-Chair (Ron Huey – Life member) for the Boards suggestions and possible by-law changes to the election policy by the FRRS Membership.

The notes in **Red** are suggested changes to the Election Policy in regards to possible future “White Ballot” elections as written by the Election Committee and have been re-written as suggested at last months Board meeting.

The sections highlighted in **yellow** and the notes in **blue** are suggested reviews and suggestions for the Board to possibly modify and adopt. These have been pointed out by the Election Committee Chair for possible election process changes.

Neither I nor the Co-Chair will be able to make this meeting so these are being sent in the Board packets for your preview and possible action at the Board meeting.

At this time, I would like to thank the Election Committee Co-Chair, Ron Huey for all of his hard dedicated work on this and in the Election processes. He is invaluable to the organization and myself in this process.

Sincerely,

 - 2014 FRRS Election Committee – Chair”



Nomination and Elections

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Review Date: 09/01/08
Replaces: Last Issue 01/05/02

THE BOARD SHALL CREATE A STANDING NOMINATION AND ELECTION COMMITTEE TO SOLICIT CANDIDATES AND ADMINISTER THE ELECTION PROCESS.

THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE SHALL BE CONFIRMED NO LATER THAN THE AUGUST BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OF EACH YEAR.

THE COMMITTEE WILL HAVE THE OPTION TO SOLICIT BOTH MEMBERS AND NON MEMBERS TO ASSIST WITH ALL PHASES OF THE NOMINATION AND ELECTION PROCESS.

(M)The **Board at its May meeting shall select members of the corporation to serve as tellers** to count the ballots. These tellers shall be neither Directors, Candidates, or Relatives, by marriage or birth, of either a

Director(s) or a Candidate(s). (Note: Tellers **Not** to be selected by the Election Committee, but the Board.)

(Q)The committee, at the May Board of Directors meeting, will announce the time and place of the ballot counting.

The Board at this time may select two (2) members to witness the counting of the ballots.

Each candidate may send a witness to be present at the ballot counting.

This provision is provided that any witness, shall not interfere with the tellers and the vote counting process. (Any witness can be one in the same as sent by the Board of Directors and/or a candidate)

(R)The tellers shall report and certify the accuracy and proper procedure of the vote at the annual meeting of members of the corporation as provided for in the by-laws. (Needs to be conformed to or another provision made for reporting to the membership at the annual meeting. Refer to paragraph 'M'.)

(S)Upon completion of their report the tellers shall render custody of the ballots and tally sheets to the Secretary of the corporation. The Secretary will retain the outer envelopes, ballots and tally sheets for not less than three (3) years. During this retention they will be treated as part of the records of the annual meeting of members that they were reported at.

Thank You,

Matthew Shuman
FRRS Election Committee Chairman

Action: Discussion and Consensus Direction