

**Feather River Rail Society  
Board of Directors Meeting – September 14, 2019 – 4:30 PM  
WPRM Meeting Room – Portola, CA**

President Greg Elems called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM

**Attendance**

**The following Directors were present:**

Charlie Spikes  
Greg Elems  
Kerry Cochran  
Bob Sims - phone

Steve Habeck  
Matt Elems - phone  
Eugene Vicknair

7 directors present at meeting start – Quorum achieved.

**Guests present:**

David Elems – Asst. CMO, Safety Officer – phone with permission  
Bil Jackson  
Patty Clawson – Big Fish Creations

**Correspondence**

- *Steve Habeck*
  - Received response from Union Pacific concerning request for Western Pacific boxcar donation. UP currently is not disposing of the boxcars. If that changes, UP says they will contact us.
  - In June, Steve Habeck contacted Crown battery dealer. Received quotes for various sets of batteries. Received \$7,000 quote for new batteries for the electric forklift, delivered and installed.
- *Eugene Vicknair* – Received letter from Union Pacific Foundation denying grant application. We continue to get 4 and 5 star reviews on Google and Yelp.
- *Greg Elems* – Has been communicating with instructor from Tahoe Community College. Wants to do photography field trip at the museum for one of their classes. Has been discussing ways to handle class group and work with instructor to create interesting event.
- *Bil Jackson* – Received letter from Reno Forklift concerning power steering ram on yellow forklift.
- *Patty Clawson* – Reached out to Gabriel Hydrick about how the county can help support RAL program.

**Consent Calendar**

Approval of the minutes of the August 2019 Regular Meeting.

Motion 19-09-01

Approve the minutes of the August 2019 Regular Meeting as presented.  
Vicknair / Habeck. Aye – 7, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

**2020 Event Calendar Review**

June 20, Saturday – WP 1503 Dedication

April 17 Board Meeting – 9 AM

Additional dates and changes to be emailed. Go for approval in October.

**Old Business**

none

## **New Business**

none

## **Good of the Order**

### **President's Report**

- Written report provided.

### **Financial Reports**

- Written reports provided.
- Discussion about financial items.

### **Director's Reports**

- *Vicknair* – written report provided.

### **Event Reports**

- *Pumpkin Patch Express 2019* – discuss preparations and marketing
  - Patty and Eugene gave update on vendors. Also discussed advertising and radio spots.
  - Patty sent out requests for sponsorships for the Pumpkin Trains.
  - We are on agenda for the city of Portola on September 25 seeking funds for pumpkin purchase and advertising. Greg will be there to speak to council. We will emphasize how we support EPCAN food bank. We will also be signing up volunteers among the city council and local citizens.
  - Discussion about vendor layout.
  - Need Santa Train vendor forms.
  - WP SW1500 1503 is still power. Consist is 6 cabooses and baggage car. WP 1503 will lead cab first.ing considered for general event. Train ops will remain the same with diner removed.

### **Department Reports**

- *Webmaster* – written report provided.
- *Train Sheet* – written report provided.
  - Question about technical review on mechanical articles for Train Sheet.
- *General Superintendent* – written report provided.
- *Historical / Archives* – written report provided.
  - We have received a substantial donation of archival and artifact materials from Jack Palmer. Including over 5,000 slides, most of which are WP. Also donated 2 WP switch stand kerosene lamps which were from the Portola Yard.
- *Marketing* – written report provided.
- *RAL Operations* – written report provided.
  - Discussion about how to increase RALs and other special operations.
  - Discussion to add Model T operations as off season income.
  - Discussion about cab rides during the week and weekends.
  - Discussion about getting FM 1857 back in service.
- *Mechanical* – written report on white forklift provided.
  - Request to create PayPal donation link for forklifts. Discussion about repairs to yellow Yale forklift as well. Hoping to get Yale fixed in next couple of months. Plan is to work on big white in the spring.
  - WP 1503 almost complete. Will be doing injectors and rack timing in October. Water pump is leaking, could be from sitting. Has new number boards made up. Need to install them. Going to get working Nathan M5 on 1503.
  - Wants to put rotary set over the pit after 1503 done.

- Checking WP 512 for return to service. Will not lathe wheels until it is qualified mechanically.
- Looking at options for batteries.

### **Committee Reports**

- *Historical Convention*

### **Legal / Insurance Report**

- Directors and Officers policy paid.

### **Status of Surplus Property Report**

- We have second electric forklift that has been sitting unused for 10 years. Needs repairs to its control circuitry. Suggestion to have Vince G. look at it.

### **Safety Report**

- *Fire Extinguishers* – David Elems wants to talk to Alpine this month. We have several that need inspection at end of the year. Wants to have them inspected this month.
- Had crew do fire brush clearing. Need to clean up around oil separator. David Elems wants to put up temporary fence with gate.

### **Public Comments**

- *Charlie Spikes* – We received the plaque for Ron Huey to put on the Model T.
- *Dayton History Days* – Confirm that we will be sending speeder for Dayton History Days. No objection from Board. Charlie will take speeder down Thursday night. Will take track gauge to check distance for safety.

### **Notices**

none

### **BREAK – 6:44 PM – 6:54 PM**

### **Closed Session** – requested by Director Vicknair – 6:55 PM – 7:20 PM

- Legal Issue – FRRS vs. Kasten / ITAC / Gateway
- Legal Issue – Meeker vs. FRRS and Vicknair
- Business Issue – Future Business Possibility

The Board heard a report on a legal issue – FRRS vs. Kasten / ITAC / Gateway. No reportable action taken.

The Board heard a report on a legal issue – Meeker vs. FRRS and Vicknair. No reportable action taken.

The Board heard a report on a business issue – Future Business Possibility. No reportable action taken.

### **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at: 7:21 PM (Vicknair / Habeck)

Next Meeting: October 12, 2019 – 4:30 PM

Location: WPRM Meeting Room - Western Pacific Railroad Museum - Portola, CA

Respectfully Submitted, Eugene Vicknair – FRRS Secretary