

**Feather River Rail Society  
Board of Directors Meeting – November 14, 2020 –1:00 PM  
Conference Call due to COVID-19 Shelter Protocols**

President Greg Elems called the meeting to order at 1:18 PM. All attendance by phone.

**Attendance**

**The following Directors were present:**

Kerry Cochran  
Bob Sims

Steve Habeck  
Charlie Spikes

Greg Elems  
Janet Steeper

6 directors present at meeting start – Quorum achieved.

**Guests present:**

David Elems – Asst. CMO, Safety Officer  
Bil Jackson  
Bart Hansen – Treasurer – joined meeting at 1:33 PM

**Correspondence**

- *Habeck* - Reported about the fund raiser, receiving many donations and a lot of new Sustaining and Family memberships.

**Consent Calendar**

Approval of the minutes of the September and October 2020 Regular Meetings.

Corrected September minutes on Item “Review Draft 2021 Event Calendar” Museum Hours, Steve Habeck wants us to consider not being open every day (changed from “now” being open every day).

Motion 20-11-01

Approve the minutes of the September 2020 Regular Meeting (corrected) and the October 2020 Regular Meeting as presented.

Habeck / Spikes. Aye – 6, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

**Old Business**

**Review 2021 Event Calendar**

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Preliminary review of event calendar.

- Discussion on 2021 Calendar
- The following changes were made to the Revision 6 2021 Event Calendar:
  - Suggestions of a Wednesday to Sunday schedule changed to Thursday to Sunday schedule.
  - Proposed Caboose Train Schedule 2021: Changed Saturday, Sunday and Monday Holiday 13:00 as shown on Rev 6, to 13:30.
  - Changed April dates as follows:
    - April 10 (changed) to TBD Volunteer Breakfast
    - April 10-11 (changed) to TBD Facilities Work Party
  - Changed May dates as follows:
    - May 1 (changed) to TBD Museum Opens
    - May 15 (changed) Board Meeting time to 16:30 (4:30 PM)

Motion 20-11-02

Approve the 2021 Event Calendar with changes.

Habeck / G. Elems. Aye – 6, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

## **2021 Operating Budget**

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Begin discussion on operating budget for 2021.

- Discussion on budget, everyone questioning the projected income and RAL income shown on the proposed 2021 budget (Scenario 1 – Standard reopening)
- Scenario 2 and 3 were eliminated, as we cannot rely on getting the SBA loan.
- Other discussion on the following:
  - Museum Store Income
  - RAL Income
  - General visitor income
- We need to get Susan's office a budget.
- Motion by Kerry Cochran, to approve proposed 2021 budget (Scenario 1) as a place holder with changes to be made as conditions warrant due to the museum not opening. Steve Habeck 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Discussion following on budget with the understanding that the budget will change based upon unknown changes.

Motion 20-11-03

Approve the 2021 Budget Scenario 1 as a placeholder with changes to be made as conditions warrant. Cochran / Habeck. Aye – 6, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

## **New Business**

none

## **Good of the Order**

### **President's Report**

- Discussion on President's Report.

### **Financial Reports**

- Reports provided.
- General discussion on financial reports.

### **Director's Reports**

- *Vicknair* – written report provided.

### **Event Reports**

none

### **Department Reports**

- *General Superintendent* – written report provided.
- *Historical / Archives* – written report provided.
- *Webmaster* – written report provided.
  - Kerry Cochran to talk to Matt Shuman on Election posting to website.
- *Train Sheet* – written report provided.
  - Stressed that Paul needs help for the next Train Sheet, With the Pumpkin and Santa Trains not being held, need articles, Need Member Spotlight, and more information on Malfunction Junction.
  - Request for help on articles, see notes
- *Funding* – written report provided.
- *Mechanical*
  - Making improvements around the shop area.
  - Changing lights to LED lighting to save on electric bill.
  - New outside lights timer.

- Working on SP GP9 2873 and Quincy TR6A 1100 using cutting shoes, so far they are working good on 1100.
- SP 2873 wheels should be good using the cutting shoes also.
- SP 2873 oil leak from the oil drain valve, drained the oil saved the reusable oil and fixing the drain valve, changed the oil filters.
- WP GP7 707 will need topping off the oil.
- WP SW1500 1503 oil is OK.
- WP FP7 805 will need its air breaks repaired.
- Quincy 1100 and WP 707 intermittent air brake problems.
- SP 2873 will need radiator work. WP GP20 2001 and SP 2873 radiator work to be done in the spring.
- David Elems is only getting about 2 to 3 hours of work done because of his regular job.

### **Committee Reports**

none

### **Legal / Insurance Report**

none

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

none

### **Safety Report**

- Stay warm – Stay dry.
- Fire extinguishers next schedule check April 2021.
- Fire abatement around the museum and balloon track.

### **Public Comments**

- Bil Jackson commented on not having Santa Trains and suggesting that since we are not doing them, to have donations go directly to the food bank (Eastern Plumas Community Assistance Network).
- Discussion about how some people do not understand the amount of support and donations go to the food bank when we collect during the Santa Trains.

### **Notices**

none

### **BREAK – 3:00 PM – 3:05 PM**

### **Closed Session – 3:05 PM – 3:36 PM**

- The Board heard a report on a Business Item – Potential Business Opportunity. No reportable action taken.
- The Board heard a report on a Collection Item – Potential Equipment Donation.
  - Motion to accept donation from Plumas County Museum of the following:
    - 1926 Whitcomb gas (diesel) / electric engine Spanish Peak Lumber 2. Restored and operational
    - 1920s-30s West Side/Swayne Lumber Co. log car. Restored.
    - 1 set (4 wheels) of trucks (Carlisle).
    - 1100 feet more or less of 75 pound rail
    - 100-150 locally milled 8"x8" ties (need preservative applied)
    - 24 or so 55 gallon drums with spikes, plates, connectors, etc.
    - 2 switches
    - 1 gas speeder (runs) with trailer car
    - Assorted tools: Chain hoist, track gauge, spike mauls, RR jacks, hand tools, electric tools, pipe-threads, Change Orders for locomotive, etc.

Motion 20-11-04

Accept the proposed donation from the Plumas County Museum. Equipment listed above.

Spikes / Cochran. Aye – 6, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

- The Board heard a report on a Legal Item – Police Vandalism Report. Request from Pumas county probation department on information from the March 7th 2020 vandalism report. Steve Habeck will fill out questions and return..

**Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at: 3:37 PM

Next Meeting: December 12, 2020 – 1:00 PM

Location: Conference Call – COVID-19 Protocols

Respectfully Submitted, Kerry Cochran – FRRS General Superintendent

PRELIMINARY