

## FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1998

At the Portola Library, Portola, Ca.

Meeting called to order by Pres. Englert at 18:37 hours.

Roll Call. Present: Englert, Holmes, Graham, Monger, Mueller, Stiles, Morgan, Neves, Wollesen. Absent: Anderson.

Minutes of Previous Meeting. Motion by Pres. Englert to accept the minutes as read. All were in favor.

Financial Report. (Attachment #1) Treasurer submitted his resignation in writing as of Wednesday, November 18, 1998. Mr. Wollesen stated his resignation was because of health needs. All records will be turned over to Ex. Dir. N. Holmes. Pres. Englert read written resignation. The Board thanked Mr. Wollesen for his extended and devoted service. The resignation was accepted. Pres. Englert motioned to accept the financial report. All were in favor.

Pres. Englert gave his conditions for staying on as President. The Board of Directors accepted the conditions.

Correspondence. Pres. Englert reported that an advertisement is being placed with California Gold Magazine for April, May, and June of 1999. Executive Director. N. Holmes reported about the City Council Meeting which was held on Saturday, Nov. 7th. The City Council mentioned that the FRRS was an asset to the City of Portola and surrounding communities. N. Holmes stated to the Council the need for the City of Portola to help the FRRS to bring the Portola Railroad Museum up to public standards. The Council stated that Lexington Homes would like to use the Portola Museum access entry road as another access for the Lexington Homes development. The Board will discuss this in further detail as more information is provided.

N. Holmes reported that he took the Gift Shop stock to Oroville, CA. The deadline for proposals for the work in regards to Plumas Corp. was Nov. 13, 1998.

There was a notice in the paper about filing for damages or loss of revenues because of the Poisoning of Lake Davis. Filing needs to be within 6 months of when the loss was commenced.

Pres. Englert reported that the Old Town Merchants will be starting at Noon on Saturday for the Booths for the Christmas Celebration. Every Building on Commercial Street will be lit as part of the celebration. People will be transported to ride the Santa Train at the same time.

V. Neves reported about the Magnolia Tower.

#### Committee Reports

Dr. Peter Lyman -Mission Statement and A&D Com. (Attachment #2) Dr. Lyman gave a presentation on the Acquisition and De-Acquisition Report and proposed some assertive Mission Statements. Discussion followed after the presentation. The Board agreed to discussing the Guideline Book "Recommended Practices for Railway Museums" as the guide for future development in the FRRS/ PRM at the next meeting.

Grounds Design Phase 1-3. Eugene Vicknair presented to the Board of Directors the Proposed Facilities Plan - Caboose Loading Area and Public Access Walkways Phase I - IV cost projections and timelines. Lengthy discussion followed.

(G. Wollesen left meeting 20:25 hours.)

Break. (20:46 hours. Reconvened 20:53 hours.)

R.A.L. & ADV. Report sent. Pres. Englert stated that he has passed on some of his regular duties and all the phases of the advertising to V. Neves.

Pres. Englert reported results from survey taken on whether to change Train Sheet. Results: 3-Undecided, 64-Leave as is, 60-Change to smaller. The Board discussed whether to change the size of the Train Sheet or not. Member suggested reporting the results to the membership. Pres. Englert took a consensus of the Board on whether to change the Train Sheet size of publication or not. Original size-8 votes, Change-0 votes. All were in favor of keeping the Train Sheet in its original size.

Mobile Equipment/ Shower Car/ & Elect. Committee. Report sent. No Discussion.

Old Business

Budget. Pres. Englert introduced Dan Brady, CPA and summarized the objective of the business meeting which was held at the Portola Railroad Museum.

Organizational Chart and Meeting Dates.

Organizational Chart. No Report.

Meeting Dates. (Attachment #3) Motion (11-98-01) by N. Holmes, seconded by W. Monger, that the Board of Directors will adopt the meeting date proposal No.#2. Discussion. Ayes-6 Opposed-0 Abstained-1. Motion passed.

Engine #2001. (Attachment #4) H. Stiles discussed the project of taking the WP 2001 engine to Sacramento for repairs and for use at the March Spring Flower Special Amtrak Train and the Rail Fair 1999. Lengthy discussion followed. The Board agreed to send D. Morgan to Sacramento to formalize the contract with the insurance for further evaluation.

R.A.L. & Caboose Train. Will discuss at next meeting.

Rail Fan Day Report. Will discuss at next meeting

Mail Handler. Ken Iverson stated his resignation from the position as the FRRS Mail handler. The Board agreed to appoint Lolly Bryant as the new mail handler.

Winter Hours. Pres. Englert will try to straighten out the advertising.

New Business

Memberships. Pres. Englert reported about concerns with the membership records. T. Graham stated an offer from Kerry Cochran. Motion (11-98-02) by T. Graham, seconded by V. Neves, that Kerry Cochran be appointed the Membership Chairman of the FRRS to follow procedures as submitted in Report 11-7-98 to be effective January 1st, 1999.

Discussion. Ayes-6 Opposed-0 Abstained-1. Motion passed.

Treasurer. D. Morgan nominated Don Borden as Treasurer, H. Stiles seconded. All were in favor. Don Borden was appointed the Treasurer.

Kathleen Miller is to be the bookkeeper.

Credit Card Machine. The Board agreed that the credit card machine is to be placed in the Gift Shop and used for both the R.A.L. and Gift Shop purposes. Member, Dr. Lyman, stated that the accountants should be used for setting up the accounting systems and procedures.

Motion 11-98-03. Motion by W. Monger, seconded by V. Neves, that the FRRS shall create a standing committee to be called a "Site" committee and whose responsibility shall be to assess the feasibility of present and future site developments. This committee would supersede the functions of the Aesthetic Committee. The committee shall consist of 3 to 5 members of the FRRS, in good standing. The Chairperson shall be appointed by the Board of Directors and shall serve at the pleasure of the Board. Members of the committee shall be appointed and vacancies filled by the Chairperson as needed. Discussion followed. Ayes-7  
Opposed-0 Abstained-0. Motion passed.

Trades Convention. T. Mueller reported about the Trades Convention. An invitation was received to have "Thomas The Engine" ride on the tracks at the PRM. T. Mueller will look into the matter and report back to the Board.

Meeting Adjourned at 22:39 hours. The next Board Meeting will be held on December 12th, 1998, at 14:00 hours, at the Portola Library.

Kathleen Miller-Recording Secretary