

Feather River Rail Society
Board of Directors Meeting – June 3, 2017 – 1:00 PM
WPRM Meeting Room – Portola, CA

President Steve Habeck called the meeting to order at 1:04 PM.

The following Directors were present

Eugene Vicknair
Kerry Cochran

Charlie Spikes
Greg Elems

Steve Habeck
Leisa Wesch

Rick Gruninger

Attendance

Ann Morningstar
Paul Finnegan – webmaster
Patty Clawson – Big Fish
David Elems – Asst. CMO

Bil Jackson – CMO
Bart Hansen – treasurer
Noted that Rod McClure and Ron Huey are present in spirit

Correspondence

- *Vicknair* – We have received a great many emails with compliments on the 2017 convention. They have ranged from general messages thanking us for how interesting and enjoyable the convention was, to specific shout outs for the V&T / NSRM trip, the Aces ballgame, the layout tours, specific shows and event the quality of the banquet buffest and the hotel staff.
- *Habeck* – Has been dealing with FEMA / OES and several related departments. This is proving to be a difficult, frustrating and time consuming process.
- *Habeck* – Chris Skow is planning on running an excursion train to Elko in January and February 2018. Eastbound January 31 down Feather River Canyon. Several people want to get off in Portola and stay in Reno for westbound train. Would like to have the museum host the Portola section of the train since UP will not allow passengers on and off at Portola unless it is on museum property. Discussion of what would be involved to support an operation in deep winter. Steve Habeck will discuss details with Chris Skow and report back. Shared latest issue of Shasta Cascade visitors guide with our ad in it.

Consent Calendar

Approval of the minutes of the May 2017 General BOD Meeting and the Special Meeting with Legal Counsel.

Tabled to July 2017 Meeting.

Old Business

OB1 - Museum Hours

Proposal to simplify hours of operation.

- Written report provided.
- Proposal is as follows: hours always 10 AM to 5 PM excepting special events. Open Thursday through Sunday during April and October, open daily May through September. These are regular hours, special events do not apply.
- Discussion of details on how to structure hours / days.
- Language will be word-smithed.

Motion 05-17-01

Approve changes to the museum open hours as outlined in the report.
Cochran / Vicknair. Aye – 7, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

New Business

NB1 - Sugar Beet Gondola Donation / Sale

Review request from Arizona State Railroad Museum for one SP Beet Gon.

- Written report provided.
- Discussion of how this deal came about.
- Discussion of what would be involved in prepping it for movement.
- FRRS to send recommendation to ASRM for trucking using Rushway.

Motion 05-17-02

Approve the donation as outlined and draft a contract for legal review.

Vicknair / G. Elems. Aye – 7, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

- Eugene to contact Al Richmond and get ASRM to coordinate with Steve Habeck.
- Table idea to contact SP Technical about restoring cars for future.

NB 2 - RAL Price Increase

Discuss proposal to raise prices on RAL plans.

- Written report and analysis provided.
- Look at analysis of other similar programs and their prices.
- Analysis of costs and impact on advertising.

Motion 05-17-03

Approve raising cost of each RAL plan \$50 and make this effective July 1.

Cochran / Vicknair. Aye – 7, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

- Instruction to webmaster to put price increase effective July 1 on the website as soon as possible.

NB 3 - Printing Brochures and Adult Ride Tickets

Review revised brochures and ride tickets and approve cost expenditure.

- We do have Adult ride tickets, we need RAL Operation certificates.
- Will order 4,000 each of RAL Operation Certificates and Brochures.
- Cost to come from 67010 – Advertising line item. Covered under budget.

NB 4 - Fundraising Dinner

Review plan / cost for fundraising dinner.

- Verbal report given.
- Cost proposals presented.
- Discussion of costs, marketing and finances.
- Need to approve today in order to lock down dates and start advertising.
- Date is Saturday, August 5, 2017. Recommendation to run trains during evening event starting at 6 PM.
- Discussed set up logistics.
- Get target cost for fundraising.
- 300 people at \$100 per plate.
- Steve Habeck to get target for plow movement.

Motion 05-17-04

Approve concept for August 5, 2017 fundraising and give Patty Clawson authority to finalize contracts for event.

Eugene Vicknair and Patty Clawson to coordinate event.

Vicknair / Habeck. Aye – 7, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

NOTE: in further discussions, date was tentatively decided to move back and event completely focus on WP 165. Other actions being continued, revision to come before Board in July.

NB 5 - 2018 WP Historic Convention

Review preliminary plan for 2018 Convention.

- Written report provided.
- Proposed dates May 3-6 or 17-20, 2018.
- Discussion about possible conflict with other RR and model events scheduled in Salt Lake area for 2018-2019. Looks like we will be ahead of most of these events.
- Consensus direction given to proceed, May 3-6, 2018.
- Salt Lake City confirmed with Steve Lee as speaker.

NB 6 – 192 / Portola Meadows Property

Discuss making offer to purchase property to south and west of museum.

- Written report provided.
- Discussion of logistics and possible coordination with city.
- Primary focus will be on property immediately adjacent to museum and on eastern side of development.
- Noted that any development of western end will require Union Pacific land and cooperation.
- Consensus direction to give Eugene Vicknair to continue negotiations with developer and with the city as per Board directions. Talk to developer about entire north end and additional parcels but maintain primary focus on eastern end and adjacent property.

Good of the Order

President's Report

- Written report provided.
- SP TR6A 1100 needs new batteries. Cost is about \$15,000 per set with shipping.
- Need to buy fuel as well. \$14,000 in the budget.

Financial Reports

- Written summary provided at meeting.
- Reports provided.
- Discussion of needed expenses.
- Discussion of WP 165 fundraising.

Director's Reports

- *Vicknair* – FRRS business cards. Format approved.

Event Reports

- *2017 Convention* – written report provided. Thanks to Paul Finnegan for his support on the convention. Looks like we made about \$2,700.

Department Reports

- *Webmaster* – written report provided. New hours are already on line. Peter Arnold just sent more scans of Headlights, project is nearing completion.
- *General Superintendent* – written report provided. Working with Leisa to get stuff out of container.
- *Roadmaster* – written report provided. Thanks to folks who helped with track repair. Winter rains and snow did more damage than was immediately obvious. Balloon has 5 MPH limit and inspections are ongoing.
- *Train Sheet* – written report provided. Discussion of photo resolution.
- *Archives* – written report provided. Matt Shuman is in contact with Mr. Russel Turner about doing some research in the archives. Matt is going to coordinate with Frank Brehm and Kerry Cochran. Thanks to Greg Elems and Kerry for helping David Minnerly with his research in the archives. When we receive

archive materials, please place in one location and inform Kerry and Frank. Museum Store has new copy of donation form and accession procedure.

Committee Reports

none

Legal / Insurance Report

none

Status of Surplus Property Report

none

Safety Report

- Extinguishers still good, but many out of date on charge. Need to get Alpine up to review and recharge. Mechanical will handle and get Alpine in next week.

Public Comments

- *Mechanical* – WP 1503 has blown a radiator. Roger Stabler has let Mechanical know he has access to spare radiators and a shop that will rebuild radiator. Roger has offered to cover cost for rebuilding. Mechanical department is following up with Roger. Mechanical is also working with Paul on eMail contact list and having WPLives.org email addresses.

Notices

- Annual FRRS Membership Meeting and Dinner June 3 at 5:30 PM.

Closed Session – none requested

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at: 3:29 PM
Next meeting: July 8, 2017 – 4:00 PM
Location: WPRM Meeting Room – Portola, CA

Respectfully Submitted, Eugene Vicknair -- Secretary, FRRS