

## **Agenda Item – New Business 7**

### **Proposal to Provide Complimentary Memberships**

I propose that the Board of Directors approve providing complimentary Life Memberships to Matt Elems (Poindexter) and David Elems (Fritz). These two young men have demonstrated the Willing People spirit like few I have seen before. In the last two years, they have taken on many projects, as well as making themselves available for help with other ongoing Museum business, such that the FRRS would literally have had difficulty operating the Museum without them, including train rides, RAL's, and the off-season necessities we have. When you see the sample work reports I've asked them to provide, the scope of their efforts, and the sheer volume of work they accomplished, should make the case clearly.

In addition to seemingly always being there, they both take safety very seriously, and are always asking questions about how to do things correctly, including using our large library of reference materials. They have taken pride of ownership of our Museum equipment to a high level, and are not afraid of hard, dirty work.

Also, I would like the Board to consider providing a complimentary Active Membership to Deanna Fecko, who has given much of her time to the Museum as well. She has worked in the WP Store (both at the Museum and on the road), taken care of the cat, cleaned the restrooms, and even helped out on the 428 while Matt and David worked on their projects. If her work as a volunteer continues like it has, I would like to revisit issuing her a complimentary membership again next year.

I understand most of the issues involved in providing these memberships, but I feel that this is a proper means to acknowledge the effort these people have put forth, and I am fully supportive of this proposal, and feel very comfortable as the sponsor.

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