

FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY – COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE: May 10, 2014
FROM: Matthew Shuman – Election Chair
ITEM: Committee Report
SUBJECT: **2014 FRRS Elections Update**

The 2014 FRRS Elections are proceeding on schedule. I have received 217 ballots A/O 5/5/2014. It is unknown at this time how many ballots were mailed to the membership to provide any return percentages.

The following was relayed to me by a member. Only complaint(s) to date that I have personally received and had permission to share:

FRRS 2014 Election complaints to date.

Complaint#1 – 4/27/14

“Hi Matt, Well done on the ballots. I have some feedback if you're interested, just my thoughts and it turns out a few other FRRS member thoughts based on the feedback from people regarding Mason's Statement. (Feedback has nothing to do with mason though.

Sorry, got distracted. Anyways, I think the FRRS is going to have a hard time getting the bylaw initiative passed. Just putting out there that they are changing them and to read the new ones then download the old ones and compare was a real real bad idea. They should have issued something detailing the changes. No one has time to read and try to find what the changes are. We both voted no and I know of 7 others as well who voted no. all cited that specific reason. Just a thought.. (Up to 11 now).”

Complaint#2:

No more at this time.

Remaining Election Calendar Dates

1) ~~April 21, 2014~~—The Ballots shall be sent out by the Committee on or before the 3rd Monday in April. *This deadline was almost missed for several reasons, two of which were the additional of the proposed by-laws and a new fiscal approval method by the printers. This will not happen again. There will in the future be ample time allowed for whatever delays that the Committee can either*

interpret or predict.

May 10, 2014 – The Board shall select members of the corporation **Corporation** to serve as tellers to count ballots.

May 28, 2014 – Ballots must be returned to the ballot return address by no later than 5 PM. No post marks will be accepted.

June 7, 2014 – The tellers shall report and certify the accuracy and proper procedure of the vote at the annual meeting of members of the corporation as provided for in the by-laws.

Board Responsibilities and Time-Lines from Election Policy

2) (M) The Board **at THIS May meeting shall** select members of the corporation to serve as tellers to count the ballots. These tellers shall be neither Directors, Candidates, or Relatives, by marriage or birth, of either a Director(s) or a Candidate(s). **Action by Board:**

(Q) The committee, **at the May Board of Directors meeting,** will announce the time and place of the ballot counting. **Action by Committee:** *Taken – The Election counting and overview process will take place in the FRRS Organizations “Air Conditioned” FRRS member Recreation car commonly referred to as the “Silver Debris”! During the time of the ballot counting process, NO un-authorized persons will be allowed into this space for any reason ‘what-so-ever’ in order to preserve the integrity of the electoral process until completed. Start time for the counting process has not been determined yet. The Entrance door will be secured and guarded to prevent any intrusions.*

The Board at this time may select two (2) members to witness the counting of the ballots.

Each candidate may send a witness to be present at the ballot counting.

This provision is provided that any witness, shall not interfere with the tellers and the vote counting process. (Any witness can be one in the same as sent by the Board of Directors and/or a candidate)

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- 1) On June 7, 2014, the FRRS Secretary will provide to the Election Committee before the counting process begins, a current and complete FRRS membership roster list of active members as of that time for the purpose and intent of write-in candidate validations.

- 2) During the course of this Election process, several new areas of possible change to the Election policy were noted due to changing times. These will be addressed and brought to the Board of Directors after these Elections. This Election Committee **WILL NOT** deviate from current policies and procedures set forth by the FRRS Board of Directors in November 2013.

- 5) Thank you for allowing us to serve the organization. Any Questions?

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