

**Feather River Rail Society**  
**Board of Directors Meeting – October 11, 2014 – 4:00 PM**  
**WPRM Meeting Room – Portola, CA**

Vice - President Steve Habeck called the meeting to order at 4:12 PM.

The following Directors were present

Tom Carter (phone)	Eugene Vicknair	Steve Habeck
Kirk Baer	Gail McClure	Greg Elems
Kerry Cochran (phone)	Wayne Monger	

**Attendance**

Bob Sims  
Debra Baer  
David Elems

**Correspondence**

- eMail from Ed Wagner expressing his disappointment that he has not yet received a donation acknowledgement letter for his donation in the spring.
- Milwaukee Road Historical Society newsletter “Hiawathagram” has story about sale and movement of MILW U25B 5057 on their front page.
- Tom Carter received offer from City of Manteca to donate two 2-lane cantilever crossing signals that once protected the Tidewater Southern Manteca Branch. Members of CalRailfans on-line group arranged to pick them up yesterday and are storing them until movement to the museum. Asking for reimbursement for fuel to move to the museum if they cannot raise it from other members. Estimated fuel cost would be about \$200-\$250. Group has been asked to present a display plan to the Board. The Board extends their thanks to the CalRailfans group.

**Consent Calendar**

Motion 14-10-01

Debra Baer's last name was misspelled, has been corrected.

Approve the amended minutes for the September 2014 BOD Meeting.

G. McClure / Vicknair. Aye - 8, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0. Motion carries.

**Old Business**

none

**New Business**

**Purchase of Video Surveillance System**

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- President McClure has suggested that we purchase a video recorder system with wireless cameras. Includes 8 indoor / outdoor wireless day / night cameras, 2TB recorder and monitor.
- Kerry Cochran donated a recorder and wired cameras several years ago, but the system needs to be evaluated. 1064 X 480 resolution cameras, storage about 500GB.
- Concern about resolution, wireless frequency and frame rate of the system being suggested. Would like more information.
- Tabled to November to get more information.

**Year End Fundraiser**

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- Written report provided.
- Request to change one of the photos in the fundraising letter.

Motion 14-10-02

Motion to accept the report and approve an expenditure of no more than \$1700 from line item 56600 – Fundraising for printing and mailing of the fundraiser and the 2015 calendar.

G. McClure / Elems. Aye - 8, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0. Motion carries.

### **Santa Train Marketing**

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- Written report provided.
- Santa Train running 3 Saturdays, Dec. 6, 13 and 20.
- Suggestions for advertising and promotion.
- Total advertising recommendations come to a cost of just under \$1000. Would include advertising in Reno Gazette for two weeks.
- Suggestion for paying for Reno ad and sending press release to local papers. Cost would be \$562.
- Discussion about whether income from visitors would cover costs and provide income.
- We will also be doing ½ price in exchange for canned food donation.
- Need someone to talk to merchants for donations and we will do banner and flyers promoting donors.
- Suggestion to just do Reno ad and two weeks of website ads with Plumas News website.
- Consensus direction to figure out all expenses for Santa Train and come back to November meeting for final approval.
- Suggestion to seek materials donations from merchants as well; things like coffee, cocoa, cider, etc.

### **Good of the Order**

#### **President's Report**

- Written report provided.

#### **Director's Reports**

none

#### **Financial Reports**

- 2015 Budget requests are due to Treasurer.
- Reports provided.
- Financial summary provided at meeting.
- Recommendation to purchase one set of locomotive batteries. Suggestion to hold off on battery until spring.
- Right now money in account is about \$86,500 and we look okay for winter shutdown. Net income as of today is almost \$47,000.
- Gift Shop sales up over 10% from last year and RALs are still going and now up 1.2% over last year. Suggestion that we may need to look at splits on RAL revenue vs. amount into endowment to ensure that RAL costs are being covered. Some costs such as certificate and other "office" expenses are not being covered.
- Request for more budget requests, plan is to have budget for next meeting.
- Accounting class before Board Meeting in San Jose next month.
- The Board thanks Gail for her improvements to the Museum Store.

#### **Event Reports**

none

#### **Department Reports**

none

#### **Committee Reports**

none

#### **Legal / Insurance Report**

none

## Status of Surplus Property Report

- Wayne Monger received request from Pacific Locomotive Association, they would like two of the beet gons and the lumber car we are selling to Hines, OR. We do have second lumber car. Request that they make an offer to the Board.
- Dave Roth reports that Arizona Ry. Museum in Chandler wants one of the beet gons. Also, group back in Pennsylvania wants NVR 51 Baldwin.

## Safety Report

- A copy of a paper "Nightly Clean-Up of WPRM Shop" was shown around the meeting. Board approves and they will be posted around.
- Noted that yellow safety zones around electrical panels are getting things placed in them again. Price on flexible keep out signs will be investigated.
- Both pallet jacks have been damaged this summer.
- Steam crew did great job cleaning up and Kirk Baer is thanked for his role in following up on the clean-up.
- "Edenwold" supply electrical box had a fire. Opinion is that either some animal got inside or a connection worked loose and arced. Professional electrician was brought in to repair. AC in car is also working again. We are waiting on quote for heater for the car.
- Rick Gruninger and David Elems are working up procedure list of how to use various volunteer facilities.

## Public Comments

- *Debra Baer* – Asked about Policies and Procedures manual status. Kerry Cochran is still working on it.
- *Bob Sims* – Asked for confirmation that we finally received funds from his stock donation as there was some delay from the stock company. We did receive it and funds are available for wood shop work. Bob also donated a collector's spoon that has the WP Hospital engraved in the bowl. Was a memento that was on eBay.
- *Eugene Vicknair* – In addition to the radiator and battery he donated last month, Ron Huey donated radiator parts and siphon pump, plus radiator strut rod for the Model T railcar.
- *Greg Elems* – Truckee Railroad group has a survey transit from the Utah Construction Company used in the WP construction in the Feather River Canyon. Are considering donation to us. Even has pictures showing it in use at Williams Loop.

## Notices

- The November 2014 Board Meeting will be held in San Jose, CA at the History San Jose Museum in Kelly Park. It will be in the Firehouse Meeting Room.

## Closed Session – 5:47 PM – 5:57 PM

"The Board heard a report on a legal issue, FRRS v. Kasten / ITAC / Gateway. Consensus direction given. No action taken."

## Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at: 5:58 PM  
Next meeting: November 8, 2014 – 1:00 PM  
Location: Firehouse Meeting Room  
History San Jose, Kelley Park, San Jose, CA

Respectfully Submitted,  
Eugene Vicknair  
Secretary, FRRS