

Feather River Rail Society
Membership Meeting – June 4, 2016 – 7:00 PM
Conference Call and WPRM Meeting Room – Portola, CA

Vice-President Steve Habeck called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM.

The following members were present

Kenneth Finnegan	Rick Gruninger	Paul Finnegan	David Elems
Eugene Vicknair	Charlie Spikes	Steve Habeck	Gail McClure
Ann Morningstar	Carol Hill	Frank Brehm	Matthew Shuman
Tom Carter	Greg Elems	Leisa Wesch	Steven Perry
Michael Giarttitta	Dennese Giarritta	Alexandria Barbato	Ethan Doty
Janet Stepec	Fred Elenbaas	Barbara Jackson	Bil Jackson
Vicki Epling	David Epling	Ed Powell	Alicia LaBrecque

Membership

A welcome to our newest Life Member, Janet Stepec.

Election Results

There were seven (7) candidates for the Board of Directors election. Results were as follows:

198	Tom Carter (incumbent)
189	Frank Brehm
148	Leisa Wesch

The highest three (3) vote getters were elected to the Board. The remaining results were:

146	Matt Elems
112	Rick Gruninger
111	Kirk Baer (incumbent)
110	Wayne Monger

4 ballots disqualified for violations

7 unable to deliver

4 overseas unable to deliver

803 total mailed, some with 2 ballots

297 valid ballots received

About 30% ballot return

Only issue was ballot deadline issue, was resolved with few issues

Thank you to Ann Morningstar, Matt Shuman and Carol Hill as tellers

Everyone thanks David Epling and the election committee for their work

Vice-President's Comments

Steve Habeck thanked out new CMO Bil Jackson and his right hand man David "Fritz" Elems for all their hard work.

Also thanked all the volunteers who have stepped up to take on the work needed around the museum.

Matt Shuman presented gift hoodies to Steve and for Rod McClure.

Member Discussion

Matt Shuman spoke of Ron Huey. Matt and Ann Morningstar will be starting a memorial wall and garden with the first two members being Ron and Eric Stephens.

Discussed Memorial Garden and Wall, plus commemoration of Bruce Yparraguirre.

The assembled members reviewed a presentation on the Archives web pages that have been reformatted from old WPRRHS site. Thanks to Paul, Kenneth and Kerry for their work on this.

Gail McClure gave an update on the condition of President Rod McClure. Discussion about memories of Rod and wishes for his full recovery.

Eugene Vicknair thanked marketing team and volunteers. Discussed upcoming events including Pumpkin trains, Santa Trains, Convention and Chili Festival.

Bil Jackson spoke as CMO. Thanked his volunteers for all their hard work.

Discussion about progress of WP 165 and thanks to the steam team and Chris Allan.

David and Vicki Epling spoke in memory of Merrill Thurman and "passed the hat" for money for the WP 165.

Kerry Cochran spoke and thanked all the members and volunteers for being there. Mentioned in particular those who work behind the scenes to keep everything moving.

Thanks to everyone who set up and cooked the dinner: Leisa Wesch, David Elems, Dennese Giarritta in particular.

\$173 donated by members for WP 165.

Greg Elems is now Supervisor of Passenger Operations and Head of track Department.

Discussion of the ongoing work to acquire the Whitman Display Building and review of the building design.

Tom Carter thanked the membership for their faith and support in the face of the issues over the last two years.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at: 8:00 PM
Next meeting: July 9, 2016 – 1:00 PM
Location: WPRM Meeting Room - Portola, CA

Respectfully Submitted, Eugene Vicknair -- Secretary, FRRS