

**Feather River Rail Society  
Board of Directors Meeting – October 12, 2019 – 4:30 PM  
WPRM Meeting Room – Portola, CA**

President Greg Elems called the meeting to order at 4:40 PM

**Attendance**

**The following Directors were present:**

Charlie Spikes - phone  
Greg Elems  
Kerry Cochran - phone  
Bob Sims - phone

Steve Habeck  
Matt Elems - phone  
Eugene Vicknair – phone  
Janet Steeper - phone

8 directors present at meeting start – Quorum achieved.

**Guests present:**

David Elems – Asst. CMO, Safety Officer  
Bil Jackson

**Correspondence**

- *Steve Habeck* - We received a box of archive donation from Gary Stengel from North Platte. Confirmed that stock sale by Bob Sims has occurred.

**Consent Calendar**

Approval of the minutes of the September 2019 Regular Meeting.

Motion 19-10-01

Approve the minutes of the September 2019 Regular Meeting as amended.  
Habeck / Vicknair. Aye – 8, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

**Old Business**

**2020 Event Calendar**

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Review 2020 proposed Event Calendar and approve for release.

- Written report provided.
- Verification of certain dates.
- Discussion about Steam Work Sessions.

Motion 19-10-02

Approve the 2020 Event Calendar as amended.  
Vicknair / Spikes. Aye – 8, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

**New Business**

**2020 Historic Photo Calendar**

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Review budget for 2020 Photo Calendar and approve for pre-sale.

- Written report provided.
- Discussed status of calendar. About 80% done.
- Suggestion to start pre-sales and get pre-sales in and see how many we get. Eugene Vicknair to work with Paul Finnegan on setting up webpage for sales.
- We do order to get in time for Santa Trains. This would mean ordering for early November.
- Suggestion to set order at 100 count.
- Need to check new postal rates. Adjust S&H accordingly. Look at Express and First Class. Add more for foreign.
- We will confirm order and cost at November meeting.
- Consensus direction to proceed.

## **Good of the Order**

### **President's Report**

- President's Report sent before meeting.
- Greg and David Elems also travelled to Bill Wisneski's property and picked up donated rail tools. Box van was to be donated, but needs brake and bearing work.

### **Financial Reports**

- Written reports provided.
- Discussion about financial items.

### **Director's Reports**

- *Vicknair* – written report provided.
  - Discussed meeting with new city manager, Lauren Knox.

### **Event Reports**

- *Pumpkin Patch Express 2019* – discuss preparations and marketing
  - Marketing and event report provided.
  - Noted that Paul Finnegan has been regularly updating Pumpkin Patch Express webpage with new info. Radio spot sound file finally received and posted.
  - Pat Morten from the city council is volunteering to help us.

### **Department Reports**

- *Webmaster* – written report provided.
  - Noted that we regularly get comments on how great the website is looking.
- *Train Sheet* – written report provided.
  - Directors expressed thanks to Paul Finnegan for getting the issues out on time and the overall quality.
- *General Superintendent* – written report provided.
- *Historical / Archives* – written report provided.
  - Confirmed that we have completely received donation from Jack Palmer. Including over 5,000 slides, most of which are WP. Also donated 2 WP switch stand kerosene lamps which were from the Portola Yard.
- *RAL Operations* – written report provided.
  - Discussion about how to increase RALs next year.
- *Mechanical* – written reports on rubber tire fleet and locomotives.
  - WP 1503 ready to go. Crew ran 1503 today and used it for switching.
  - David Elems started cleaning engine room of WP 512. Lots of gunk, including nests and other materials from raccoon infestation.
  - Plan to get rotary set inspected by start of November.

- Having issue with fixing yellow forklift hydraulic ram. Roger Stabler has part to repair and we should receive soon. Big white forklift will go out of service in spring 2020.

### **Committee Reports**

- *Historical Convention* – written report provided.
  - Contracts confirmed.
  - Plan is to start advertising in next week. Will work with Paul Finnegan on setting up webpage.

### **Legal / Insurance Report**

none

### **Status of Surplus Property Report**

- We have recently had two people asking about buying steel cabooses.
- Heard from folks in Fernie, British Columbia. Still interested in NVR Baldwin 51.
- Arizona RR Museum in Williams, AZ still interested in beet gon.

### **Safety Report**

- *Forklifts* – David Elems sent out links to forklift training and testing info. Working with Paul Finnegan to set up our own on-line training. Thanks to Paul for his help on this.
- *Fire Extinguishers* – David also working on latest batch of extinguishers.
- *Oil Separator* – Working on clearing garbage from around separator. Discussing ways to fence off.
- Recommended that we have a safety committee meeting at least once a quarter.

### **Public Comments**

- Directors noted that John Salisbury complimented our website. Thanks to Paul for the great work.
- *Bob Sims* – Still having some blood pressure problems. Looking at time to come up and work on Silver Hostel window sealing.

### **Notices**

none

### **Closed Session** – requested by Director Vicknair – 6:00 PM – 6:23 PM

- Legal Issue – FRRS vs. Kasten / ITAC / Gateway
- Legal Issue – Meeker vs. FRRS and Vicknair
- Business Issue – Future Business Possibility

The Board heard a report on a legal issue – FRRS vs. Kasten / ITAC / Gateway. Consensus direction given. No reportable action taken.

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The Board heard a report on a business issue – Future Business Possibility. No reportable action taken.

### **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at: 6:24 PM (Habeck / Vicknair)

Next Meeting: November 9, 2019 – 1:00 PM

Location: WPRM Meeting Room - Western Pacific Railroad Museum - Portola, CA

Respectfully Submitted, Eugene Vicknair – FRRS Secretary