

**Feather River Rail Society
Board of Directors Meeting – June 10, 2023 – 3:00 PM
Western Pacific Railroad Museum Meeting Room – WPRM, Portola, CA**

President Greg Elems called the meeting to order at 15:34.

Attendance

The following Directors were present:

Bob Sims – phone
Greg Elems
Steve Habeck
Kerry Cochran

Charlie Spikes
Matt Elems - phone
Eugene Vicknair - phone

7 directors present at meeting start – Quorum achieved.

Visitors:

Bart Hansen – Treasurer - phone
David Elems – Asst. CMO and Safety Officer
Armando Epifani
Ann Morningstar – Election Committee
Logan Beers – arrived 3:57 PM
Ed Powell – arrived 4:45 PM

Correspondence

Vicknair

- Member Jim Lekas has sent materials for a possible book on the WP Feather River Canyon line.

D. Elems

- Received quote from A-1 Radiator and sent to Board last week. Will review under Mechanical report. Still waiting for quote from Niagara Cooling.

Habeck

- Heritage Rail Journal cover photo this issue is Michael Clawson's photo of our Rotary Run.

Consent Calendar

1. Minutes – Minutes of the May 2023 BOD Regular Meeting.

Motion 23-06-01

Approve the May 2023 BOD Regular Meeting Minutes as presented.

Vicknair / Spikes. Aye – 7, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

Old Business

General Locomotive Lease

Review legal reviewed lease agreement.

- Legal reviewed contract sent to Board.

Motion 23-06-02

Approve the legal reviewed General Private Locomotive Lease Contract as presented. Vicknair / Spikes. Aye – 7, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

- Eugene will reset into printable format.

New Business

Raise for Museum Store Employee

Review proposal to increase pay for Museum Store employee.

- Written report provided.
- Breckyn led recent inventory.
- Current pay rate is around \$15.50.

Motion 23-06-03

Approve \$1 per hour raise for Breckyn Shirley starting immediately.. Cochran / Vicknair. Aye – 7, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

Comp and Institutional Copies of Headlight and Train Sheet

Discuss providing issues to Comp and Institutional Members.

- Written report provided.
- Recommendation that we reduce amount of complimentary copies of publications.
- Proposed that COMP memberships only get emailed Train Sheet, no Headlight.
- Suggested that if INSTITUTIONAL want Headlight, they have a member join as an ACTIVE member as well.
- Suggestion to continue to send INSTITUTIONAL members still get 1 printed Headlight.

Motion 23-06-04

Approve the requested changes with alteration that Institutional Members will receive 1 copy each mailed of Train Sheet and Headlight. Comp members will only get emailed Train Sheet and no Headlight.

Cochran / Vicknair. Aye – 7, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

Good of the Order

President's Report

- Verbal report provided.
- On May 17, Bart and David Hansen came out of resurfaced / resmoothed the parking lot with 5 truckloads of gravel.
- Same week, Eugene Vicknair and Eric McKay completed install on the HVAC in the Museum Store.
- June 2, Steve Habeck serviced batteries in UP 105. Crew switched shop and yard to get WP 165 over the pit and moved some cars in the yard.

Financial Reports

- *Written reports provided.*
- Noted that Transaction Report was missing and has been requested.
- Discussion about statement dates and timing to the Board reports.

Director's Reports

- *Vicknair* – written report provided.
 - Cannot make Garden Railway Event work for July. Will contact Chris Skow.
 - Graeagle July 4th Event wanted to know if we wanted a table for \$20.

- Discussion about call with Ag Department Rural Development rep.
- Bart Hansen pulling together new audit committee. Received recommended updates to our internal audit report.
- Discussion and questions about grants being applied for.

Event Reports

none

Department Reports

- *Webmaster* – written report provided.
- *Train Sheet* – written report provided.
 - Eugene Vicknair sent 3 draft articles to Paul and has 2 articles in editing.
- *General Superintendent* – written report provided.
 - David Elems is appointed as Chief Mechanical Officer.
 - Noted we will do annual review of Committees and Departments in August.
- *Historical / Archives* – written report provided.
 - 2023 Convention – 150 attendance, 37 were FRRS members
 - Planning for 2024 Convention.
- *Mechanical*
 - Been doing a lot of admin stuff and getting quotes. Held mandatory engineer's meeting. Next meeting on June 16th for those who missed previous. Need to get everyone on same page with operations and mechanical situations.
 - Got Quincy TR6A 1100 running and released for service.
 - Been doing some repair on WP SW1500 1503, including work on electrical system.
 - Been doing work on SP GP9 2873 as he has time.
 - Received updated quote for radiators for SP 2873 and sent to the Board. Quoted doing 2 different styles of radiator. So far cheapest option is solder bonded radiator rebuild. Would be rebuilt in Texas and shipped to Reno. Waiting on quote from additional supplier. Total cost to get SP 2873 back in operation with radiators rebuilt will be about \$26,000.
 - Discussion about cost and budget for SP 2873 radiators. Consensus direction given to proceed with radiator order. Revise budget to account for cost.
 - Discussion about WP GP20 2001 repairs / radiators. Radiator cost will be around \$36,000 currently. May be \$40,000 by next year. Look for grants for restoration. WP 2001 repairs will be held until 2024. Reminder that when this equipment was donated and / or acquired, they were already worn out. Engines needing new components.
 - Noted that these style radiators are no longer stock items and need to basically be done as custom projects.
 - Discussion about how upcoming emission requirements may / will affect museum part supplies. Some systems may no longer be supported. Using old radiators cores has not been successful and the old stock we have acquired has all proven unusable.
 - Continuing to work on other aspects on SP 2873 such as water pump.
 - Need to do air brake work on several engines. WP GP7 707 is one of them, as are F-units.
 - Trying to get contact info on UP roundhouse guy who wants to help us out.
- *Facilities*
 - Duane has been working on some repair projects around Diesel Shop, including Men's Restroom and deep sink in shop. Repaired some windows lost to snow and worked on Lounge Car.

Committee Reports

none

Legal / Insurance Report

none

Status of Surplus Property Report

none

Safety Committee

- Alpine Fire came in first of the month to service our extinguishers. Cost was \$1,680. Noted that this is a needed and required expense each year. We are missing 2 water and 2 CO2 extinguishers.

Public Comments

Vicknair – CSX just donated \$5 million to B&O Museum for facilities upgrades and building restoration. NSRM just got \$23 million for new Visitor Center.

Ann Morningstar – Election Committee notes that 2023 election is a white ballot.

Notices

- June 10 – Annual Meeting and Dinner – Dinner at 5:30 PM and Meeting at 7:00 PM

Closed Session – none requested

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 17:12 (Vicknair / Spikes)

Next Meeting: July 8, 2023 – 4:30 PM
Location: WPRM Meeting Room, Portola

Respectfully Submitted
Eugene Vicknair – FRRS Secretary