

Minutes of Past Meetings

November 2000

The meeting of the Feather River Rail Society Board of Directors was called to order at 1:10 p.m. at Portola City Hall. Board Members Present: Andy Anderson, Jim Murphy, Frank Brehm, Eugene Vicknair, Ed Wagner, Vic Neves, Hank Stiles, Pat Brimmer (telephonically). The Board immediately convened to executive session. The Board convened to open session at 1:20 p.m. There was no action reported.

Guests Present: Wayne Monger, Norm Holmes, Kerry Cochran, and Eric Stephens

CORRESPONDENCE:

Response has been received from Peggy Marquez, owner of the Old Hospital Property, regarding the steps and procedures needed to transfer the property to FRRS; she authorized the appraisal to proceed as proposed. The appraisal was completed, and the property, void of any structures was appraised at \$60,000. Estimate to demolish building came in at \$35,000. Comment was made that it may be better from a historical aspect to consider restoration of the building than to demolish it. The possibility of Forest Service Grants will be explored.

Letter from Kendal Robinson thanking the Society for the letter of sympathy after the death of his father.

E-mail from Ed Bowers, a private locomotive collector from Texas: may have found a US Army VL1000 to trade for RS32. Comment that the RS32 should stay in Bay area. Golden Gate is ready to explore trading the Clover Plot for the RS32.

R.E. Jackson, window manufacturer, can make windows for the Silver Hostel.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BYLAWS: Frank Brehm requests report from Bylaws Committee regarding status of bylaw revision. Committee met in September and they are still reviewing the draft provided by attorney Tom Jacobson. Committee had worked on the bylaws but the Board put them on hold. Committee wasn't aware that it was now again a priority issue. Any revisions to the bylaws need to be voted on by all members. Voting needs to be taken on each individual change not on the Bylaws as a whole. Time line presented to Board at last meeting will be adhered to. Committee will continue to work on changes that will be presented to the board when they are ready, update will be provided at the next meeting.

TRAIN SHEET: Awaiting completion of one article. Format has been revised and Feather Publishing will publish it once it is ready. This is the September/October issue. Discussion regarding how long the mailing will take. Group will be e-mailed the date it is mailed to allow tracking of how long it takes to make it through the mail.

SITE COMMITTEE: Eugene Vicknair presented recommendations of the site committee. Requests the Board consider finalizing a master facilities plan at the next meeting. Discussion regarding the ability of the board to make changes to the plan even if it is adopted. The Board should have the ability to make changes for unexpected occurrences, i.e. the Magnolia Tower. Agreement that the board should be able to make changes, although once budgeted they are final.

ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE: Committee has designed a departmental chart, once this is approved a functional chart will be completed,

after that is approved then reporting relationships will be established, once all this is complete job descriptions will be worked out. The Board should complete all of this with assistance from the Committee. Charts are presented outlining the Departmental Design proposed by the Committee. The board directs the Committee to add a position on the chart for permanent standing committees.

ELECTION COMMITTEE: Tom Graham presents a report on the status of the election material. Estimated cost of printing and mailing is \$1,600, this includes two mailings, one for the notice and one for the ballot. After reviewing the schedule of the Train Sheet printing it was the consensus of the Board to utilize the Train Sheet for the nominating committee notice to save on printing and mailing costs.

FACILITIES COMMITTEE: Budget for existing lounge car, \$7,000. Locker Car, Santa Fe Caboose will work with minor modifications to the interior, no modification to exterior, budget \$900. Roof repair is complete contractor has come back to fix a few leaks. Gold Mountain and the City each contributed to paving the road from the City Street into the museum. All fire extinguishers have been serviced. Tables have been moved from picnic area. Beanery floor will be painted in spring. Backhoe is ready for snow plowing.

CALENDAR DATES: Board Meetings will be held on the 1st Saturday of each month. April through October the meetings will be at 6:00 p.m. November through March the meetings will be at 1:00 p.m. The February and November meeting will be held in Sacramento at CSRM. Membership meeting will be moved up to the 1st Saturday in June.

GAS CARDS: Facility Manager will be in charge of gas credit cards, each card will have a log book where date, time, who, how much, what for will be recorded.

INSURANCE POLICY: FRRS has a \$50,000 life insurance policy for Norm Holmes do we want to keep it. Consensus is to cancel the policy.

OLD BUSINESS:

MAGNOLIA TOWER: Amtrak is waiting for letter from UP indicating that UP has no objections to Amtrak letting the tower go. UP says letter was sent but Amtrak did not receive it. UP is now writing a letter to Amtrak addressing environmental concerns. Amtrak wants a letter from FRRS indemnifying them*(Amtrak).

2:00 p.m. More guests arrive: Steve Habeck, Tom Graham, Judy McGrath, and Gary Hall

Reported that executive session ended with no action, Director Morgan is not here so decision was made to wait for him to be present.

NEW BUSINESS:

GLAD HAND AWARD: Review of the history of the award and who will nominate recipients.

LIABILITY INSURANCE: Need policy in effect by January 1, 2001, info will be provided at next meeting

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

December Board Meeting at Portola City Hall, December 9, 2000.

Need to compile a list of Committees and rosters.

Freight Charges for tamper, find out who is paying, and talk to Doug, contract not signed.

No Truckee report, Andy write letter to Truckee.