

November 2010 Board Meeting Motions and Actions Summary

There was a presentation by the Harvard Community Partners Assistance Group at 11:30 AM. This team had been reviewing policies and operations of the FRRS and gave their findings to the Board and members in attendance. A summary will be printed in an upcoming Train Sheet issue.

The FRRS Board extends its deepest thanks to the Harvard Community Partners for their assistance and guidance.

Motion 10-11-01

Consent Calendar

Motion to accept consent calendar with Minutes of the October 2010 General Meeting.

Vicknair / Habeck. Aye – 7, Nay – 0, Abstain – 1.

Motion carries.

Motion 10-11-02

Travel for Estates Pick-Up

Review expenditure request to transport materials donated by deceased members.

Questions about materials to be picked up and cost of travel vs. shipping UPS. Most materials would be sold to benefit museum. DeLozier family offered donation to offset cost. Request to provide a list of available materials for sale to members for their purchase.

Discussion of future donations having the option of donating cash endowment vs. materials.

Motion to accept report and approve budget of \$1000 from line item 52010 • Transportation.

McClure / Vicknair. Aye – 8, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0.

Motion carries.

Motion 10-11-03

Admission Charge 2011

Proposal for charging museum admission.

Review of Business Practices Committee findings, including analysis of other museums and revenue projections.

Concerns about how to ensure that people pay admission and ensure that we get compliance. There are verification / receipt system in the proposal, including paper tickets and colored wristbands.

Motion to accept report by Business Practices Committee on admission along with related recommendations.

McClure / Habeck. Aye – 8, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0.

Motion carries.

Revenue and Fundraising

Year end fundraiser letter is almost done. Will be out in the next week.

We need to coordinate new fundraising efforts with plans for following through to completion.

Report on museums interested in SP SD9 4450 and MILW U25B 5057 for purchase to preserve.

John Buberniak suggested coordinating UP employees and retirees to get them all on UP donation program.

Article to be placed in Train Sheet requesting employees check with their employers to see if they offer matching donation program. Request to place permanent list of matchers in each issue of Train Sheet.

Financial Report

Written report submitted by James Mason – Treasurer.

We need to build up reserves, expand backing of our temporary funds and improve our revenue.

We must reduce expenses and increase our income.

Recommends that we approve the admission charge program to expand revenue, and that we restructure staffing and pay in order to reduce costs.

Question about electrical bill reductions since it is such a large bill. We need to check with power and phone companies to have taxes removed from charges since we are 501c(3) and not subject to taxes.

2011 Calendar

Concensus to approve calendar as presented. Some events still need dates. Except where conflicts exist, Board Meetings will move to second Saturday

President's Report

- Next year, would like to see WP SW1 501, WP S4 563, "WP" S1 512 and USSteel 20 in service. 512 and USSteel 20 to go in RAL service.

- John Buberniak requested that the training certification go to every other year and in exchange, ops crews must do certain number of hours in routine maintenance service.

- Kerry Cochran brought up idea of having information available for ops and mechanical department so they know work to be done.

- John Buberniak and Tom Carter will work out ops program with Ops Supervisor.

- Track Expansions – Will expand RIP 4 and connect to Ramp Track. Have materials and the crew. McClure has requested track donation from UP for Parking Lot Track and replacement of damaged and worn Balloon Track rails. We will start working toward Old Town Extension.

- Went through 3 scrap bins. Made nearly \$2000 from scrap clean-up.

- SP subs are gone, 4 by truck, 1 by scrap. \$6200 was paid by Timber Heritage Association.

- WP derrick MW37 was repaired as part of the sub loading and is running well. Dave McClain made a \$4000 donation.

- DRGW wood boxcar arrived from Rio Vista.

- 16" lathe donation from Roseville has been approved.

Museum Manager's Report

- Written report provided.
- Kerry Cochran has been compiling security camera equipment for use at the museum. Some materials have already been shipped to the museum.
- David and Vicki Epling have been seeking promotions for Santa Train.

Director's Reports

Carter – Written report provided. Discussion Board will be phased out due to low usage and postings being made that have generated too many complaints. Weblog will replace it.

Department Reports

Publications – Very little submitted for Train Sheet. More articles and photos needed.

Committee Reports

Business Practices – Written report provided. Committee recommendations made in business items earlier in meeting as listed above.

Public Comments

Website needs updating. This is in progress.

Notices

Election nominations open January 1, 2011

Closed Session

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 5:13 PM and reconvened to open session at 6:02 PM. Director Vicknair reported the following:

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

The Board heard a report on a legal issue, FRRS v. Morgan. No action taken.

The Board heard a report on a business issue, Business Opportunity. No action taken.

The Board heard a report on a personnel issue, Employment Structure. Consensus direction given. No action taken."

**December 2010 Board Meeting
Motions and Actions Summary**
Motion 10-12-01Consent Calendar

Motion to accept consent calendar with Minutes of the November 2010 General Meeting.

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

Motion 10-12-022011 Budget and Financial Report

Financial overview report given. We are still running a deficit. Held our own this year. We are looking at more ways to reduce costs and expenses. Income was down for 2010, but expenses were also held down.

Admission charge is expected to make a big positive difference for next year.

Reviewed draft budget for 2011. Discussions on how / where we could trim expenses.

Motion to conditionally adopt draft budget as version 1 for 2011. Budget will be revisited as needed.

Habeck / Vicknair. Aye – 8, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0.

Motion carries.

Correspondance

- Ohio museum asking for fix list on MILW U25B

- Ogden Utah State Ry Museum is looking at trying to save WP GP7 706

WP Greenville Depot

Greenville Depot is now on private property and they are trying to designate historic building.

Depot group would like to get our assistance / partner to get the museum set up as a WP display museum.

Ownership of land appears to have been resolved.

Tabled to January.

Ione Railfair 2011

Amador Central is now owned by historic group. Ione Railfair is now back on at Ione.

Invitation for FRRS to attend Ione Railfair on May 28-29, 2011 and have sales set-up. No cost for attendance, cost for travel, lodging, etc. to be determined.

Manager Epling to investigate further. Consensus direction that we do want to participate.

Donner Pass Event

Historic event planned for Donner Pass area near Norden. Planning meeting is December 14. Manager Epling to attend and get more information.

President's Report

- We may be taking the Santa Train to Sparks pending UP approval. Third week in December. Would be for UP employees event

- Thanks to Steve Habeck and family and the other volunteers for Santa Train decorations.

- HazMat training event is going on today at the museum under supervision of CCT / UP manager Dave Buccolo. Going well so far.

- \$663 for small scrap that went out recently. Need to get interest concerning the water exchange unit for