



Annual General Meeting

Minutes of 57th Annual General Meeting

Held on 14th July 2018 at the Morley Club, Sheringham

Trustees Present	Neil Sharpe, Tony Dewey, Ashley Barrs, Keith Ashford, Nigel Scarlett, Dennis Greeno, Graeme Wigglesworth, Peter Mayne, Richard Spicker
In Attendance	Giles Enders, Tim Touse, Derek Toms, Geoff Hanson, George Harper, Mike Goodwin, Brian Wilkinson, Ian Urquhart, Lesley Urquhart, Joe Gluza, John Willis, David Randall, Richard Dixon, William Woolley, Mandy Stephenson, Tim Bambridge, Nick Wallace, A Wallace, S Wallace, Hugh Harkett, Andrew Munden, David Harris, Mark Middleton, Ady Carman, John Drake, Clive Hughes, Dave King, Julian Birley, Jenny Thomson, Barry Denton, Ray Brunt, Bob Fowkes, P Handford-Rice, JR Collier, Ben Boggis, John Fisher, Sue Roberts, Steve Allen
Apologies	Catherine & Simon Roffey, CMJ Larke, Roseanne Bowyer, Geoffrey Gowing, Phil Starks, K & P Wainwright, JRM Ellis, Alan Hunter, Geoffrey Hart, T & J Yeldham, MN & GE Evans, Richard Searle, DG Somers, David & Maureen Wright, Paul Scrivener

Chairman's Review:

The Chairman opened the meeting by thanking members and others for attending the meeting. He indicated he would be departing from tradition by using this part of the meeting to introduce 3 items of news, instead of revisiting the events of the past year which had already been well covered elsewhere.

First, the meeting heard that Julian Birley, BEM, had accepted the role of Society President. Julian had been involved with the NNR for 22 years. The Chairman acknowledged his contacts and influence throughout the heritage railway sector which, in the unanimous view of the trustees, made him an ideal successor to Richard Hardy and Sir WilliamMcAlpine, the Society's Joint Presidents who passed away within weeks of each other earlier this year. Julian was introduced to the meeting and his appointment was enthusiastically received.

Secondly, the Chairman invited Nigel Scarlett to say a few words about the Society's acquisition of Thompson brake coach no 1866. This had been purchased out of legacies received by the Society and would be a key component of the Society's pre-war rake of coaches. The coach was 80% restored and, when finished, would incorporate a first class saloon that could be used for special events on the NNR.

Thirdly, the Chairman advised the meeting that the Society had purchased, again from legacy funds, the Class 08 shunter D3935 which had recently been restored to full working order. The loco has a true East Anglian connection having been based at Colchester and Ipswich for the latter part of its life in BR days. Its acquisition by the Society preserved its availability for use on the NNR and would enable its previous owner, Phil Ward, to turn his attention to overhauling the Class 11 shunter, no 12131.

There being no questions from the floor, the Chairman invited the meeting to deal with the day's formal business.

Resolution 1	The minutes of the 56th AGM of the Society, held on 15 July 2017, had been included with papers circulated to members with the notice of this meeting
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	and had also been available for inspection on the Society's website. These were approved unanimously on a show of hands with one minor amendment noted but with no points arising and were duly signed by the Chairman. Votes by proxy – 59 in favour with 2 abstentions.
Resolution 2	To receive and approve the Report of the Trustees and the Financial Statements for the Society for the year ended 31 st January 2018. Approved unanimously on a show of hands. Votes by proxy – 61 in favour with 0 abstentions.
Resolution 3	To appoint Websters Cambridge Ltd as the Society's independent examiner until the conclusion of the next AGM and that approval be given to the Trustees to fix their remuneration. Approved unanimously on a show of hands. Votes by proxy – 59 in favour with 2 opposed.
Resolution 4	Re-election of Trustees – Ashley Barrs, Nigel Scarlett and Richard Spicker pursuant to article 36, and Tony Dewey, pursuant to article 37, offered themselves for re-election as Trustees. The re-elections of Messrs Barrs, Scarlett, Spicker and Dewey were approved unanimously on a show of hands. Votes by proxy – 61 in favour with 0 abstentions.
Any Other Business	There being no other business, the Chairman thanked members for their attendance and their support throughout the year. He closed the meeting at 1.27pm.

Chairman

Date