

Wensleydale Railway Association (Trust) Ltd

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Held on the 2nd October 2021 at the Chantry Hall, Bedale

The meeting commenced at 11.05am, chaired by Nigel Park who gave a warm welcome to those present along with the members who had requested Zoom details and were joining us online. He particularly mentioned the role which had been played by Trustees, Volunteers working on the railway and Members / Supporters during the difficult year which we had recently endured.

In total, 43 members were present at the meeting, including seven of the eight trustees, and in addition, up to 13 joined the meeting using Zoom. Eight apologies for absence had been received along with 46 proxy forms.

These were distributed as follows:

35 for all resolutions

5 blanks giving discretion to the Chairman

1 abstention on item 1

2 abstentions on item 9

2 against item 9

1 abstention on items 7 and 8 46 Total

The meeting then moved on to the approval of items listed on the agenda:

1.AGM 2020 Notes – Proposed Stuart Simpson – Seconded Dave Turner

Approved with 1 abstention

2.Director's Report for y/e 31/12/2020– Proposed Richard Hayward – Seconded Janet Crampton

Approved with 1 abstention

3.Financial Report and Accounts for y/e 31/12/2020 – Proposed Colin Brown – Seconded Phil Smith

Approved

4. Appointment of Phil Harrison to the Council – Proposed John Smithson – Seconded Wendy Shepherd

Approved

5. Appointment of Robert Mordey to the Council – Proposed Robert Carter – Seconded John Smithson

Approved

6. Re-appoint Wendy Shepherd to the Council – Proposed Ruth Annison – Seconded Janet Crampton

Approved with 1 abstention

7 & 8 Note the retirement of Andy Woodland and Robert Carter

Noted

9. Changes to Membership Subscriptions – Proposed Thomas Hayward – Seconded Devon Johnson

Approved with 4 against

10. Re-appoint Kenneth Easby Ltd as Independent Examiners

Proposed Robert Carter – Seconded Graham Shepherd – Approved

Any Other Business / Questions

1. Andy Glendinning announced that he would be stepping down as a Trustee / Director. The Chairman thanked Andy, on behalf of everyone at the railway, for the work he had done since becoming a member of the Trust
2. The question of the diminishing number of Trustees was raised, and it was agreed that we needed more, especially a Company Secretary and a Meetings Secretary / administrator. This has the close attention of the current Trustees and is being progressed.
3. There was a discussion regarding the positioning of the ex Hertford East signal box, with Bill Briggs expressing the concern that it would block access to the Peter Black user worked crossing. He also expressed concern regarding boundaries at Leyburn in general. David Walker explained the configuration of the box and the mechanisms for dismantling, transporting, restoring and erecting the box. Guy Loveridge explained that the Land Registry records were different from reality and that Network Rail were carrying out the work.
4. Phil Smith rounded off the session by saying that it was wonderful to be still here despite everything, and gave thanks to the two boards for their continuing work in advancing the railway offering.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their presence and closed the meeting, allowing time for a lunch break in readiness for presentations at 13.00 hours, prior to the PLC AGM at 14.00 hours

Robert Mordey

16th October 2021

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18/10/2021