

**BRITAIN’S GREAT LITTLE RAILWAYS**

**Minutes of the 2014 Annual General Meeting held at East Herts Miniature Railway, Van Hage Garden Centre, Pepper Hill, Great Amwell, Nr. Ware, Herts SG12 9RP on Wednesday March 19th at 11.00 hrs**

**Railways represented:**

Bentley Miniature Railway, East Herts Miniature Railway, Eastleigh Lakeside Railway, Evesham Vale Light Railway, Exbury Gardens Steam Railway, Fairbourne Railway, Fancott Miniature Railway, Ferry Meadows Railway, Hambleton Valley Miniature Railway, Hotham Park Railway, LTM Engineering, Moors Valley Railway, Mortocombe Railway Society, Perrygrove Railway, Private Member – John Wrangle, Romney, Hythe and Dymchurch Railway, Rudyard Lake Railway, Stansted Park Light Railway, Weston Park Railway, Woking Miniature Railway.

**Welcome by the Chairman**

The Chairman expressed his thanks, on behalf of the members, to Simon Brown and his team for hosting the meeting and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Apologies for Absence**

Audley End Miniature Railway, Beer Heights Light Railway, Bekonscot Light Railway, Bickington Steam Railway, Brookside Miniature Railway, Exmoor Steam Railway, Great Laxey Mine Railway, Grosvenor Park Miniature Railway, Kirklees Light Railway, Littlehampton Railway, North Bay Railway Company, Private Member, Simon Clarke, Rhiw Valley Light Railway, Rhyl Miniature Railway, Sherwood Forest Railway, Shibden Miniature Railway, South Downs Light Railway, Strawberry Line Miniature Railway, and Swanley New Barn Railway.

**Minutes of the 2013 Annual General Meeting**

The acceptance of minutes of the last AGM was proposed by Mr iain Dinnes and seconded Mr. R. Stanbridge and the resolution was carried unanimously

**Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

**Director’s Report and Accounts for year ended 31st January 2014**

The Treasurer, Maureen Atkinson, circulated the Director’s Report and the year End Accounts.

These documents are attached to the minutes.

A special mention was made of Mike Hanson for all his effort on the brochure and poster which he carries out at no cost to the organisation.

Postal costs for brochures were reduced due to a good collections by members at last year’s Spring General Meeting.

The acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Mr R. Brown and seconded Mr. W Pearson and the resolution was carried unanimously.

**Retirement of a Director**

It was agreed at the last AGM that one third of the Directors should retire voluntarily and be eligible for re-election every year. With 5 Directors this means 1 Director per year.

Michael Crofts announced at the last AGM that he would retire this year and did not want to be put forward for re-election. The Chairman thanked him for all his efforts over the years on BGLR HRA and Safety Matters.

**Appointment of New Director**

Iain Dinnes was proposed as the replacement Director who would also take responsibility for HRA liaison and general safety matters. The proposer was Mr R Brown and the seconder was Mr T. Davies and the motion was carried unanimously.

**Date and Venue of next meeting**

This item was carried over to the Spring General Meeting

**AOB**

Ron Stanbridge alerted members to an organisation that will provide free webcams at your railway if you provide the broadband facilities. More information at http://www.brcn.co.uk/

There being no other business the meeting closed at 11.25 am

BRITAIN’S GREAT LITTLE RAILWAYS LIMITED

A Company Limited by Guarantee

Company Information

Year ended 31 January 2014

 DIRECTORS: James A. W. Haylock

 Christopher E. M. Halsall Michael K. Crofts

 Michael A. Hanson

 Maureen E Atkinson

 SECRETARY: Anthony J. Davies

 REGISTERED OFFICE: Moors Valley Railway

 Moors Valley Country Park

 Horton Road

 Ashley Heath

 Ringwood

 Dorset

 BH24 2ET

 REGISTERED NUMBER: 3143331 (England and Wales)

**Directors Report**

The Directors present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31st January 2014.

**Activities**

The principle activity of the Company is a Trade Association, for its members.

**Results** **and** **Dividends**

The results for the year are as shown in the Financial statements. The Company is Limited by Guarantee and does not pay a Dividend, but uses any surplus for the benefit of Members.

**Board** **of** **Directors**

The Company has a Board of Directors who meet on a regular basis. All significant decisions affecting the Company are discussed at a Board Meeting. Each member of the Board is free to seek independent professional advice in the furtherance of their duties.

# Election of Director

At an EGM on 18th October 2012 new Articles of Association were adopted. Accordingly there is no longer a requirement for one director to retire by rotation. However at the last meeting a resolution was agreed that one third of the Directors would offer themselves for re-election every year as per our previous practice.

**Payment** **Policy**

It is the policy of the Company to settle all debts with its creditors on a timely basis taking account of the credit period given by each supplier.

Approved by the Board of Directors and signed on behalf of the Board.

Anthony John Davies

Secretary

19 March 2014

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT: YEAR ENDED 31ST JANUARY 2014

 2013/14 2012/13

 £ £ £ £

INCOME

Subscriptions 2,450 2,190

HRA Passes 3,152 3,075

Sale of Posters - 22

Interest on Deposit Account 1 1

Total Income 5,603 5,288

EXPENDITURE

HRA Subscription 252 246

HRA Passes 3,152 3,075

Production of BGLR Posters 541

Production of Leaflets 1,250 1,181

Postage of Leaflets & Posters 120 207

Stationery, Copying 25 95

General Postage 35 85

Web site costs 150 -

Companies House Fee 13 13

Expenses HRA visitor - 17

Total Expenditure 4,997 5,460

SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR 606 (172)

BALANCE SHEET: YEAR ENDED 31ST JANUARY 2014

 2013/14 2012/13

 £ £ £ £

Current assets

Deposit Account 1,682 680

Current Account 959 965

Debtors

Total Current Assets 2,641 1,645

Less: Current Liabilities

Prepayments 1,015 720

Creditors & Accrued Liabilities 150 55

Total Current Liabilities 1,165 775

NET WORTH OF THE COMPANY 1,476 870

Capital fund

Amounts brought forward from previous years 870 1,042

Surplus/(Deficit) 606 (172)

Carried forward to future years 1,476 870

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Notes on the Accounts and Disclaimer

I have compiled a Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheet for Britain’s Great Little Railways Limited.

In my opinion and on the basis of the information I have to hand, I feel that they accurately reflect the financial position of the Company. I give notice that I am not a qualified accountant and do not purport to be acting in this capacity.

These accounts are submitted to the Annual General Meeting

Maureen E. Atkinson

Treasurer

**Directors Statements**

i. For the year ended 31st January 2014 the Company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 (2) of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

ii. The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

iii. The directors acknowledge their responsibility for :-

(a) preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year, and of its profit or loss for the financial year, in accordance with the requirements of Section 393, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act relating to accounts, so far as is applicable to the company

(b) ensuring the company keeps accounting records which comply with Section 386 of the Companies Act 2006

In preparing this Statement the Directors are aware of their Responsibilities.

Approved and Signed on Behalf of the Board of Directors on 19 March 2014

James A. W. Haylock Anthony John Davies

Chairman Company Secretary