



## **BRITAIN'S GREAT LITTLE RAILWAYS**

**Minutes of 2018 Annual General Meeting held at Moors Valley Railway, Horton Road, Ashley Heath, BH24 2ET on Wednesday March 7th at 11.00 am.**

### **Railways represented**

Beer Heights Light Railway, Bekonscot Light Railway, Bentley Miniature Railway, Bickington Steam Railway, East Herts Miniature Railway, Eastleigh Lakeside Railway, Evesham Vale Light Railway, Exbury Gardens Steam Railway, Ferry Meadows Railway, Hastings Miniature Railway, Hotham Park Railway, Hollycombe Steam Museum, Littlehampton Railway, Moors Valley Railway, Mortcombe Railway Society Ltd, Rudyard Lake Railway, South Devon Miniature Railway, South Downs Light Railway, Swanley New Barn Railway, Weston Park Railway and Woking Miniature Railway.

### **Welcome by the Chairman**

The Chairman expressed his thanks, on behalf of the members, to his team who had helped organise the meeting.

### **Apologies for Absence**

Barnards Railway, Brookside Miniature Railway, Bure Valley Railway, Cinderbarrow Miniature Railway, Cleethorpes Coast Light Railway, Exmoor Steam Railway, Fairbourne Steam Railway, Fancott Miniature Railway, Foxfield Miniature Railway, Great Cockcrow Miniature Railway, Great Laxey Mines Railway, Hambleton Miniature Railway, Kirklees Light Railway, North Bay Railway Company, Rhiw Valley Light Railway, Rhyl Miniature Railway, Romney, Hythe and Dymchurch Railway, Sherwood Forest Railway, Shibden Miniature Railway, Strawberry Line Miniature Railway, Summerfields Miniature Railway, Thompson Park Railway and the Whitfield Light Railway

### **Minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting**

The acceptance of minutes of the last AGM was proposed by Adrian Corke and seconded Ian Wilson and the resolution was carried unanimously

### **Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

### **Director's Report and Accounts for year ended 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018**

We ended the year up on the previous year, thanks to the reduced costs of production of the leaflets and posters, this was mainly down to the design costs being lower as well as a few new members compared to 2016.

We also this year had to pick up a small cost of insurance to cover the working group on passenger carrying miniature railways.

Income in total however was down, this was due to less HRA passes being purchased last year than when compared to 2016.

The Treasurer, Peter Jackson had previously circulated the Year End Accounts and they are shown below:

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT: YEAR ENDED 31ST JANUARY 2018**

	<b>Year</b>	
	<b>2017/18</b>	<b>2016/17</b>
	£	£
<b>INCOME</b>		
Subscriptions	2,894	2,694
HRA Passes	1,955	3,410
Interest on Deposit Account	10	11
Total Income	4,859	6,115
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
HRA Subscription	336	318
HRA Passes	1,955	3,410
Production of Leaflets	1,758	1,936
Postage of Leaflets & Posters	254	262
Stationery, Copying		18
General Postage	0	0
Web site costs	140	140
Insurance	11	0
Companies House Fee	13	13
Total Expenditure	4,468	6,098
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>391</b>	<b>17</b>

The Chairman asked the members to approve the Financial Statement. Proposed by John Edmunds, seconded by Roger Brown and the members voted unanimously to accept the accounts.

**Resignation of Wally Pearson as a Director of BGLR**

The Chairman announced that Wally Pearson had resigned as a Director of BGLR and thanked him for his efforts whilst undertaking that role.

**Appointment of New Directors**

Prior to the meeting the Chairman had informally asked Adrian Corke (Evesham Vale Light Railway) and Rob Hart (Eastleigh Lakeside Miniature Railway) if they would be prepared to take on a Director's role. They both agreed and the Chairman asked the members present to formally vote them in as Directors.

Rob Hart                      Proposed by Peter Smith, Seconded by Chris Lewis  
The vote was unanimous in favour

Adrian Corke                Proposed by Roger Brown,. Seconded by Rob Hart  
The vote was unanimous in favour

### **Update on the Chairman's request to retire**

Jim Haylock reported to the meeting that after about 20 years in the job as Chairman he would like to stand down but would remain as a Director of BGLR. He did mention that when he took on the position of Chairman he thought that it would only be for a couple of years and then someone else would take over. (just shows how wrong you can be when trying to predict the future). It is expected that in the future the Chairman's position will rotate annually between the Directors.

The members present demanded a vote of thanks for all his efforts and Iain Dinnes proposed the vote which was accompanied by much applause - thank you Jim, without you there would be no BGLR.

### **Date and Venue of next meeting**

This item was carried over to the Spring General Meeting

### **AOB**

There being no other business the meeting closed at 11.22