

**BRITAIN’S GREAT LITTLE RAILWAYS**

**Minutes of 2019 Annual General Meeting held at the Fancott Miniature Railway, Luton Road, Toddington, Bedfordshire, LU5 6HT on Wednesday March 20th at 11.00 am.**

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**Railways represented**

Barnards Railway, Bentley Miniature Railway, Bure Valley Railway, East Herts Miniature Railway, Evesham Vale Light Railway, Exbury Gardens Steam Railway, Fancott Miniature Railway, Fairbourne Steam Railway, Ferry Meadows Railway, Hotham Park Railway, Littlehampton Railway, Moors Valley Railway, Romney, Hythe and Dymchurch Railway, Rudyard Lake Railway, South Downs Light Railway, Swanley New Barn Railway, Watford Miniature Railway.

**Welcome by the Chairman, Iain Dinnes**

The Chairman expressed his thanks to Ron Stanbridge and his team for hosting the meeting and welcomed all those railways that were able to attend. He also welcomed our new members, Watford Miniature Railway (Charles O'Mahoney) and HMR Alexandra Park. Charles attended the meeting but Dan Radcliffe was unable to attend at the last minute. Although the new owners of Brookside decided not join us, total membership has increased to 45 railways.

**Apologies for Absence**

Beer Heights Light Railway, Bekonscot Light Railway, Bickington Steam Railway, Cinderbarrow Miniature Railway, Cleethorpes Coast Light Railway, Eastleigh Lakeside Railway, Exmoor Steam Railway, Foxfield Miniature Railway, Great Cockcrow Miniature Railway, Great Laxey Mines Railway, Hambleton Miniature Railway, Hastings Miniature Railway, HMR Alexandra Park, Hollycombe Steam Museum, Kirklees Light Railway, Mortocombe Railway Society, North Bay Railway Company, Rhiw Valley Light Railway, Rhyl Miniature Railway, Sherwood Forest Railway, Shibden Miniature Railway, South Devon Miniature Railway, Strawberry Line Miniature Railway, Summerfields Miniature Railway, Thompson Park Railway, Weston Park Railway, Whitfield Light Railway and the Woking Miniature Railway

**Minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting**

The acceptance of minutes of the last AGM was proposed by Roger Brown and seconded by Jim Haylock and the resolution was carried unanimously

**Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

**Director’s Report and Accounts for year ended 31st January 2019**

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| **INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT:    YEAR ENDED 31STJANUARY 2019** |  |  |
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|  | **Year 2018/19** | **Year**  **2017/18** |
|  | **£** | **£** |
| **INCOME** |  |  |
| Subscriptions | 2,896.00 | 2,894 |
| HRA Passes | 3,900.00 | 1,955 |
| Interest on Deposit Account | 19.28 | 10 |
| **Total Income** | **6,815.28** | **4,859** |
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| **EXPENDITURE** |  |  |
| HRA Subscription | 420.00 | 336 |
| HRA Passes | 3,900.00 | 1,955 |
| Production of Leaflets | 1,761.50 | 1,758 |
| Postage of Leaflets & Posters | 230.58 | 254 |
| Stationery, Copying |  |  |
| General Postage | - | - |
| Web site costs | 140.00 | 140 |
| Insurance | 11.68 | 11 |
| Companies House Fee | 13.00 | 13 |
| **Total Expenditure** | **6,476.76** | **4,468** |
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| **SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR** | **338.52** | **391** |
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The BGLR Accounts are in a positive position and no increases in subscription fees are expected for the next couple of years. It should be noted that the cost of HRA membership has increased by £90 in the year - the largest annual increase for many years.

The meeting was asked to approve the Financial Report, proposed by Ron Stanbridge and seconded by Roger Brown and the meeting voted unanimously for its approval.

**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 11.20