

**BRITAIN’S GREAT LITTLE RAILWAYS**

**Minutes of 2020 Annual General Meeting held at the Watford Miniature Railway. Cassiobury Park, Watford, WD1 7SL on Wednesday March 11th commencing at 11.00**

**Railways represented**

Bekonscot Light Railway, Bentley Miniature Railway, Brickworks Miniature Railway, East Herts Miniature Railway, Exbury Gardens Steam Railway, Fancott Miniature Railway, Ferry Meadows Railway, Hotham Park Railway, Littlehampton Railway, Moors Valley Railway, Riverside Miniature Railway, Rudyard Lake Railway, South Downs Light Railway, Strawberry Line Miniature Railway, Swanley New Barn Railway, Watford Miniature Railway, Whitfield Light Railway and the Woking Miniature Railway

**Welcome by the Chairman, Iain Dinnes**

The Chairman expressed his thanks to Charles O'Mahoney and his team for hosting the meeting and welcomed all those railways that were able to attend. He also updated the members present on the outcome of the 2010 subscription round.

**Leavers**

**Bickington Steam Railway** - David Nicholson has "retired"(June 2019) and the railway is now run by Trago Mills who did not reply to any of our attempts to contact them

**Cinderbarrow MR** - The committee of the Lancaster and Morecambe MES voted not to rejoin

**Rhiw Valley Railway** - A private railway which opens very infrequently did not consider it was worthwhile for them to be in the brochure

**Joiners**

**Brickworks MR** - A new team from the (Bursledon) Brickworks Museum that has taken over the running of the miniature railway from the Hampshire Narrow gauge railway trust. Key contact - David Hubbard was present at the meeting

**Lappa Valley Railway** - a theme park with 3 railways and many attractions near Newquay - Key contact is Keith Southwell

**North Weald & District MR** - a new railway recently opened at the Harlow Garden Centre - owner/operator - Luke Knott

**Riverside MR** - a railway in the Riverside Park, St Neots and represented at the meeting by Ian Hornsby on behalf of the owner Ivan Hewlett

**Brookside MR** joined last year but too late to be in the brochure so are added this year. owner - Chris MacKenzie.

**Patrick David** who is hoping to start a railway in the North East has joined.

Membership is now 48 with 46 railways on the brochure.

**Apologies for Absence**

Barnards Railway, Beer Heights Light Railway, Brookside Miniature Railway, Bure Valley Railway, Cleethorpes Coast Light Railway, Eastleigh Lakeside Railway, Evesham Vale Light Railway, Exmoor Steam Railway, Fairbourne 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, North Weald & District Miniature Railway, Rhyl Miniature Railway, Romney, Hythe and Dymchurch Railway, Sherwood Forest Railway, Shibden Miniature Railway, South Devon Miniature Railway, Summerfields Miniature Railway, Thompson Park Railway, Weston Park Railway,

**Minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting**

The acceptance of minutes of the last AGM was proposed by Ron Stanbridge 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 2020**

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| **BGLR - End of Year Accounts** **Summary** |  |  |
|  |  **Year 2019/20**  | **Year 2018/19** |
|  |  **£**  | **£** |
| **INCOME** |  |  |
| Subscriptions | 2,765 | 2,896 |
| HRA Passes | 4,010 | 3,900 |
| Interest on Deposit Account | 24 | 19 |
| **Total Income** | **6,799** | **6,815** |
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| **EXPENDITURE** |  |  |
| HRA Subscription | 420 | 420 |
| HRA Passes | 4,010 | 3,900 |
| Production of Leaflets | 1,517 | 1,762 |
| Postage of Leaflets & Posters | 293 | 231 |
| Stationery, Copying |  |  |
| General Postage |  -  |  -  |
| Web site costs | 140 | 140 |
| Insurance |  | 12 |
| Companies House Fee | 13 | 13 |
| **Total Expenditure** | **6,392** | **6,477** |
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| **SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR** | **406** | **339** |
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| **Items to Note** |  |  |
| Income fairly static, but costs reduced on printing increased profit. |  |
| HRA passes continue to be popular. |  |  |

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The meeting was asked to approve the Financial Report, proposed by Peter Beevers and seconded by Jim Haylock and the meeting voted unanimously for its approval.

The Chairman informed the meeting that Peter Jackson has had to stand down from his role as Treasurer due to his overwhelming current job commitments. The Chairman asked for a volunteer from the members present to take on the role. No one volunteered. He then stated that at the Autumn General Meeting he and Peter had discussed with Roger Brown the possibility of him taking on the role. In the light of no one else being prepared to he reluctantly agreed to take on the role - to the accompaniment of applause from the members present (Cheers of relief probably).

The members were asked to vote on the proposal that Roger Brown be appointed the Treasurer and a Director of BGLR. The motion was proposed by Peter Jackson and seconded by David Cogin. The meeting voted unanimously for its approval.

**AOB**

There being no other business the meeting closed at 11.30