

Minutes of the 37th Annual General Meeting of the West Somerset Steam Railway Trust held in the BL Meeting Room at Bishop Lydeard Station on Saturday 23 March 2019 at 2 PM (Draft)

Chris Austin took the Chair and 18 members were present.

The Chairman welcomed those attending including Helen Anson, Trust Learning Officer would be giving a presentation on the NLHF Gauge Museum Project with Steve Williams. The Chairman extended an invitation to Members to visit the model railway after the meeting.

1. Apologies and Proxy Forms.

It was noted that the Company Secretary had received 16 apologies in total of which 10 included proxy forms.

2. Minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting.

These were approved by the Meeting as a correct record with one abstention.

3. 2018 Chairman's Report, Company Financial Statements and Report of the Directors and Independent Examiner.

These were presented to the meeting and Members were asked to approve their adoption.

Proposed by Martin Stoolman
Seconded by Alan Meade

and agreed by the Meeting. The 2018 Chairman's Report, Company Financial Statements and Reports of the Directors and the Independent Examiner were therefore adopted.

4. Reappointment of Independent Examiner for 2019.

The Meeting was asked to approve Monahans as the Independent Examiner for the Trust for 2019.

Proposed by Greg McNelly
Seconded by Roger Legg

and agreed by the Meeting. The reappointment of Monahans was therefore approved.

5. Re-Election of Directors

In accordance with the Articles of the Trust, the following Directors were due to retire from the Board and have put themselves forward for re-election.

(Steve Williams took the chair for this Re-election) To re-elect Chris Austin

Proposed by Warren Marsh
Seconded by Roger Legg

and agreed by the Meeting. Chris Austin was therefore duly re-elected as a Director and Trustee and remains Chairman of the Trust.

Chris Austin resumed the Chairmanship of the Meeting

To re-elect Ian Coleby

Proposed by Peter Darke
Seconded by Greg McNelly

and agreed by the Meeting with one abstention. Ian Coleby was therefore duly re-elected as a Director and Trustee.

6. Election of Directors

The following individuals had been co-opted to the Board of Trustees during 2018 and were now putting themselves forward for election.

To elect Stephen Williams

Proposed by David Baker
Seconded by Alan Meade

and agreed by the Meeting. Stephen Williams was therefore duly elected as a Director and Trustee and fulfils the role of Company Secretary.

To elect Donald Fraser

Proposed by Greg McNelly
Seconded by Warren Marsh

and agreed by the Meeting. Donald Fraser was therefore duly elected as a Director and Trustee and fulfils the role of Treasurer.

To elect David Baker

Proposed by Roger Legg
Seconded by Martin Stoolman

and agreed by the Meeting. David Baker was duly elected as a Director and Trustee.

7. Retirement of John Jenkins

Chris Austin told the Meeting that, due to other commitments in his role on the WSR together with wishing to spend more time with his family, John Jenkins had decided to stand down from the Board of Trustees. It was noted that John was the second longest serving Trustee after Ian Coleby having served on the Board since 2006. Chris Austin paid tribute to the contribution made by John Jenkins to the work of the Trust and expressed his gratitude that the railway would still benefit from John's services. The Meeting was asked to agree a vote of thanks to John Jenkins.

Proposed by Peter Darke
Seconded by Alan Meade

The vote of thanks was duly agreed by the Meeting and Chairman would convey this to John Jenkins.

8. Trust Business Plan-2019 Update

Steve Williams introduced the 2019 Update. This had been published with the AGM papers and on the Trust Website and represented a significant programme of work for the next 12 to 18 months.

To adopt the 2019 Business Plan Update.

Proposed by David Baker
Seconded by Geoff Evens

The update of the Business Plan was adopted

The formal business of the AGM was therefore concluded and the meeting finished at 2:15 PM.