

## WEARDALE RAILWAY TRUST

Minutes of the management committee meeting held in Bishop Auckland Station on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2009

The meeting started at 7:30 PM.

### **Those present**

Kevin Hillary - Chair  
Dr Mike Wood – Vice Chair  
Peter Shields – Finance Officer  
John Askwith  
Brian Cox  
Steve Raine  
Fred Ramshaw  
Malcolm Simpson  
Arthur Temple  
James Lynn – Secretary

### **1 Apologises for absence**

Dave Foxtton, Kevin Garthwaite, Graham Lord, Dave Million, Gerry Mudd, Graham Richardson, Dave Scott, Julian Shepherd

### **2 Minutes of previous meeting**

The minutes from the 13<sup>th</sup> October 2009 meeting were held over for discussion at the next Trust Council meeting after the AGM.

### **3 Matters arising from the last meeting**

None

### **4 Identify other business.**

3 items were been identified.

### **5 Chairman's Report**

The Chairman report will be presented at the AGM.

### **6 Treasurer's report**

Peter Shields reported that the Trust is owed £1600 by WRCIC. Trevor Hewitt has sent a copy of the Number 40s hire agreement and he has asked WRCIC if they can pay by Direct Debit.  
The Directors thanked Peter for all his efforts as Finance Officers.

### **7 Secretary's report**

No report was presented.

AGM – The Secretary reviewed the AGM programme and the Trust accounts and the Directors approved the motion that the accounts be adopted by the members at the AGM.

Proposal: The Trust purchases 12 Monopoly games (Durham edition) for fund raising purposes.

Proposed – Mike Wood

Seconded – Brian Cox

The Directors approved the proposal.

Arthur agreed to get 12 sets for the AGM.

After the AGM a special train will run to Harperley and there will be a raffle on the train for a cab ride on the return journey which means the AGM must be completed by 13:00

## **8 Number 40**

Malcolm Simpson reported that new oil pads have been installed in the driving wheel bearing keeps. 680 oil has been identified to provide lubrication and steam cylinder lubrication.

### **Weardale Railways CIC Reports**

#### **9a/9b Report from the Company Board meetings/ Report from Management Group meetings (Trust representatives)**

Steve Raine reported the following:

- WRCIC met with Network Rail to work out details of an interconnection agreement. Agreement to be signed shortly.
- Work is still ongoing replacing sleepers between Bishop Auckland and Witton-le-Wear.
- Steve commented on the Rail Express article and the use of gen-set locomotives on the railway.
- Planning application for coal handling at Wolsingham is being written and an exhibition at Wolsingham Town Hall is proposed to inform the residents about the planning proposal.

#### **9c Report from the Marketing Group meeting (John Askwith)**

John Askwith reported:

Santa Specials – booking are ahead of 2008 5 full trains so far and 7 schools have booked

Timetable 2010 version 3 now approved and operations is mainly at weekends and school holidays.

Special events – provisionally arranged however 2 date clashes have been identified and need to be sorted out.

## **10 Volunteering (Dave Million)**

John Askwith pointed out that Santa Specials will need volunteers in the shop, café and act as Santas helpers.

Arthur Temple agreed to help find volunteers.

The Chair reminded Directors to fill in their time sheets.

## **11 Other Reports from Trust Directors**

### **11a Weekly Lottery/Fund raising (Arthur Temple)**

Draw winner – details in the BTL.

### **11b Major Projects and Funding Sub Group – (Gerry Mudd/Arthur Temple)**

The Directors agreed that the Trust should apply for funding to cover works on the approach road to Wolsingham car park.

Mike Wood discussed the idea of the Trust adopting a major project every year such as the provision of water columns and signal boxes.

### **11c Educational Activities/Talks/Publications/Magazine – (John Askwith)**

John Askwith reported the following:-

Publications Gerry email list growing

BTL AGM issue despatched. Next BTL will be issue 66 Feb 2010.

Talks 5 talks are planned in 2010.

### **11d Membership Secretary's Report (Frank Holmes)**

Frank will provide an update at the AGM.

### **11e New fund raising ideas**

No report.

**13 Any other business.**

Donated Bikes – Arthur Temple reported that he plans to sell the donated bikes for Trust funds. However one may be kept for depot use. Steve Raine is to check with depot staff.

Loan to WRCIC – Steve Raine asked if this item appears in the summary accounts. The Secretary is to ask our accountant to review this issue.

Sunday clearance gang – Working up to Eastgate – 5 train loads of waste have been removed.  
Meeting closed at 21:00

Apologises for next meeting – Brian Cox.

**13 Date/time of the next meeting is 8<sup>th</sup> December 2009 7:30PM at Bishop Auckland Station.**