

WEARDALE RAILWAY TRUST

Minutes of the management committee meeting held at Bishop Auckland Station on Tuesday 11th December 2012.

The meeting started at 7:35 PM.

Those present

David Scott – Chair
Dr Mike Wood – Vice Chair
Trevor Hewitt – Treasurer
John Askwith
Brian Cox
John Hargreaves
Richard Maughan
James Lynn – Secretary

1 Apologises for absence

Ruth Carroll, Gerry Mudd

2 Elections of Officers of the Trust

Chairman	David Scott
Vice Chair	Dr Mike wood
Treasurer	Trevor Hewitt

Proposed	Brian Cox
Seconded	John Hargreaves

The above Trust Officers were approved by the Directors.

3 Election of Trust Directors to the Weardale Railways CIC board

There were 4 nominations for the 3 positions on the Weardale Railways CIC board. The nominations were as follows:-

Brian Cox	Proposed: Richard Maughan	Seconded: John Hargreaves
Gerry Mudd	Proposed: John Hargreaves	Seconded: David Scott
David Scott	Proposed: Brian Cox	Seconded: Mike Wood
Richard Maughan	Proposed: Trevor Hewitt	Seconded: John Askwith

A ballot of the Directors was held and David Scott, Brain Cox and Gerry Mudd were elected as the Trust representatives on the Weardale Railway CIC board (subject to confirmation by WRCIC).

4 Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the 9th October and 13th November 2012 meetings with minor corrections and amendments as follows.

9th October minutes – Item 8 remove stock check, item 14a delete Trust coaches add trust coach/wagon and delete Leamingside add Leamside.

Minutes were approved by the Directors
Proposed – Trevor Hewitt
Seconded – John Askwith

13th November minutes – Item 6 delete handed over add discussed all, item 15b remove John received a complaint add the directors discussed the inclusion of an advert in BTL. The Directors discussed

Minutes were approved by the Directors
Proposed – Richard Maughan
Seconded – John Hargreaves

5 Matters arising from the last meeting

None

6 Identify other business.

Co-opting a member to the Trust Council - Brian Cox
Members open meeting – Dr Mike Wood
Training Co-ordinator/Training Officer – Richard Maughan
Crew Training – Richard Maughan
Stand-by locomotive for next season – Richard Maughan

7 Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

None/no change from last meeting

8 Chairman's Report

The Chairman, David Scott gave a verbal summary having previously emailed out his report:

AGM – The Chairman commented on the Secretary's AGM report about the AGM. After discussions it was agreed that the location of the AGM should be reviewed nearer the date of the 2013 AGM (see also item 11)
Polar Express – A few bad comments from passenger but mostly very positive. The Directors discussed their experiences.
War on the Line – Invoices still not had been paid (some are 3-4 months late).
Heritage Lottery Fund – Trevor has spoken to Phil Davies (2D) and if the project is below £100k the forms are simple and a response from the Heritage Lottery Fund will be within 10 weeks of receipt of funding application. Possible project would be a running shed at a location to be decided.

The Chairman's report was approved by the Directors

Proposed: Brian Cox
Seconded: Richard Maughan

9 Treasurer's report

The Treasurer had previously circulated an emailed report. He reported that income was £6200 (subs £500, shop £1200, sale of Shark £2900 and Numbers Draw £300). Expenditure amounted to £1000.

The Treasurers report was approved by the Directors.

Proposed: Brian Cox
Seconded: Mike Wood

10 Shop

Trevor Hewitt gave a verbal report that the shop operations had made a net profit (since August) amounting to £1400 and shop income in September was £932.

11 Secretary's report

The Secretary reviewed the AGM and expressed a concern that the number of members attending was getting very close to the quorum minimum. The Directors discussed the AGM location and if special events would help encourage more members to attend the AGM.

12 Number 40

Richard Maughan gave a brief verbal report at the meeting. The wheels have been removed from the frames to enable painting of the frames. The boiler is at RRNE and the smoke box has been removed which revealed that the front tube plate was very wasted. The firebox may go to Newtons next week depending on how rapidly the dismantling progresses. Trevor Hewitt is to arrange a visit by the boiler inspector when the boiler has been dismantled (probably the 2nd week of January).

13 Restoration activities

13a Carriage & Wagon

The brake coach work is on-going. Mike Wood (RRNE) is to review Garry's coach to estimate the rebuild costs.

13b Infrastructure

Sunday Gang worked on the Leamside line retrieving track components (chairs and screws)

14 Projects (Temporarily removed from the agenda)

15 Volunteering

David Scott gave Ruth's report

3 new volunteers have been inducted. Volunteer hours now amount to 7000 hours for this year. Ruth thanked all the volunteers for their help with the Polar Express.

CRB checks – No discussions on this item.

Weardale Railways CIC Reports

16a/16b Report from the Company Board meetings/ Report from Management Group meetings (Trust representatives)

No board/management meeting has been held.

16c Report from the Marketing Group/Events Group

War on the Line – Two meetings have been held and a marketing meeting is to be scheduled for January.

John Askwith has a copy of the 2013 timetable however no flyers or posters detailing next years events have been produced which could have been handed out to the customers on the Polar Express trains. John Askwith reported that the latest Northern Rail timetable shows the 2013 season Weardale Railway events.

17 Other Reports from Trust Directors

17a Weekly Lottery/Fund raising (Arthur Temple)

Income £307 profit ytd £271.

17b Educational Activities/Talks/Publications/Magazine – (John Askwith)

Talks

None planned.

Publications

Northern Rail leaflet completed which will also have a membership form with revised membership subscription rates.

BTL

Contributions by 17th January 2013
Dispatch 31st January 2013

Easter Draw for 2013 – tickets to go out in February BTLs.

Xmas Draw for 2013 Tickets to go out in November BTL (this item is to be reviewed)

17c Membership Secretary's Report (Frank Holmes/Trevor Hewitt)

Frank reported via Trevor that the Trust membership now stands at 722.

18 Any other business.

Training officer/training co-ordinator – Richard Maughan commented on the possible appointment of a training co-ordinator to manage the training of Trust members. It was agreed that Brian Cox would approach Graham Isom to get his views and report back to the Trust Council.

Crew Training – Richard commented that the ages of steam crews and there is a need to get younger people involved and increase the base of trained Trust members.

Standby locomotive – The Directors expressed concern about what type of standby locomotive would be available for the start of the season. It was agreed that there is a need to train 3 drivers for the bubble car and the Class 33.

Co-opting a member onto the Trust Council – Brian Cox suggested co-opting a member onto the Trust Council and suggested Colin Ravenhall.

Proposal – Colin Ravenhall is to be co-opted as a Director/Charity Trustee onto the Trust Council.

Proposed Brian Cox

Seconded – Richard Maughan

The Directors approved this co-option subject to agreement by Colin Ravenhall.

Members Open Day – Dr Mike Wood proposed holding a members open day. The date proposed is 2nd March and to be held at the Methodist School Room – the Directors discussed other locations. The meeting format would consist of:

Open Forum : 10:00 – 11:00 AM

Meeting: 11:00 – 12:00 AM.

The meeting closed at 21:40PM

Date/time of the next meeting will be on 8th January 2013 at 7:30PM Bishop Auckland Station.