

WEARDALE RAILWAY TRUST

Minutes of the management committee meeting held in Bishop Auckland Station on Tuesday 9th December 2008

The meeting started at 7:30 PM.

Those present

Dr Mike Wood – Vice Chair
John Askwith
Brian Cox
Dave Foxtton
Kevin Hillary
Graham Lord
Dave Million
Gerry Mudd
Steve Raine
Fred Ramshaw
Graham Richardson
Julian Shepherd
Peter Shields
Malcolm Simpson
Dave Scott
Arthur Temple
James Lynn – Secretary

1 Apologies for absence

Kevin Garthwaite

2 Election of Officers

Chair	Kevin Hillary
Proposed	Brain Cox
Seconded	Dr Mike Wood
Vice Chair	Dr Mike Wood
Proposed	Peter Shields
Seconded	Steve Raine
Treasurer	Peter Shields
Proposed	Gerry Mudd
Seconded	Steve Raine

Trust Directors proposed nominees for the WRCIC Board

Graham Lord, Gerry Mudd, Steve Raine	
Proposed	Arthur Temple
Seconded	Dave Scott

3 Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes from the 14th October 2008 and 11th November 2008 meetings approved by the Directors (after corrections to 14th October minutes 9a/9b remove operating deficit and way leave income, 11th November 8 remove Gerry Mudd add Trevor Hewitt change 2 volunteers to 4, 9c change Brian Cox to Brian Walker, 11c 2 books of local interest have been published)

4 Matters arising from the last meeting

None

5 Identify other business.

Status of turntable and Ryhope Bridge (Item 10)
Trust Paperwork in Portacabin (Item 14)
CRB checks/Child protection policy (Item 14)

6 Chairman's Report

The Vice Chair Dr Mike Wood chaired the meeting and presented a written report. The Directors approved this report

Proposed – Dave Foxton

Seconded – Graham Richardson

7 Treasurer's report

Gerry commented on the financial report previously emailed out. This months expenditure included £3000 on Number 40 and £600 on BTL expenses. Income received was £3100 which consisted of £2000 donation to Number 40 funds from Ron Endicote and the remainder from Inland Revenue - Gift Aid
The Directors approved the Treasurers report.

Proposed: Arthur Temple

Seconded: Julian Shepherd

8 Secretary's report

No report was presented.

AGM – The Secretary reviewed the AGM process with the Directors. No changes were proposed.

9 Number 40

Gerry Mudd reported that the rebuild program was approx 10 days behind schedule. The boiler cladding is now back in place and the steam pipes have been re-fitted. Work on re-fitting the con-rods has been started. Target date to complete rebuilding work is now end of February 2009. Steam and running tests schedule mean that Number 40 will be available for operation in April 2009.

The Number 40 appeal now stands at £21,500 with £20,500 from the main appeal with £1000 from the shop collection and livery competition. Arthur Temple reported that County Durham Cricket Club is to donate £600 from its own lottery.

10 Restoration Activities

10a Locomotives

See Number 40 report (Item 9)

10b Carriage and Wagon restoration activities

Work continues on coaching stock.

10c Infrastructure

Ryhope Bridge A report is required from a structural engineer to confirm that this structure is safe for use in a new location (needs a review on state of structure and wastage). Steve Raine has asked Dave Ramsay on costs for inspection (estimate £750).

Turntable The TA can remove turntable by splitting it in half and hauling away on a low loader to Eastgate (for temporary storage).

11 Volunteering (Dave Million)

Dave Million circulated the Christmas roster. All Santa Special seats have been sold out.

Volunteer training – WRCIC needs to establish a operating volunteer training policy. This is to be raised with the WRCIC board via the Trusts Directors.

Weardale Railways CIC Reports

12a Report from the Company Board meetings (Trust representatives)

Gerry Mudd commented on the new WRCIC organisation structure. A new organisation chart is to prepared.

12b Report from Management Group meetings (Trust representatives)

Management meeting was cancelled the next meeting is set for December 22/23. This meeting will cover 2009 budgets and the 2009 timetable – both are to be finalised.

Steve Raine reported that the line purchase is now complete with definitive plans are now available and a review of land registry is to be undertaken.

Depot access – A fence is to be erected all the way from the road to the depot to separate the steel works from the access road with 2 sets of gates to allow access to the works (approx cost £30k). Fence erection is scheduled to take place Feb/March 2009.

12c Report from the Marketing Group meeting (John Askwith)

John Askwith reported that the marketing/events timetable for 2009 is complete and awaiting approval by the management meeting on 22/23 December. It has been proposed that there will be one event/month – Ian Gardner is working on budgets for these events.

Work your Xmas pudding off day (Dec 28th) – Possibly clear up Stanhope Station.

13 Other Reports from Trust Directors

13a Weekly Lottery/Fund raising (Arthur Temple)

£15,000 has been raised so far Arthur is looking for extra members.

13b Major Projects and Funding Sub Group – (Gerry Mudd/Arthur Temple)

Arthur has spoken to Lafarge about extra funding for future Trust projects. The Directors discussed possible options. Gerry explained to the new directors the format of Number 40s operating contracts with WRCIC. Money from these contracts goes into a dedicated fund for the long term maintenance of Number 40.

13c Educational Activities/Talks/Publications/Magazine – (John Askwith)

BTL62 Contributions by 22 February
Despatch 6 February
Talks 4 talks are in the diary (see BTL)

13d Membership Secretary's Report (Frank Holmes)

Dave Scott volunteered to work with Frank Holmes on membership issues.

13e New fund raising ideas

To be removed from the agenda

14 Any other business.

Trust equipment and paperwork in portacabin – Steve Raine to review paperwork to see if it needs storage.

CRB/Child Protection Policy – Dave Million circulated Junior Clubs Child protection policy on CRB checks. The Directors discussed CRB checks and this is to be added as an agenda item for the next meeting.

Proposal – The Trust Directors are to debate CRB checks and review the Junior Clubs Child Protection policy.

Proposed Peter Shields
Seconded Arthur Temple

Email Newsletter Update – Gerry thanked all the contributors and asked for more contributions for the next email newsletter.

Jacapacker – Malcolm Simpson asked if the Railway wanted the use of a Jacapacker for evaluation purposes. This will be passed onto WRCIC board.

Meeting closed at 21:25

15 **Date/time of the next meeting is 13th January 2009 7:30PM at Bishop Auckland Station.**