

WEARDALE RAILWAY TRUST

Minutes of the management committee meeting held at Bishop Auckland Station on Tuesday 9th August 2011

The meeting started at 7:30 PM.

Those present

David Scott-Chair
Trevor Hewitt – Treasurer
John Askwith
Ruth Carroll
Clive Elsdon
Richard Maughan
Gerry Mudd
Michael Wilkinson
James Lynn – Company Secretary

1 Apologies for absence

David Bullows, Brian Cox, Steve Raine, Malcolm Simpson, Dr Mike Wood

2 Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the 12th July 2011 were approved

Proposed Gerry Mudd
Seconded David Bullows

3 Matters arising from the last meeting

None

4 Identify other business.

Outstanding Account WRCIC -Trevor Hewitt (see item 7)
Personal thanks – Michael Wilkinson
War on the Line – Clive Elsdon

5 Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

None.

6 Chairman's Report

The Chairman had previously circulated an emailed report the following points were discussed: -

The Directors discussed Number 40 failure and the emails which were circulated from various officers of WRCIC. No decisions were taken.

The Chairman's report was approved by the Directors.

Proposed Trevor Hewitt
Seconded. Clive Elsdon

7 Treasurer's report

The Treasurer gave a verbal summary of the financial activity in July which he noted was our financial year end. Income being circa £3800 (recovered Gift Aid from HMRC) and Expenditure was circa £1700, with £1000 of this being for the purchase of material for No.40 and £100 for a seals and paint.

Gerry reviewed the differences in the 2010 - 2011 and 2009 - 2010 financial year end figures. Of note Number 40 appeal is up this year but this will need to be ramped up to fund the 10 year repairs.

The Treasurer reported that WRCIC owe approx £2800 and he has yet to receive a response from Kevin Busath. Trevor suggested that the Trust should start charging interest on this debt (8% above base rate is chargeable under Late Payment of Commercial Debts (Interest) Act 1998 legislation)
Trevor proposed to write again to Kevin Busath stating that the Trust intends to charge interest on the outstanding balance.

The Treasurers report was approved by the

Proposed: John Askwith

Seconded: Michael Wilkinson

8 Secretary's report

The Secretary discussed the complications with regard to adding 2 more Directors. The Secretary suggested that the Directors use their powers detailed in the M&As (Clause) to increase the numbers of Directors on the Trust Council. The Directors agreed to use their powers to increase the number of Directors from 12 to 13.

Proposal; - To increase the number of Directors on the Trust Council from 12 to 13 using their powers detailed in M&A Clause)

Proposed: John Askwith

Seconded: Michael Wilkinson

The Directors approved the proposal.

9 Number 40

Richard Maughan gave a verbal report on the RHS connecting rod bearing failure which had fused to the coupling rod/crank pin. The failure is believed to be lubrication related and new wicks have been installed to double the oil flow. New phosphor bronze bearing with white metalling has been ordered and should be fitted by the weekend. The connecting rod will be returned on Monday after machining and after fitting and run in tests should be ready for use by August Bank Holiday. The Directors discussed the need for drivers to be aware of the changes to the lubrication flow and ensure there is enough oil before Number 40 starts its 'turn'. Maintenance of the oilers will also need to be reviewed and the new wicks (wool not synthetic) will need to be examined on a regular basis.

The Directors discussed the possibility that the LHS may need repair which could take place in September when the injector/dual brake is fitted. Based on Number 40 downtime Richard suggested that boiler wash out dates may need to be revised - Gerry/Richard and Andrea are to review. Gerry will also speak to Andrea and confirm that Richard will be the Trusts contact (along with Malcolm Simpson) for number 40.

The Directors thanked

.10 Restoration activities

Carriage & Wagon-No report – it was noted that a signed Nina coach agreement has not been received from WRCIC.

Infrastructure – NE Datum post has been installed at Stanhope by Trevor Hewitt.

11 Volunteering

Volunteering-Ruth Carroll reported that 2 new volunteers have been inducted. Ruth suggested that a Trust member should be recruited to undertake assessments of each volunteer's skills and to ensure that they have been assigned to the right job.

Training Courses update - no report

CRB checks- Nothing to report

Weardale Railways CIC Reports

12a/12b Report from the Company Board meetings/ Report from Management Group meetings (Trust representatives)

See last month's report.

Witton le Wear boundary dispute has a mid September court date however mediation between the WRCIC and the other party need to take place before the court date.

The scheduled management meeting was cancelled – no report

12c Report from the Marketing Group

No report received.

Clive Elsdon reported that he'd been contact by the re-en-actors and they had not had a response from the Marketing Manager – Gerry will take this up at the next board meeting.

13 Other Reports from Trust Directors

13a Weekly Lottery/Fund raising (Arthur Temple)

a £2000 collected up to the end of July and the Treasurer collected contributions at the meeting.

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

John Askwith reported the following: -

Talks: -

a) Aycliffe Local History Society 16th November. Sacriston Everyman's Club – 22nd November.

Publications: -

a) Work ongoing on "Railways of Weardale" book.

b) BTL73, Contributions by 13th Oct please, despatch 28th October to include details of November AGM and nominees standing for election to the Trust Council.

John reported that on Thursday 11th August is the AGM of the Bishop Line Community Railway Partnership at Shildon – a representative from WRCIC or Trust should attend.

13c Membership Secretary's Report (Frank Holmes/Trevor Hewitt)

Frank reported via Trevor that the Trust now has 800+ members.

13d Website: - No report

14 Any other business.

Michael Wilkinson thanked the Trust Directors for their support following the death of his father.

David Scott gave his apologies for next Trust Council meeting –. Dr Mike Wood or Trevor Hewitt to chair the 13th September meeting.

The Meeting closed at 21.25

15 Date/time of the next meeting is 13th September 2011 at 7:30PM at Bishop Auckland Station.