



MINUTES OF THE 35th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE LNER COACH ASSOCIATION HELD AT PICKERING STATION AT 11.00 ON SEPTEMBER 3, 2022

The AGM was attended by 20 members, chaired by Nick Stringer, this including eight trustees.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for non-attendance were received from David Cullingworth, Adrian Laming, Martin L Parry, Bill Pickup, Peter Wilson, Stuart Spandler, Wendy Taylor, Trevor Taylor, Mike Holland and David Young.

2. Minutes of the Thirty Fourth AGM held on Saturday 8th May 2021

a) Matters arising from the minutes.

The chairman highlighted that Paul Johnston had taken over the role as Stores Manager and that Jim Brettell had done so much in equipping the Unit 10 workshop – both were thanked for their efforts.

b) Approval of the minutes

These were proposed by Neil Cawthorne and Seconded by Jim Kay and the AGM duly approved them as a true record.

3. Chairman's Presentation on activities during 2021 and plans for 2022

An informative Powerpoint presentation was given by the chairman, illustrating the many achievement and plans for the next year.

Highlights:

1. Kirby Misperton workshop – opened in April 2021.
2. Buffet car 641 – returned in poor state. Bearing problem resolved. Relaunch planned for 2023.
3. NRM-owned TTO 23956 – LNERCA took over body maintenance and 10-year renovation completed, inside & out.
4. 189 – progressing well, much more to do. Trustees would like 2024 as completion date.
5. Large quantity of Teak/Mahogany purchased from Essex. Already sold some to other groups.
6. Lounge Buffet 1706 (LNERCA are custodians) and ECJS TK 377 to Embsay.
7. GNR 3087, was owned by Jim Kay, now LNERCA. Is at Rampart Engineering, Barrow Hill, being converted to observation saloon.
8. 43632 (owned by NYMR, being converted to accommodate disabled users) – more Durashield coats requested for the roof. Might be back by end of year.

Questions raised:

The growth of foliage alongside the railway and its likely possibility of damaging varnished carriages. The chairman acknowledged this item and will monitor the matter.

Who will be responsible for the NYMR's Gresley 43632 (disabled access) body?

An agreement will be needed from the NYMR.

We need more publicity from the NYMR in terms of mention in brochures. It was revealed the NYMR had previously agreed to such publicity, but none given so far!

The chairman highlighted future income:

- a) Hiring out the Association's carriages, including 189, 945 3087 and 1706, with more to follow when restored.
- b) Sales of spares/teak
- c) Donations from members
- d) Sales of merchandise
- e) Legacies most welcome
- f) Catering vehicle exploitation
- g) Polar Express wants to hire 2 carriages this Christmas.

The chairman ended the presentation by thanking all attendees, the committee, contractors, and supporters, Stainmore Railway Co, Embsay & Bolton Abbey Railway, Ron Chorley (teak sale owner), Tom Ireland (manufacturer of specialist items) as well as the NYMR C&W staff, especially Kieran Murray and Kelvin Whitwell, and the NYMR management.

4. LNERCA – the way forward. Approval to adopt the strategy document.

A detailed document had been previously circulated to members outlining the way forward. This was welcomed by the attendees. This strategy plan was formally approved after being proposed by Alan Anderson and seconded by John Carr.

6. Approval of accounts for 2021

The fully audited Accounts were tabled. A question was raised regarding the costs of Kirby Misperton workshop. The chairman responded by advising the costs were not on-going, but should be seen as "one-off".

The Accounts were approved, following proposing by John Carr and seconded by Marcus Woodcock.

7. Membership Secretary's report

There was no tabled report from the Membership Secretary (absent) and there were no questions relating to the matter.

8. Election of Independent Examiner

The chairman told attendees that we had had the services of Ian Philpott and that whilst he had a large portfolio had agreed to continue being the LNERCA's auditor. This was approved.

9. Secretary's Report

Secretary David Cullingworth (absent) had previously circulated his report. There were no question and his report was accepted by attendees.

10. Restoration and Maintenance Progress

Restoration Officer Marcus Woodcock updated those present:

1623 – tidy up and re-scumble. Transfers and varnishing to do. Finished in 2-3 weeks.

189 – gangways approaching completion (G Wells acknowledged for major input).

Faceplates – 1 ready, 2nd nearly ready. Interior – all mouldings made from new teak for clerestory. Ceiling work well advanced. Vestibule ceilings – one done, second well on

way.

Pintsch lights – 2 installed. Pantry – dresser back in varnished. Old sink going in as display only.

11. Election of Trustees.

The chairman handed over to the vice chairman for this item as he was personally involved.

a) The following Trustees were due to retire by rotation. Both were willing to re-stand for another 3-year term:

Nick Stringer - Chair

Neil Cawthorne – Trustee

The AGM approved their re-election.

b) The following Trustees have stood down at this AGM but are not seeking re-election.

Both will continue as committee members

John Hasler

Simon Cox

The vice chairman paid tribute and thanks and said it was good that they would still be associated. John Hasler was a co-founder, and former Treasurer, and despatches the newsletter, whilst Simon Cox had processed for many years the gift aid.

12. Any Other Business.

John Carr highlighted the Heritage Open Days when the public will be able to visit the Atkins shed for a 30-minute tour.

The chairman advised that Gresley BTK 3669 would be moving for its limited stay on the NYMR, including the Autumn Steam Gala, on September 12, 2022.

The meeting closed at 12.15