



MINUTES OF THE 36th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE LNER COACH ASSOCIATION HELD AT PICKERING STATION AT 11.00 ON SEPTEMBER 2, 2023

The AGM was attended by 27 members, chaired by Murray Brown, this including seven trustees.

1. A minute's silence in respect of our late Chairman, Nick Stringer

After which Murray gave an introduction and tribute to Nick and his legacy to the LNERCA in getting us a workshop, storage land and getting additional carriages restored for additional income.

Following on from a proposal by the Trustees, it was **AGREED** that a memorial fund should be setup and donations from this would be primarily to fund GN Saloon 3087 and any additional monies would go into 189.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies for non-attendance were received from John Broadley, Debbie Cross, Michael Coleman, Peter Wilson, Dave Jobling, Bruce Robinson, Richard Taylor, Mike Holland, John Hasler, Christopher Johnson.

3. Minutes of the Thirty Fifth AGM held on Saturday 3rd September 2022

a) Matters arising from the minutes.

Richard Hayward asked for the membership totals could be listed in the newsletter on a quarterly basis.

b) Approval of the minutes

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

4. Chairman's Presentation on activities during 2022 and plans for 2023

Nick Stringers presentation was tabled as written.

Points raised:

a) Murray Brown expressed appreciation and the importance of our armchair members for their valuable financial contributions.

b) Murray reported that the closure of the Pickering Sleeping Car had been a major blow and the loss of several working members who lived a non-commutable distance away.

c) John Carr said that the Heritage Open Days had been successful in gaining additional members, including some from a younger age group.

d) Murray said that there would be more focus on publicity.

5. Nick Stringer Memorial Fund

Covered under Item 1.

6. Treasurers Report and Presentation of Accounts for 2022

Treasurer Adrian Laming advised that the accounts were not yet fully audited, and members had been sent a draft copy. This was due to holidays, availability of the Auditor and work required post the death of Nick. Adrian reported that the income and expenditure were correct but some of the cost allocations needing amending.

Following a motion proposed by John Carr, seconded by Richard Hayward the following was **AGREED** by members present:

The accounts were accepted by the meeting on the basis that the finalised accounts would be sent out to all members once they had been audited and approved by the Trustees.

7. Membership Secretaries Report

Membership Secretary, Peter Wilson (absent) had written a report that was circulated with the AGM papers. Noted that members would be encouraged to receive the newsletter electronically to cut down on costs. Murray reported that he was using a new online printing service now that had also reduced costs and improved quality.

8. Election of Independent Examiner

Ian Philpott had agreed to continue being the LNERCA's auditor. This was approved following a motion proposed by Adrian Laming and seconded by Dave Cullingworth.

9. Secretary's Report

Secretary Dave Cullingworth had previously circulated his report. This detailed the Trustee elections.

The notice of Nick's death had been sent out separately to the AGM papers and to save cost, all members who had given an email address were sent these out by email. Apologies to a few members who had not been able to open the attachments.

10. Election of Trustees.

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

- Dave Cullingworth – Secretary
- Gordon Wells – Trustee

b) There are 3 Trustee vacancies. Excellent CVs had been received and sent out with the AGM papers. The following were standing:

- Debbie Cross (3-year term).
- Shaun Saltmarsh (3-year term)
- Bill Monks (2-year term)

Following a proposal by Adrian Laming, seconded by Jim Kay all the Trustees were elected by the AGM.

11. Restoration & Maintenance Progress

Marcus Woodcock reported that most of the progress for the year had been detailed in the Chairman's Report.

It was noted that following the death of Nick Stringer much of the project work funded directly by him was currently paused. The priority was maintenance of the teak set and the obligations of the contact with the NYMR.

12. Any Other Business

- a) John Carr asked if a leaflet could be produced for each carriage and an assessment made of what the estimated cost to completion would be. Dave Cullingworth said this was quite time consuming, but an exercise was being done in respect of 3087 which would be part of fund raising from Nick's Memorial Fund.
- b) Polar Express – John Carr asked whether any carriages would be hired out this year. He mentioned that the Cholsey & Wallingford might be interested in hiring from us. PNP no longer did the hiring, this was done by the host railway. Dave Cullingworth advised that the only formal request was from the YDR for the use of 23956 which had been approved by the Trustees.
- c) Heritage Open Days – it was noted that the LNERCA were not on the list of places/group to visit. **ACTION:** Murray would pick this up with the NYMR.
- d) Andrew Scott – the Memorial Fund must be a success. It was important that the NYMR understood what 3087 and 189 could offer in terms of 'Value Added Services' and additional dining opportunities. Andrew offered to work with the NYMR on this and the AGM approved this.
- e) S&DR 200 anniversary in 2025 was an opportunity to showcase specific vehicles but no formal requests had been received.
- f) Martin Barker from the H&BRSF thanked the LNERCA for their help and advice on the restoration work taking place at Hull College.
- g) Thoughts for John Boddy who passed away recently and also Len Clarke whose memorial train was happening soon.
- h) Richard Hayward asked about succession planning and finding deputys for the Secretary and Treasurer.
- i) Working at height – PASMA course being rescheduled.
- j) Chris King asked if there would be a sales stand at the NYMR gala. John Carr available for a couple of days. This would be taken offline and discussed internally as to whether there were enough sales items and people to cover.
- k) Jim Kay – proceeds from Buffet Car operations at the Gala would be gift aided donation. The meeting expressed thanks.

Meeting closed at 12:30

Dave Cullingworth, Secretary.