

Risborough & District Model Railway Club

Minutes of the 2020 Annual General Meeting held, via Zoom, on Friday 12 February 2021

Present:- Tim Peacock, President; Paul Wright, Chairman; James Aitken, Treasurer; Roy Norton (Club Secretary), other Trustees (Mick Moignard, David Lane and Richard Neil) and 24 members.

Part 1 - Formal Business

1. Introduction - President

Tim welcomed everyone to the 2020 AGM noting this was the first using Zoom which reflected the continuing Covid restrictions which had impacted the Club's activities. Although the Club could not hold physical meetings Tim reminded members that they could stay in touch through the Club's Facebook page, the monthly Zoom meetings and Paul's special lockdown editions of Footplate. Tim provided an update on Pete Joels who was currently in hospital and the meeting wished him well for a speedy recovery.

2. Apologies for absence received

Neil McKinnon and Steve Walker.

3. Approval of the 2019 AGM minutes

Agreed subject correcting item 3 title to '2018' and correcting spelling for Anthony Mead's name.

4. Chairman's annual report (for the Charity Commission)

The report was presented without comment except for the addition of Anthony Mead's name to the list of Trustees for the period up to 13 January 2020.

5. Treasurer's report

James presented the 2019/20 accounts. Income was down due to the suspension of subscription payments and the cancellation of Railex. However, overall there was a small surplus thanks to the income generated by Risex in February 2020. In discussion, it was agreed that, given the suspension of the normal 2020/21 subscriptions, members should be asked for a one-off £15 payment as a contribution to the Club's ongoing costs.

It was also agreed that for next year's AGM it would be useful to have a table comparing 2020/21 and 2019/20 accounts.

6. Elections

President

The Chair thanked Tim for all his work as President over the last 6 years. Rob Thompson was nominated as the new Club President. **Agreed**

Trustees and Officers

Roy Norton and James Aitken were standing for re-election as trustees and Secretary and Treasurer, respectively. **Agreed**

Trustee and Members' Representative

Nomination received for Tim Peacock. **Agreed**

Part 2 – Other business

1. Future premises and Club room

Roy reported a frustrating year in taking forward the new building project. Progress had been hampered by changes in the organisation and personnel at Princes Risborough School and, of course, Covid. And, in the last week new guidance had been issued by the Department of Education concerning the disposal of school land which seriously threatened the viability of the project. Discussions continued but the outlook was not good and the project team would begin to look for alternative solutions.

Paul said that the Club's agreement with the Community Centre (CC) concerning the provision of the storage room would expire on 31 August. The Town Council (TC) had indicated that they were planning to convert this to a new meeting room as part of the development of the CC. Paul was in discussions with the TC to find alternative storage or extend the current arrangement.

2. Other business

- a. **Subscription rates** – For 2021/22 this will be maintained at £80 for Full Membership and £40 for Students and Associates from April 2021 (assuming meetings resume).
- b. **Footplate and Zoom meetings**– Contributions to Footplate always welcome. Also, any ideas or contributions to the monthly Zoom meetings would be welcome – contact Paul.
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3. Pendennis Trophy

Unanimous agreement that this should be presented to **Tim** in recognition of his contribution over the last 6 years as President.

Date of 2021 AGM - This will be Friday 5 November 2021

Roy Norton
Club Secretary
February 2021