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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING No 6 of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation Minutes 18 December 2021

Held at the Littleborough History Centre, Littleborough Station, at 1.45 pm

Attendance:

Trustees present: Richard Greenwood, Ian Holt, Peter Eastham, and Eric Ring

Members present: D Bradbury, K Fort, G Redford, I Holdsworth, David Winters, Daniel Winters, J Mills.

Observers present: J Sagar (Trustee of Bowers Trust), K Roberts (Hon Associate).

Election of a Chairman: Peter Eastham was proposed by K Fort and was approved by all those present.

Apologies for absence were received from Trustee: Robin Higgins
from Members: J Wood, G Hallos, D Smith, J Yewdall, J Dixon, F Hodgkiss, G Massey, M Gibbs, G Hindley, N Smith, E Warburton, M Baldry, A Blunden, D Boardman, R Ab Ellis.

The Minutes of the fifth AGM of the Trust, held on 26 October 2019, were approved as a correct record of the meeting and were signed by the Chairman. It was noted that the celebration of the centenary of the amalgamation of the LYR and the LNWR is going ahead with a number of planned events, starting on 1 January 2022 with an event at the ELR featuring locomotive No 752.

Elections to trustee vacancies:

The current 5 trustees have mutually agreed to retire by rotation at the rate of 2 per annum. In 2020 Richard Greenwood and Robin Higgins were due to retire but it was not possible to arrange a General Meeting. In 2021 at this meeting both offered themselves for re-election as trustees for a further 3 year term and were duly re-elected by members present. In the absence of further nominations, trustee vacancies remain unfilled and the trust continues to have 5 trustees.

Amendments to Constitution of the Trust

A resolution proposing three proposed changes had been notified to Members and were circulated in advance of the meeting. Eric Ring explained the purpose of these proposed changes as follows:

1. A General Meeting has so far required face to face meetings. Recently exceptional national circumstances have made this impossible for almost two years. This amendment allows such meetings to take place remotely by electronic means when and if necessary.
2. The existing wording has meant that once a General Meeting has been called it cannot be called off or postponed. The second amendment rectifies this anomaly.
3. This amendment allows a variation in the requirement of numbers of members present to form a quorum in the case of remote participation in meetings.

The resolution for the proposed amendments was approved nem con and the amended constitution will be submitted to the Charity Commission by Eric Ring.

The formal business of the meeting was completed at 2.05 pm

A report on progress during the period 2019-21 had been circulated to Members in advance of the meeting

The formal business was followed by a general discussion of more recent events and questions to the trustees, during which the following issues emerged:

1. On 1 January 2022 loco 752 will feature in an event at Bury marking the start of celebrations of the centenary of the amalgamation of the LYR and LNWR. Hopefully there will be press coverage.
2. Loco 752 (as a fictitious BR 51456) is to visit the Spa Valley Railway at Tunbridge Wells for at least one weekend in January 2022 following the event at Bury, for which its LYR livery around period 1919 will apply. The engine will be accompanied in Kent by Andy Booth (owner of A Class 1300) to act as caretaker. This visit may be the first time 752 has been outside of Lancashire and Yorkshire.
3. 752 should return to the ELR in time to take part in the Gala Weekend at the end of February 2022.
4. Arrangements are in hand to assemble a new display/sales area for the L&Y Trust in the south east corner of Oxenhope Exhibition Shed, replacing the rather unwieldy presence which the Trust has had in the shed for some years. Sales income, which has been missing for 18 months, should improve once this is in place. Thanks to Daniel and David Winters for getting the new facility under way.
5. Tributes were paid to several members and others who have passed away in 2020 and 2021 and who have played their part in helping the Saddletanks Fund and the Trust over the years:
 - Glenn Foxley, who almost single-handedly managed restoration of coach 1474 from a mess van.
 - Jim Hindle, who has done so much work on locos and carriages in recent years.
 - Nigel Thornley, who worked on 51218 starting in 1965 and who became Exhibitions Manager of the Lancashire & Yorkshire Railway Society more recently.
 - John Bradley, from 1964 Membership Secretary of KWVRPS, Secretary of KWVLR Ltd, and then long serving Rostering Officer for the KWV into the 2000s.
6. Delays in completing the repairs to coach 1474 at Bury has meant that it has not been returned to the KWV in time to operate on the Elf Express Christmas trains. Therefore 3rd Class 6 wheeler 1507 has substituted for it. 1507 is now suffering as a result of regular use; doors (which are original) are coming apart and will need imminent attention. This may require the work to be placed with a contractor.
7. It is understood that Noel Hartley (Operations Manager, KWV) plans to meet with owners of non-KWV-owned coaches to discuss requirements, usage and storage.
8. Thanks were expressed to members for their responses in January 2021 over the KWV approach about the future ownership etc of the stock, from which there was a clear preference for keeping the coaches on the KWV but retaining ownership by the Trust. Negotiations about this matter with the KWV are ongoing.
9. Noted that Richard Greenwood has floated the idea of transferring responsibility for the Club Car and 51218 to the KWV Trust, probably by a 25 year lease. In any agreement it would be necessary to safeguard their future maintenance and also to ensure that there would be adequate care of them eg no eating, drinking or dogs in the Club Car.
10. Richard Greenwood's Family Saloon 12 is at present sheeted in secure outdoor storage. It will be transferred to a 4 wheel underframe at Bury as soon as a contractor willing to move it has been found.
11. Eric Ring will check whether it is necessary for the accounts to include any reference to the value of the Trust's assets.
12. At Haworth a start has been made on restoring Barton Wright 957 to black livery.
13. Thanks were expressed to Eric Ring, our Secretary, for his competence in dealing remotely with day-to-day issues and looking after our website during the past very trying 20 months.

Bernard Pratt of Littleborough Historical Society then gave a short presentation on the work done in restoring the derelict down platform buildings at Littleborough since leasing the building to form a meeting room, library and store room. This has been done as far as possible to reflect any plans which could be found and in sympathy with L&Y liveries etc.

Peter Eastham provided a laptop slide show of recent Trust developments.

Members were thanked for attending the meeting, which ended at 3.10 pm.