

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of

GCR ROLLING STOCK TRUST

**Held at NSMEE, Nottingham Transport Heritage
Centre, Nottingham NG11 6NX
On Sunday 8 January 2017**

Those present:

Francis Bailey, Roger Penson, John Quick, Pat Sumner, Tony Keeble, Clyde Pennington, Keith Stimpson, Mike Firth, Andrew David, Andrew Horrocks-Taylor, Melvyn Rowthorne, Wilf Ankers, Barry Horsley and Richard Tilden Smith - with guests Roger Shelley and Kate Tilley.

Chairman opened the meeting at 12.00 hours.

Apologies for Absence

These were received from Carl Lardner, James Tawse, Gillian Bullock, Stuart Copson, Dave Ablitt, Diana Barker-Benfield, Bob Hanson, Doug Atkins, Arthur Barber and Richard Potter, Peter Wilson and Nick Berquist.

2. Approve Minutes of the Previous Annual General Meeting

The Minutes of the previous 2016 AGM having been circulated, it was agreed to approve them as a true record of that Meeting

Proposed:	Clyde Pennington
Seconded:	Melvin Rowthorne
In favour:	All in favour 1

3. Matters arising from the Minutes of the Previous Annual General Meeting

Chairman reported that no formal questions had been raised.

4. Chairman's Annual Statement

Chairman presented his annual statement. *(See Statement attached)*

5. Treasurer's Presentation of Annual Statement and Accounts

The Annual Statement and Accounts having been circulated with the Notices, Mike Firth highlighted that there had been a rise in expenditure associated with the professional paint and finish of the 6-wheeler and in the preparation of plans and

elevations for two extensions to Building no.1 which had to be held over pending the release of a GCRN strategic plan and a proved rail accessible from the Yard.

Andrew Horrocks-Taylor noted that the Trust's costs had increased substantially. Mike Firth acknowledged that these were one off costs mostly associated with the completion of no.946 but it was important to appreciate that the Trust should maintain minimum cover of two years administrative costs as a reserve.

Keith Stimpson asked whether there was now an increased valuation covered in the insurance. Mike Firth indicated that this was included in the GCRN overall cover.

Clyde Pennington questioned the status and use of the carpentry shop. It was acknowledged that this had been a contentious issue but that all who had the appropriate competency were eligible to use the facilities.

It was proposed that the Report and Financial Statements for the year to 31 July 2016 be approved.

Proposed: Francis Bailey
Seconded: Pat Sumner
In favour: All in favour
Motion carried

6. Appointment of Trust's Accountant

It was proposed that Harrison Beale & Owen be re-appointed as the Trust's accountant, until a new auditor was put forward for possible selection.

Proposed: Mike Firth
Seconded: Richard Tilden Smith
In favour:

7. Election of Trustees

Chairman offered the present Trustees - these being Francis Bailey, Arthur Barber, Mike Firth (Company Secretary), Andrew Horrocks-Taylor, Tony Keeble, John Quick, Roger Penson, Richard Potter, Pat Sumner, Richard Tilden Smith (Chairman), - who being willing and eligible, offer themselves for re-election. Arthur Barber and Richard Potter being absent to be asked their intentions.

Chairman asked meeting to vote en bloc:

Proposed: Melvyn Rowthorne
Seconded: Clyde Pennington
In favour: All

Chairman asked for formal election of Trustees as above

Proposed: Melvyn Rowthorne
Seconded: Clyde Pennington
In favour: All
Motion carried

Andrew David had been proposed by the Board to stand as a Trustee but requested time to consider. No other nominations had been received

8. Other Business

Trust Action Group

Report from Clyde Pennington – Trust Action Co-ordinator Ruddington

A full Report of the activities of the Trust's work group showed very clearly how the various projects had moved forward – but also identified where difficulties and liaison issues showed up the big problem of too small a resource within both GCRN and RST. Nevertheless if and when there is agreement on which of the RST carriages will provide the next restoration project it was hoped to start a more outreaching effort to bring in new volunteers.

Clyde was thanked for his comprehensive review. *(See Report attached)*

Chairman reported on there being a Trust Action Group Planning meeting that afternoon to review and agree the organisation for the coming year, post no.946 completion.

Melvyn Rowthorne highlighted the need for new recruits to learn all the basic work that he had undertaken and experienced throughout his career, that for instance of setting up leaf and buffer springs.

Francis Bailey asked whether or not RVP was able to issue certification on RST vehicles, such as the 6-wheeler. This was affirmed.

Andrew David expressed the hope that no.946 and the Quainton Road 6-wheeler might be certified and run together at Quainton Road and on GCRN.

Kate Tilley wanted to know when no.946 would run. Pat Sumner indicated that while it was now awaiting a vacuum test and Fitness to Run exam, operation relied on GCRN. It was also unclear as to whether or not GCRN could match the requirements of the RST Hire Agreement, especially in providing further covered stabling.

Chairman suggested that the Trust had reached a major change point. He outlined the requirements that had just come from a potential Film contract, based on a fast restoration in just nine months of a Barnum to operational condition. The choice by the visiting assessors was between Barnums nos.664 and 695, subject to a further detailed RVP survey. Clyde Pennington wanted to understand the level of detail and finish for filming. Chairman indicated that these details had not yet been defined but clearly a full fit was not required and RST would require third party woodworking and other support.

RST had been advised that the Film contract included a £60,000 grant and penalty clauses for failure to provide a fully runnable vehicle within a 9-month period, concluding end September 2017.

While no.664 body was suffering but had most of its running gear complete, Barnum brake no.695 was in much better body condition and recently overhauled bogies. Roger Shelley urged that minds were made up quickly. RST intention should the contract not materialise would be to press on with such a vehicle for submission to the new GCR/NRM museum over a 3-4 year period.

RVP was to provide a final review and assessment of the Barnum nos. 695, 664 and 228. In discussion about no 664, Andrew Horrocks-Taylor advised that this vehicle had been removed from secure dry storage in Building no.5 and that the canvas roofing had been removed. The body was thus exposed to further water ingress and damage.

Highest priority was the conversion of the no.799 to a stores wagon.

There was to be a presentation of Certificates of Appreciation at the post AGM meeting of the Trust Action Group, the Trust was honoured that these were to be presented by Roger Shelley, Head Curator, GCR.

Outsourcing for Skills

Upgrading regular work days and recruiting more skilled resources. Discussing with like minded Heritage restoration Groups. Working alongside RVP.

It was proposed to close the Annual General Meeting of Members at 13.10 hours.

Proposed: Pat Sumner
Seconded: Francis Bailey
In favour: All
Motion carried

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