

**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 2018**

**Those present:**

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

Chairman opened the meeting at 12.00 hours and welcomed all present – and thanked NSMEE for the use of the Club Room.

**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, Barry Horsley, Andrew Horrocks-Taylor, Francis Bailey 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 prootional

rather restoration costs. This had also included 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.

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.

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

## **6. Appointment of Trust's Accountant**

It was proposed that Harrison Beale & Owen be re-appointed as the Trust's accountant as they were offering a reasonable service at acceptable cost, particularly as Mike Firth provided electronic records for accounting assessment.

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

## **7. Election of Trustees**

Chairman offered the present Trustees - these being Arthur Barber, Mike Firth, Andrew Horrocks-Taylor (in absentia in USA), Tony Keeble, John Quick, Roger Penson, Richard Potter, Pat Sumner, Richard Tilden Smith (Chairman), - who being willing and eligible, offer themselves for re-election. Richard Potter being absent to be asked his intentions. Andrew Diavid had agreed to stand after his offer at the kast AGM.

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

## **8. Other Business**

### **RST Restoration Policy**

*See attached – for consultation*

Consideration of the prospects for the restoration of the GCR RST fleet has been made and is to be circulated as a consultation document to all interested parties and supporters. Primary requirement is perceived the reduction to more acceptable objectives of restoring the three Barnums for operation as a GCR train set – with the Claerestory being put forward as a complete full funded project by outside partners, which would also encompass the potential return of the NRM Barnum to York, and offering the 6-wheeler and final two Suburbans elsewhere.

### **Safety Regime**

RST is undertaking a review of its prospective responsibilities to develop a Safety at Work policy including Risk Assessment and Method of Working requirements. This will be circulated for consultation to GCRN Board and to RST volunteers.

### **Trust Action Group**

Report from Roger Penson – Trustee and Action Co-ordinator Ruddington

A full comprehensive review 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.

Roger 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, particularly in relation to the impending restoration first of the body of Barnum no.228, for which Peter Wilson had already contributed a massive amount of time, skill and acquired essential knowledge of its construction and original condition..

Andrew David wanted to know when no.946 would run and expressed the hope that no.946 and the Quainton Road 6-wheeler might be certified and run together at Quainton Road and on GCRN. Pat Sumner indicated that while it was now awaiting a vacuum test and Fitness to Run.

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 of a Barnum to operational condition. 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.

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

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

Proposed:	RTS
Seconded:	JQ
In favour:	All

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