



MINUTES OF THE 37th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE LNER COACH ASSOCIATION HELD AT PICKERING STATION AT 11.00 ON SEPTEMBER 7th, 2024

The AGM was attended by 26 members, chaired by Murray Brown, this including nine trustees.

1. Welcome

Murray Brown, acting Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Martin Barker, Debbie Cross, John Carr, John Broadley, John & Marion Pearse, Martin Parry, Simon Cox, Peter & Deborah Wilson, Marcus Woodcock, Jean Kay and Christopher Johnson.

3. Minutes of the Thirty Sixth AGM held on Saturday 2nd September 2023

Were approved with no amendments and no matters arising.

4. Acting Chairman's report

Murray's report tabled. Summary highlights:

- Expenditure on carriage maintenance exceeds income from NYMR contract.
- Finance team working on how we could take on all maintenance and remove the NYMR having to find capex for many mechanical renewals (like tyres).
- Unit 10 lease renewal – conversations to start with landlord.
- Contract work for other railways.
- The teak set may be running next season, hopefully marketed appropriately.

5. Trustees report

Report tabled.

6. Health & Safety Officer's report

Neil's report tabled.

- The meeting commended Neil's effort during the HSE investigation.
- Neil reported that D.W.Safety were scheduled to do a site visit to Unit 10 during September and prepare a report.

7. Treasurers Report and Presentation of Accounts for 2022

- Thanks to Ramparts for allowing staged payments on work done on 88339.
 - LNERCA awarded contract to remediate work on NYMR FFA carriage 43632.
- The meeting APPROVED the accounts.

8. Election of Independent Examiner

Following a proposal by Neil Cawthorne, seconded by Jim Kay, it was AGREED to re-elect Axiom Accounting (Ian Philpott), as Independent Examiner.

9. Election of Trustees.

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

- Murray Brown (1-year)
- Adrian Laming (3-years)
- Paul Johnson (3-years)
- Peter Wilson (3-years)
- Russ Whitwam (3-years)

b) The following Trustees were nominated to undertake these roles:

- Chairman – Bill Monks
- Vice Chairman – Murray Brown
- Treasurer – Adrian Laming
- Membership Secretary – Peter Wilson

Following a proposal by Neil Cawthorne, seconded by Paul Johnson, all the Trustees were elected by the AGM.

New Chairman, Bill Monks gave a quick update on how he saw the Chairman role going forward. He mentioned the contract with the NYMR and how it may change in the future.

There was then a short break in proceedings.

10. Presentations

- Restoration Progress over the last 12 months

Photographic record of work this year.

- Prestige Carriages of the LNERCA

Presentation aimed at the NYMR Marketing & Catering Teams outlining potential of carriages 189, 945 and 3087

11. Any Other Business/ Q&A Session

- Steve Hone raised issue of track maintenance that had caused issues on all the carriages including the teaks as had poor cleaning methods.
- It was noted that the NYMR never marketed the teaks as something special. The NYMR has an educational responsibility and should be promoting the teak set.
- Richard Hayward highlighted the risk of not having standby people to fill key roles (Secretary, treasurer etc).
- Would the NYMRs rules and regs put so many restrictions on volunteers that many would stop coming?
- Heritage Open Days – maximising our profile/attract new volunteers/members/donations.

Members were invited to write ideas on post it notes to feed into strategy meetings.

Meeting closed at 13:10

Dave Cullingworth, Secretary.