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Minutes of the AGM Held on Tuesday 23rd November 2010 Derby Conference Centre, London Road, Derby

Present

The meeting started at 19:05h and was attended by the President, 31 Officers, Vice Presidents and members.

The following retiring President and Members of the Committee were present: David Saunders, M J Furniss, R P Bramson, P W Parkin, A J Broughton, K H Lloyd, R A Jackson and N A Foster.

The meeting commenced chaired by the retiring President – David Saunders and duly handed over to the new President - Allan J Jones (see minute 5).

Apologies for Absence

These were received from: D F Russell, B Dale, M Giles, J Wragg, R Hobson, C Perry, G Pettit, R Pettit, W Cary and K T Nelson.

Prior to the meeting, copies of the Agenda, Minutes of the 2009 AGM, President's Annual Report, the Statement of Accounts and Membership report were made available to members by e-mail and hard copy. An original copy of each of these will be held on the Society's files to accompany these Minutes.

1. Minutes of the previous AGM

The minutes of the above, held on Tuesday 19th November 2009, were accepted unanimously as a true and complete record of that meeting and signed by the Chairman and the Secretary.

Proposed: F Tyso

Seconded: A J Broughton

All in Favour

2. Matters Arising

Whilst the Committee had been empowered by the membership to raise the level of subscription, it had not been necessary to implement this during the 2009/10 session.

3. President's Annual Reports and Statement of Accounts

The following Reports had been made available to members with the knowledge that the retiring Committee had read and approved the them for presentation to members:

- President's Annual Report
- Treasurer's Report & Balance Sheets - Account ended 31st July 2010.
- Membership Statement

The Chairman outlined the contents of his report. In particular, the following comment was recorded:-

- The use of the website and e-mails to disseminate information to the membership was to be extended to the Newsletters which would aid timeliness and help to reduce costs.

No queries were raised and the President's Annual Report was accepted.

Proposed: P W Parkin

Seconded: R A Jackson

All in Favour

The Treasurer outlined the contents of his report. The account to 31st July 2010, confirmed that despite a small book loss over the year, the financial status of the Society was healthy with the total funds standing at £6,354.49.

No queries were raised and the Treasurer's Report & Balance Sheet was accepted.

Proposed: N A Foster

Seconded: K H Lloyd

All in Favour

The statement of overall membership at the end of the financial year was 226, a net increase of 4 on 2009.

The Chairman thanked the Committee and the Vice Presidents for their support over the past twelve months.

4 Business Brought Forward upon the recommendation of the Retiring Committee:-

Subscriptions for 2010/2011

The retiring committee had not sought recourse to increase the subscriptions as mandated at the previous AGM and the annual subscription for the current session remains unchanged.

Subscriptions for 2011/2012:

It remains anticipated that inflationary pressures are likely to result in increased costs for the Society. Since the end of the financial year is 31st July, the primary costs to the Society for its future expenditure commencing the following August is not currently established. It is thus impossible to accurately forecast future costs and authority was thus to be sought to raise subscriptions in advance of the November 2011 AGM.

This led to the following motion:

“to empower the Committee to raise the annual subscription to a level not exceeding £15 (annual members) and £150 (life members) for the 2011/2012 Session with effect from 01 September 2011.”

This was accepted by show of hands: All in Favour

5. Installation of the President of the Society for the period November 2010 to November 2012

David Saunders invited Allan Jones, who had been voted to become the succeeding President at the previous AGM, to take the chair which was duly accepted and the chain of office was transferred.

6. Election of the Officers and Members of the Committee

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Allan Jones proposed the following posts be voted upon as a simple single motion:-

Members of the retiring committee offered to stand for re-election for a further year as follows:-

Officers:

Honorary Secretary	Bob Bramson
Honorary Treasurer/Membership	Michael J Furniss

Committee Members

Ass. Secretary (Lectures)	Giles Pettit
Ass. Secretary (Annual Dinner)	David F Russell
Ass. Secretary (Visits)	Roger Jackson
Ass. Secretary (Publicity)	Neil Foster
Ass. Secretary (Overseas Visit)	Peter Parkin
Young Members Representatives	Two Posts vacant
Archivist	Tony Broughton
Advisor	Ken Lloyd

Auditor:	Patrick Simpson
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Vice Presidents:

The following persons were prepared to continue to offer their services as Vice Presidents of the Society:-

Cliff Perry	
Jon Seddon	(Director Strategic Programmes, Bombardier Transportation)
Baldev Anand	
Neil Andrew	(Managing Director Balfour Beatty Rail Engineering)
Martin Horsman	(Managing Director ESG Limited (DB Schenker)
Richard Hobson	(Serco Integrated Transport Derby)
Martin Giles	(Lloyd's Register Rail)

Jonathan Wragg	(Regional Director Technology)	Interfleet
David Saunders	Immediate Past President (Retained on Committee)	

The meeting accepted the all above nominations, en bloc, unanimously.

7. Other business communicated to the General Secretary:-

Colin Luscombe and Stacy Buxton-Bailley have both stood down from the Committee leaving two posts vacant for Young Member's Representatives. The President appealed for nominations and volunteers to come forward to fill these important posts.

Peter Parkin proposed a Vote of Thanks to the retiring President, David Saunders and summarised the several achievements he had made during his tenure, adding that he "stood out head and shoulders" as an outstanding President, the responsibilities of the Office being discharged with enthusiasm and dedication.

The meeting was pleased to acknowledge this in the usual manner.

As no further matters were raised, the meeting closed at 19.21hrs when the Chairman introduced the speaker, Mr. Neil Andrew of Balfour Beatty Rail Engineering Ltd., to present his lecture entitled, "Polymer Stabilised Track."

Signatures of approval at the AGM 2011

Chairman

Secretary