

LNER (GC) Heritage Trust

AGM Minutes

Saturday 10th June 2023 at 11am.

Venue

The Bus Building, Nottingham Transport Heritage Centre, Mere Way,
Ruddington, NG11 6JS

1. Welcome and Introduction

Meeting was opened by Andy Fillingham (Chair).

The past year has had its challenges as a result of the previous administration poor practices. Many changes have been made and a letter was sent out last year to all members detailing the change in organisation. Thanks were given to Martin Roe (Treasurer) and Karen Sharpe (Secretary) for all their hard work over the last year in sorting out issues.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from

Arthur Barber (due to ill health. The trustees and membership send their best wishes.)

Colin Westley

Joe Hoy

3. Receive Trustees Annual Report and Accounts to 31st January 2023

Accounts have been accepted and posted to Companies House.

Please refer to Treasurer's report attached.

AR added by the end of the financial year we had a healthy bank account but very little had been given out in grants. Informed the meeting about the process for applying for grants. Successful grants will be published to the website for transparency.

Update by Martin Roe. Please see notes below.

The members were informed about the new Trust website which is now up and running. All important documents will be posted to the website and members/public can access memberships and appeals which automatically adds Gift Aid where appropriate.

4. Appointment of Accountants

We have used the same accountants as previous but this is subject to review and may be changed.

5. Presentations, AOB followed by Q&A.

Membership News. Karen Sharpe

As of the beginning of June this year our membership stands at 370 a drop since our last AGM. The number has reduced over the last year through various reasons but I would like to take this opportunity to send out a huge thank you to everyone who has renewed.

We have taken the opportunity as an executive, to look at our membership classes and rates. We felt that this area needed to be looked at to make the structure more straight forward. As a result, some classes will be phased out namely 5-year memberships on the Family rate and Lifetime memberships will be on request only which will give me the opportunity to make sure that the Trust can give a fairer rate. We have introduced two new

classifications; Scholar replaces the old Junior rate and expands the age range from 16 to 24 but requires proof of full-time education to qualify. We have, in response to requests and in line with GCR Loughborough, also introduced a working member rate which is £10. This is only available on an annual basis and requires a work permit to qualify which are available from Janette in the bric a brac free of charge.

In time it is hoped that we will move towards a paperless system with renewal reminders being sent out via email and more emphasis on using the website for new joins.

AR detailed that the NDA is merging with the LNER (GC) Heritage Trust. The NDA was not a charity and therefore unable to claim Gift Aid. The merger will take place over the next few months.

The Member's Monthly Draw will transfer to the Trust with administration being taken on by Karen Sharpe. A vote of thanks was given to Joe Peck who has successfully run the draw over 29 years raising over £43,000. A license has been applied for and one that is in place changes will be made and at some point, there will be a relaunch to encourage more people to play. The license will also cover us to hold raffles etc in the future.

Specialised appeals will be created in the same way that GCR Loughborough do. The current appeals are on the website for people to make donations. AR asked for any fundraising ideas to be forwarded to the Trust.

Both EMRT and LNER (GC) Heritage Trust have agreed that Paul Chambers will take on the proposal role of Site Manager with both organisations agreeing to pay Paul his expenses. It was felt that there needed to be a presence on site to move the project forward.

Meeting formally closed 11.32am

Date of next meeting provisionally Saturday 8th June 2024. Time and venue to be confirmed.

Following the close of the meeting David Rae, Chair of EMRT spoke regarding a suggested proposal for a social group between the Nottingham Transport Heritage Centre and the Friends of Great Central Mainline (FOGCML). This would represent the membership in the Nottinghamshire area and develop relations. There is no intention to compete with each other. As with other area groups there would be a programme of events, possibly 6 – 8 per year. DR welcomed any suggestions for events. Would be open to volunteers but also the public. It would require a small organising group with volunteers from across the Heritage Centre including LNER (GC) Heritage Trust. The company which has recently put in planning permission to build a solar farm adjacent to the railway have offered to financially support some social events.

Norman Pannell asked when will trains be running.

AF responded. A lot of things that need to be done before that can happen. Aiming for some sort of service sooner rather than later. A lack of volunteers is a problem.

Update by MR:

LNER GC Heritage Trust – Treasurers Report for Year Ending 2022.

Start of Year Balances: £184,765.36 (£13,792.34 in Cash Account, £170,973.02 in Savings Account)

Income:

Membership: £4,371.00

BACS Transfers: £3,369.67*

Donations: £5,485.54

Interest: £821.79

Legacies: £25,000

Expenditure:

Donation to A60 Bridge: £10,000

Donations to Hotchley Hill: £2,471.27

Donations to GCRN: £5,962.29

Driving Wheels Print/Postage: £4,850.71

Bank and Accountants Charges: £1,562.00

End of Year Balances: £198,967.09 (£12,888.06 in Cash Account, £186,079.03 in Savings Account)

* These relate to income from Land Lease, Income from Shares, Charitable Donations, but also unmarked BACS donations.

LNER GC Heritage Trust – Treasurers Report current Situation.

Current Balance: £205,157.73 (£19,078.70 in Cash Account, £186,079.03 in Savings Account)

Income:

Membership: £ 2,485.77

Donations: £3,197.19

Interest: £911.06

Gift Aid: £2,978.68

Expenditure:

Donations to Hotchley Hill: £294.48

Donations to GCRN: £186.60

Driving Wheels Print/Postage: £1444.90

Website Build/Hosting: £520

Website 5-year name Registration: £52.

Bank and Accountants Charges: £1,420*

Bus Fleet Insurance: £727.18

* Unpaid Estimate

Notes:

There are no unassigned BACS payments as all income issues have now been resolved.

Gift Aid claims for the last 2 years on Membership and Donation where possible.

The Driving Wheels costs includes the letter to all members sent earlier this year. However, we have also managed to reduce costs by approximately £150 per issue).

Funds Allocated by the Donor's Request (Formerly known as Restricted Funds)

Mainline (for investment on the line to Rushcliffe Halt): £18,074.69

Platform 2: £3,837.00

Hotchley Hill Signal Box: £5,776.00

Mk1 Carriage Fund (formerly Cinema Coach appeal): £1,039.39

Rushcliffe Halt Station: £450

Bus Fleet: £0

All of the above appeals can be found on the website.

Membership:

Currently 370 down from 397.