

MINUTES FOR THE
18TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
of the Association of 16mm Narrow Gauge Modellers
The Cambridge Suite
Peterborough Arena, East of England Showground PE2 6XE
Saturday 12th April 2014

Present: Nigel Town (Chair), Alan Regan (Vice Chair/Membership Secretary), Carol Regan (Treasurer), and Directors: Rebecca Jane Lockley, William Bickers-Jones, Andrew Charman, Derek Wiggins, and Suzanne Bradley. 131 Verified members, 10 guests.

1. Meeting was called to order at 1403 by Nigel Town.
2. There were no apologies for absences, however Rebecca pointed out that we had received 67 postal votes.
3. Nigel gave a brief overview of the Directors' report which appeared in the annual report previously posted to all our members and talked about membership growth, the popularity of our website, an upcoming bumper SMT, and that an idea to run a separate website for the North American market didn't work. Nigel also discussed Southern Federation and the need to align boiler testing closer to what we want and has announced he has sent proposals to G1MRA, G Scale Society, The Gauge 3 Society, and The Gauge O Guild to try to come to a mutually satisfactory standard.

Nigel presented the year-end financial numbers proving that we have a balanced budget for the year ending 31 December 2013 and then asked if there were any questions regarding the budget.

Q: Why is it called process and loss over purpose and loss? A: That is normal business practice by our accountant.

Q: I noticed a rise in administration costs. How is that explained? A: We have had the full number of board meetings with full attendance this year, we have purchased new IT, new software, and we have hired an outside accountant.

- Resolution—that the report of the Directors and the annual accounts for the year ended 31st December 2013, together with the balance sheet as at that date be and are hereby accepted.

Moved by: Andy Cooper (3493)

Seconded: Geoff Lumsdon (2810)

Resolution Passed unanimously

A point of order was raised that Nigel hadn't introduced the board, so a quick introduction was made before moving on.

4. Revised Constitution

The board of directors is recommending that the membership vote no based on comments we have received since publishing this document to the membership. However, due to our rules, we were unable to remove this item from the agenda. Nigel also asked for a show of hands for anyone who would like to volunteer to help with revising the new constitution before we bring it back for a vote in 2015 (See Appendix B).

Nigel then entertained questions from the floor.

Q: Is there going to be an operating problem for the board under the current constitution? A: No, it just means we will have to meet face to face to make decisions.

Q: If we have too many volunteers, it should be cut down. A: Thank you, we will be in touch with the volunteers.

Q: Is the old constitution still valid? A: Yes, we still operate under our existing Articles.

Point of Order: Rebecca pointed out that in order for this to pass, it needs a clear 75% majority of those present or

voting by post or proxy.

- Resolution - that the revised constitution, memorandum and object wording be accepted in their entirety with immediate effect.

Moved by: John Auston (3355)

Seconded: Tag Gordon (1352)

Resolution was not passed with a vote of 28 to 170.

5. Helen Gregson resigned prior to the AGM on 23 March 2014. We thank her for all of her hard work and dedication.

6-8. The members present were asked to vote on the following as a block proposal:

- Resolution—that Andrew Charman is re-elected as a Director of the Association of 16mm NGM with immediate effect.
- Resolution—that Alan Regan is re-elected as a Director of the Association of 16mm NGM with immediate effect.
- Resolution—that Carol Regan is re-elected as a Director of the Association of 16mm NGM with immediate effect.
- Resolution—that Rebecca Lockley is re-elected as a Director of the Association of 16mm NGM with immediate effect.

Moved by: Don Willsmer (6773)

Seconded: Mike Docker (3552)

Resolutions passed as a block unanimously. With the postal votes added in:

Andrew: Passed 196 to 02 Alan: Passed 194 to 04 Carol: Passed 194 to 04 Rebecca: Passed unanimously

9. Election of Company Secretary

- Resolution—That Rebecca Lockley is appointed as Company Secretary.

Moved by: Laurence Smith (8854)

Seconded: F.B.P. Feast (2506)

Resolution passed unanimously

10. The members present were asked to vote for the following nominations to the board as a block:

- Brian Dominic

Moved by: Don Willsmer (6773)

- Laurence Smith

Seconded: F.B.P. Feast (2506)

Both were elected unanimously

11. Tim Gregson retired from the directors as of 23 March 2014 and he was thanked for all of his work for the association. Nigel Town retired with immediate effect.

12. Meeting adjourned at 1421.

The Lamb Trophy was presented to Phil Thompson for all of his hard work and dedication to the association, however he was not present as he was working on his layout.

Respectfully Submitted: Rebecca J Lockley, Company Secretary

Appendix A

General Question & Answer Session

(Please note that the recording secretary has done their best to capture accurately what has been said, however some phases may have been paraphrased and should not be taken as a direct quote)

From David Rhodes (1213): I feel we have a very good Membership Secretary and I'd like to thank the current membership secretary (round of applause).

From Mike Riley (4583): Noting that there are new rules for the examination and testing of miniature locomotive boilers from the model engineering liaison group. As our insurance was one of the partists to that, so does that have any implications on us?

Answer: We are NOT forced to comply with this code.

From Brian Dominic (1535): Thank you for voting me onto the board. I would like to suggest a round of thanks for the retiring directors (round of applause).

From Keith Bucklitch (709): New Boiler test code acknowledges that we are not subject to the pressure regulations because we are running our locomotives as hobbyists. I have a letter from the department of Work and Pensions stating we are NOT subject to the pressure equipment requirements as we are running them as a hobby.

From Alan Clayton (5703): What is the current situation about boiler testing kits?

Answer: We started twice and had the manufacturer pull out from underneath. We are looking to go with a pressure gauge test kit instead as it would be smaller. I (Nigel) have an outstanding action from the board to produce a prototype that costs less than £100.

From John Angell (1467): How do you calibrate the thing officially?

Answer: The test kit will have a gauge on it and it will come calibrated.

From Mike Docker (3552): I discovered from the advertisement of IP Engineering that they were not invited to attend this year. I would like to hope that will be reviewed in the future. I witnessed the disruption and I don't think it merited him not attending.

Answer: We are taking about two different things. Ivan Prior was asked to make apology, and he chose not to make. We asked IP Engineering if they would like to come, and we asked them even after the show guide was pinned down. IP Engineering declined our invitation. We hope that next year we can see this resolved.

Appendix B

List of Volunteers to work on the Constitution

Pat Brewer (1468)

Roger Coleman (2612)

Andy Cooper (3493)

Chris Davison (5924)

Brian Dominic (1535)

Gordon Gill (7111)

Geoff Lumsdon (2810)

MRFS (8837)

Geoff Munday (1382)

John Orson (3355)

David Rhodes (1213)

Chris Riley (6141)

Steve Smith (5382)