

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting  
of the Train Collectors Society**  
held at the Trinity Centre, Leicester  
23<sup>rd</sup> March 2019 3pm

Committee members present:

David Ramsey (Vice President), Bryan Pentland (Chairman, Secretary & Exhibition Manager), Paul Williams (Treasurer), Paul Chapman (Membership Secretary), Nicholas Oddy (Editor), Pat Hammond (Archivist), Malcolm Pugh (Publicity), Bob Leggett (Event Reporter), Rod Hannah (Sales), Paul Draycott, Dave Angel.  
There were approximately 20 other members present.

Welcome

David Ramsey welcomed everyone to the meeting and reported that our president, Peter Gomm, had sent his good wishes and apologies now that he is less able to get out and about.

Chairman's Report

Bryan Pentland thanked Paul Draycott and his family for all their help with the venue and the catering. He emphasised that he wanted to encourage more members to provide articles for the magazine, exhibit layouts & displays and also assist with the Society's events etc. He also urged more members to volunteer as more help is always needed. Any little extra that members feel they could contribute to the running of the Society is always appreciated. Tony Stanford was thanked for the very good work he has done on the new website. Paul Chapman has become Membership Secretary and a new Web Manager, Rainer Haug, based in Germany, has now taken over the TCS website and is doing a great job including the new members' area. The website now includes details of the required General Data Protection Regulations. There has been some reduction in membership but two new members were recruited today.

Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from: Peter Gomm, Rainer Haug, Roger Burnish, David Emblem, Tony Stanford and Eric Large.

Minutes of 2018 AGM

The minutes of the previous AGM were approved, voted on and carried unanimously

Matters arising

There were no matter arising.

Treasurer's Report

Paul Williams reported that, as shown on the Financial Statement distributed among the members present, the Society continued to be in a stable state financially with an adequate surplus in the bank and there was no need to increase the subscriptions this year. Postage costs continue to be the main expense. There was a non-recurring expense this year due to the new website. Adoption of the report was proposed and carried unanimously.

Membership Secretary's Report

The membership of the Society was reported as being healthy and currently standing at 442 members. There had been some new members and also some losses, for various reasons, over the year. Two new members joined today. Paul encouraged those members with an email address, or an updated one, to please make sure he is aware of the details, as this makes communication much easier and saves on Society costs.

Annual Subscriptions

It was proposed that there would be no increase in the annual subscriptions.

Spares Directory

The current format of Spares Directory is to be discontinued but in the future there may be an opportunity to include a version on the Members' Area of the website. Copies, in DVD format, of the Society's magazine are available. There are four of them; TCS News 1-137 and Train Collector 1-12, 13-24 & 25-36. They can be purchased for £25 each.

Election of Officers 2019/2020

David Ramsey proposed that the members of the committee, with the aforementioned changes, who were all willing to stand for a further year, be voted for *en bloc*. This was agreed and a vote, proposed by Simon Goodyear and seconded by Bill Vyse, was carried unanimously.

Appointment of Auditor

It was agreed that the current auditor, Jane Mortimer be reappointed.

Shows Report

Bryan Pentland confirmed that this year's summer show will again be at the Stoke Mandeville Stadium not far from Aylesbury in Buckinghamshire on 6<sup>th</sup> July. The June issue of the Collector will have details including a map. Help with this event is very much needed. The autumn get-together in Leicester will be on 9<sup>th</sup> November.

Any Other Business

Nicholas Oddy stressed that copy for the Collector was always very welcome. A basic photograph and some notes about an item of interest would be adequate. Also reminiscences are good, however simple, as well as longer articles.

The Society's Facebook page helps with publicity, though methods of improving the recruitment of more members is to be investigated.

The next events at which the Society will be represented are Beckenham on 6<sup>th</sup> April and Alresford on 15<sup>th</sup> June. The organisers of these two shows were present at the meeting and were thanked for their continued support.

The Society stand will also be at the HRCA's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary show on 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> April.

Simon Goodyear kindly thanked the Committee for the work they had put in over the past year. His comment was much appreciated.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed.