

MINUTES OF THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE DARJEELING HIMALAYAN RAILWAY SOCIETY

(A company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales, no.7406570.)

Held at 12.00 at the Kidderminster Railway Museum, Station Road, Comberton Hill, Kidderminster, DY10 1QX on Saturday 9th October 2021.

Attended by:

Directors:

David Charlesworth - Editor

Martin Collins - Archives

Peter Jordan - Treasurer and Sales

David Mead - Engineering and DRCS Liaison

Paul Whittle - Vice-Chairman and Public Relations

Officers:

Janine Bird – Secretary, Membership Secretary and Events Organiser

David Churchill - Technical and Modelling Coordinator

39 members were present, including the Directors and Officers listed above.

11 guests were present.

Apologies had been received from David Barrie (Chairman), Mick Melbourne (Director) and 2 other members.

30 proxy forms had been received from members nominating the Chairman of the Meeting to vote in their stead.

A full list of Members attending the meeting and Notices of Proxy is held by the Secretary and filed with the Minutes.

1. Welcome and introductions

David Barrie (Chairman DHRS) was unable to attend the meeting so Paul Whittle (PW) assumed the chairmanship.

Before the start of the official business Moo Barrie read a statement from David in which he gave an overview of the activities of the society, the state of the DHR and its management since the last time that the membership was able to have a physical meeting, and expressing thanks to the Directors and Officers for their unfailing contributions.

At the start of the official business PW welcomed those present to the eleventh Annual General Meeting of the Society as incorporated as a company limited by guarantee.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Tenth Annual General Meeting held, via Zoom, on 12th December 2020.

PW said that the minutes of this AGM had been published on the Society's website with provision for paper copies to be available.

The Secretary had not received any comments on the minutes.

PW asked for a proposer and seconder to approve the minutes.

Proposed by: John Knapton

Seconded by: John Alder

The resolution to approve the Minutes of the Tenth AGM was put to the meeting and was carried unanimously.

3. Approval of the Report of the Directors and the Annual Accounts for Year Ended December 2020

There were no questions regarding the Directors' and the Annual Accounts Reports so PW asked for a proposer and seconder for a motion to approve the Reports.

Proposed by: Hugh Smith

Seconded by: Reg Banks

The resolution to approve the Reports was put to the meeting and was carried unanimously.

4. Appointment of a Reporting Accountant

PW reminded members that there is a legal requirement for the DHRS to have a Reporting Accountant to review the accounts and advise the DHRS Board.

Derek Williamson of Goddards Accountants had acted as Reporting Accountant for the Society for the 2020 Accounts and was happy to continue in office.

There were no questions so PW asked for a proposer and a seconder for the motion to reappoint Derek Williamson.

Proposed by: Martin Collins

Seconded by: Christopher Young

The resolution to reappoint Derek Williamson as Reporting Accountant was put to the meeting and was carried unanimously.

5. Re-election of Directors

Article 29 of the Society's Articles of Association provided that at each Annual General Meeting (other than the first) one-third of the Directors must retire from office.

In accordance with this Article, two directors were retiring and, being eligible, offered themselves for re-election. The profiles of David Charlesworth and Martin Collins had been provided in the insert to the August 2021 issue of The Darjeeling Mail.

The Resolution to re-elect David Charlesworth was
Proposed by: John Miles
Seconded by: John Alder
and carried unanimously.

The Resolution to re-elect Martin Collins was
Proposed by: David Churchill
Seconded by: John Buckland.
and carried unanimously.

6. AOB

There being no AOB or questions tabled, PW brought the formal meeting to a conclusion at 12.21.

He reminded members that the afternoon entertainment would start at 14.30 with presentations from
Adrian Shooter (President DHRS)

A DVD from Warren Miller featuring archive footage of the DHR

An update from Paul Whittle on recent events in India and specifically the DHR

A slide show from John Buckland