

Western Locomotive Association Limited

Minutes of the 2005 Annual General Meeting

1. Apologies

Received from Doug Tompkins, Paul Tucker, Dave Lamond, David Langley, Mark Chaldecott, Roger Bray, Roger Fry, Graham Gant and Julian Ogle.

2. Minutes of the 2004.

These were taken as a true record.

3. Matters arising

Western Courier magazine has been published twice once in the summer and once in the winter,

The application to the Heritage Lottery Fund was successful and the transmission has been delivered to Voith for repairs.

We are investigating the registration of the Association as a charity.

4. Correspondence received

A letter has been received from Alun Rees advising that due to poor attendance the diesel gala has been cancelled for 2006.

This was discussed and it was proposed that we ask the Severn Valley Railway to allow an additional run on the vintage vehicle event or another suitable weekend.

5. Chairman's report

2005 has seen a number of important developments including a new corporate logo for the Association, a new website and a new look magazine.

We were successful in making an application to the heritage lottery fund.

solution. Enthusiasm was flagging as a consequence. We have got the HLF grant and the transmission is currently in Germany being repaired. It will be returned at the end of summer 2006.

The dynastarter has been overhauled at a cost of £960.00 and the transmission shafts at a cost of £2,800.00, There are still some serious expenses to be incurred such as overhaul of the turbocharger and new windows at £650.00 each.

d) Doug Tompkins. Publicity

See report annexed

e) Paul Tucker. Membership

See report annexed

f) Darren Shelmerdine. Working Members

Representative.

The working members enjoyed the visit to the Mid Hants Railway. We have three new working members. Help is always appreciated.

7. Election of officers

Roger Smith was re-elected as Chairman as was the committee en bloc.

Neil Parsons was elected as members representative.

8. Resolutions

The issue of where the next AGM is to be held was discussed. The WLA has met at the BMI for a number of years and it is a convenient city centre location. It is however expensive and we have received an offer of a room at Kidderminster Railway Museum for £30.00. It was resolved that future AGMs be held at Kidderminster.