



## **MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY 18<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2006**

### **1. Apologies for absence.**

Received from Ian Jackson. The Chairman welcomed Haydn Mudford, John Glover, Neil Parsons and Paul Gardener.

### **2. Minutes of the last meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2005.**

These were approved as a true record.

### **3. Matters arising.**

The Observation Car and Dining car train has been booked for the 15<sup>th</sup> July and 13<sup>th</sup> August respectively. The format will be as in previous years. Prizes have been sent to the winners of the photographic competition. The photographs will be published on the WLA website.

The website has been comprehensively updated with video clips and an animated cutaway Western.

It was decided to add a news page to the forum on the website so that WLA related news could be published.

The WLA publicity leaflet was discussed. It was decided that Steve Ashdown would be asked to prepare a leaflet in the same style as the website.

The possibility of on line membership renewal /donation is to be investigated as well as a direct debit arrangement for membership renewal. This will necessitate registration with the direct debit indemnity scheme.

The minutes of the committee meetings and the Lineside are to be published on the website.

### **4. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting.**

These were approved and have been published on the website.

### **5. Matters arising.**

The winner of the Driver experience course and cab ride winners need to be written to.

## **6. Correspondence received.**

Concerns have been raised that following the cancellation of the diesel gala, the diesel running days are under threat. Roger is to speak to the new manager Colin Binch to obtain confirmation that these will continue.

## **7. Officers Reports.**

### **a) Chairman**

The website has been updated. The transmission is to be tested in June and then returned.

### **b) Secretary**

See report annexed.

The donor's plaque will be printed and then laminated for display on D1013.

### **c) Financial**

See report annexed.

### **d) Publicity.**

See report annexed. It was suggested that news is sent to Tim Farmer who operates the preserved diesels website. This can be done by e-mail.

Neil Parsons and John Glover can help distribute leaflets.

### **e) Membership**

See report annexed.

### **f) Publications.**

The next magazine is due to be published in June 2006 with a print run of 300.

### **g) Engineering.**

The transmission is to be reassembled and will be returned in August/September 2006. The DTG are seeking to replace the windscreens on D1015 and wish to know whether the WLA would be interested in putting in a bulk order. This will depend on cost. One option will be to get individuals to sponsor a window. The likely cost will be £650.00 per window.

An article is to be written explaining the scheme.

One of the turbochargers on D1013 needs overhauling. A marine turbo charger is at a cost of £2,5000.00

The A end cab is now complete on D1062 and the B end is progressing well.

There have been fewer working members over the winter with 5 to 6 regular attendees.

#### **8. Application for charitable status.**

The merits of making this application were outlined by Haydn Mudford. It was resolved to co-opt Haydn onto the Committee as Charitable Officer and to proceed with the application. The articles and memorandum of association have been amended to meet the requirements of the Charity Commission.

It will be necessary to hold an Extraordinary General Meeting to put this into effect. This could be held at the next committee meeting with proxy votes being accepted.

#### **9. Sales and Marketing.**

It was resolved to co-opt John Glover onto the committee as sales officer and Paul Gardener as Assistant Sales Officer.

John outlined plans for the sale of car stickers and clothing including Sweatshirts and Polo shirts.

#### **10. Review of business plan.**

Deferred to next meeting

#### **11. Membership recruitment**

Deferred to next meeting.

#### **12. 2006 events.**

As published on the website.

#### **13. Any other business.**

None

#### **14. Date and venue of next meeting.**

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2006 at 1,30pm