



West Somerset Railway Association

Minutes of the Board Meeting
held via TEAMS remote meeting
on Tuesday 21 April 2020 at 1700

Present: Geoff Garfield (GG)
John Glover (JSDG)
Nigel Power (NP)
Diana Ricketts-Tanner (DRT)
Mike Sherwood (MiS)
Robin White (RW)

In Attendance: Jacquie Green (JAG)

B035/20 Conflicts of Interest

None were declared.

B036/20 Minutes of Meeting of 17 March 2020

Trustees approved these Minutes, with amendments, as a true record.

B037/20 Minutes of Extra Meetings of 27th March and 6th April

Trustees approved these Minutes, as amended, as a true record.

B038/20 Matters Arising (not included elsewhere)

- a. Redacted
- b. **Ford Farm (Norton Fields) Development:** GG reported no further progress at this time.
- c. Redacted
- d. Redacted
- e. AGM – DRT has put JAG in touch with someone who would be able to provide online meeting facilities. We still need to check for legal implications of changing the date and/or format of the meeting.

ACTION JAG to progress online meeting facilities and
RMW to check and report back on legal implications.
- f. Justgiving money laundering documents have been uploaded and confirmation is awaited.
- g. Ryan Pope will be asked to make a video for WSR TV on the restoration of 9351
- h. Scenario planning across the railway family had been discussed but not progressed
- i. Fundraising Strategy - not yet written but still on JAG's to do list.

B039/20 Redacted

B040/20 Relations with the PLC

GG reported that fortnightly conference calls are now happening with 2 Trustees, the PLC board and representatives of the WSSRT. It is a good start and there is potential for improvement. **REDACTED**

B041/20 Finance Cttee

Cashflow spreadsheets have been produced and updated based on two scenarios - a lockdown for three months and a lockdown for the whole operating year. Scenario two needs more work, but external circumstances are changing all the time and more work will be done as things become clearer. The group will meet again before the next board meeting.

B042/20 Banking

Trustees passed a resolution to remove Paul Whitehouse and Nigel Adams as signatories and appoint Geoff Garfield, Diana Ricketts-Tanner and John Glover as authorised signatories on all bank accounts, including those with Lloyds, CAF bank, and RBS.

Trustees also resolved to take advantage of the RBS Business Banking Switch offer and move those bank accounts to TSB.

B043/20 General Manager's Report

This was taken as read.

B044/20 Fundraiser's Report

Detail included with GM's report.

B045/20 Volunteer Recruitment

DRT reported that a couple of short meetings had happened. We have had two applicants, who have had a holding response. DRT had suggested to Martin Brown that detailed workforce planning may be needed if restrictions remain in place for older people, and also a different marketing strategy employed to reach the required new audience.

B046/20 AOB

1. NP raised the issue of the S&DRT following a letter received from them by all Trustees. He also declared an interest, being an S&DRT member. There was some discussion about the history and reasons behind the current dispute with the PLC and the contribution S&DRT have made and continue to make to the WSR. It was agreed that at the next joint meeting the WSRA would try and bring the parties together and make an offer of mediation to make that happen. MS will respond to the letter on behalf of the board.
2. Fundraising Annual Report. GG asked for agreement to update this report for the new financial year, including contributions from the PLC. Trustees agreed.
3. WSR TV – RW reported that in the first 20 days the channel had received 355 subscribers and 13,200 thousand views. JAG asked RW to become a WSRA facebook page admin in order to promote WSRA TV via that media. RW agreed.
4. **Redacted**
5. DONM – 19th May 2020 at 17:00hrs by MS TEAMS.

The meeting finished at 18:44.



19th May 2020