

TROLLEYBUS MUSEUM COMPANY LIMITED

Minutes of the 43rd Annual General Meeting held at Keen House, 4 Calshot Street, London, N1 on Saturday, 28 April 2012.

Present: A Bruce, E Humphreys, C Isgar, P Kilner, I Martin, R Symons, J Ward, C Enticknap, G Seipp, N Parkin, J Parkin, A Dinkenor, R Box, P Haseldine.

1. Apologies for Absence: A Hemming and M J Russell

2. Minutes of the 42nd AGM: These were accepted.

3. Reports of Directors and Officers for the year ending 30th September 2011

Secretary: J Ward reported there had been two meetings of the Board of Directors during the year. Both meetings were attended by all the Directors.

Sales and TM Distribution: P. Kilner reported that sales had raised £2,750, including sales from the London Wiring Book No 4, the 100 Year Centenary book and back numbers of Trolleybus Magazine. It is expected that next year sales will be lower due to no imminent new publications.

Ed Humphreys and Philip Johnson had run sales stands at the London meetings, Carlton Colville and TLRS meetings selling mostly s/h books. With some postal sales these had raised £1400 in 2010/11 (included in the £2750).

Phil Kilner continued to distribute Trolleybus Magazine by post and this is greatly appreciated.

Trolleybooks. A Bruce reported that the 100 Years book had sold very well. Of the 1,000 printed there were 100 – 150 left. London Wiring No 4 had not sold so well. About 50% remain in stock although it has made a profit. The following books are in preparation.

Model TBs. There have been delays with typesetting by the Chinese printers and the book is expected to be available soon. The book will have 416 pages in full colour with a cover price of the order of £30.

Belfast. Picture and map compilation due to start.

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Other projects. Portsmouth and Pontypridd are in hand; the latter will only have a short print run of around 500 copies. The situation with the Rotherham book is unclear. Alan Murray hopes to complete the research for the World Trolleybus Encyclopaedia by the end of 2012, with a hoped for publication date a year later. Sao Paulo (in English) is in progress.

Trolleybooks adverts have been placed in Buses and Classic Bus magazines.

Trolleybus Magazine. C. Isgar (Editor) reported on Trolleybus Magazine. The magazine has had a major revamp with a change to desktop publication, allowing press dates to be three weeks later. A heavier paper is used. Carl expressed thanks to P Haseldine for system news, to S Morgan for USA news, to A Murray for proof reading, and to R Smith for excellent maps. Thanks were also expressed to M Russell and D Pearson for their news contributions.

Articles and photographs are always welcomed. Forthcoming articles will be on Solingen, Wellington, Trollino, and France in 1971.

Membership: Ian Martin reported that there were 481 paid up members, the lowest membership for many years. There had been 75 short term members who had lapsed within two years.

Vehicles. R. Symons gave a report summarised below.

Huddersfield 541. The vehicle is completed and at Sandtoft. There is a noise from the back axles, probably due to a defective wheel bearing and is out of service, awaiting repair. Sandtoft paid the NTA £33 for the use of the vehicle on operating days.

Bournemouth 202. Remains at East Anglia Transport Museum, Carlton Colville under an agreement renewed for five years, which expires at the end of 2012.

Belfast 168. Work is progressing slowly. There is a problem replacing window pans.

Hastings 45. Remains in secure storage at Raunds, Northamptonshire. A grant application to the Heritage Lottery Fund is being investigated to assist restoration.

Wolverhampton 654. Stored under cover and is the final restoration project. Ed Humphreys expressed thanks to the donors who are paying the storage costs (R Beaumont, J Parkin, A Murray)

Bradford 711. The electrical equipment was salvaged, for possible future use in Hastings 45, when the vehicle was scrapped earlier in the year.

Vehicle Spares continue to be stored at Winnersh and at Bracknell.

London Meetings. Colin Enticknap's report was read. There had been another successful year of London meetings. The average attendance was between 30 and 35. Thanks were expressed to John Parkin for his work and assistance. The meeting expressed thanks for the excellent work of J. Parkin and C. Enticknap.

Wiring Records. Ed Humphreys is doing some conservation work on the records and is compiling a list of the British system records which are held by the TMC.

Publicity. There was no publicity report. The TMC has a vacancy for a publicity officer.

4. Accounts for the year ended 30th September 2011

I Martin presented the draft accounts for 2010/11. There were large increases in donations and Gift Aid. Sales are up by £600. Expenses and restoration costs are down, as are printing costs of the magazine.

The bank balance at the time of the meeting was approximately £46,000 including donations.

An anonymous donation of £5000 had been received for the restoration of 45.

5. Appointment of Independent Examiner (IE)

Thanks were given to Andrew Dinkenor who had acted as independent examiner of the accounts. He stated his willingness to continue in this role.

6. Election of Directors

E Humphreys, I Martin and P Kilner were due to retire by rotation and were re-elected unopposed. Carl Isgar wished to resign from the Board but wished to remain as Editor if help could be given. Robin Symons thanked Carl for all his work.

7. Resolutions

The change of the Company name to NTA (1963) Ltd was proposed by R Symons, seconded by P Kilner and carried unanimously.

8. TMC Memorandum and Articles

The revised Memorandum and Articles were proposed by R Symons, seconded by A Bruce and were carried unanimously.

9. Date and Place of next AGM

To be advised.

10. Any Other Business.

2013 is the 50th anniversary of the organisation and a special November/December issue of Trolleybus Magazine will be published. C Enticknap suggested a 50th anniversary event followed by a dinner. Gus Seipp asked if membership cards were supplied and it was stated that these had been discontinued. Roland Box asked about selling magazines directly to non members but our charitable status prevented us from doing this.

The meeting closed at 16:00 hours.