

NTA (1963) LIMITED

Minutes of the 44th Annual General Meeting held at Keen House, 4 Calshot Street, London, N1 on Wednesday, 21 August 2013.

Present: Directors: A Bruce, E Humphreys, D Pearson. M Russell, J Ward and 10 members.

1. Apologies for Absence: A Dinkenor, A Hemming, P Johnson, D Lawrence, N Parkin, P Steiner and T Stubbs

2. Minutes of the 43rd AGM: These were accepted with one amendment proposed by R Box. He said for a number of years he had dealt with sales to the Ian Allen Bookshops and other retail outlets. While there were indeed publicity and sales advantages of such sales, they had ceased in 1999 when it was realised that the Association's charitable status prevented it trading in this way.

3. Matters Arising: Jon Ward will keep a record of Directors' declarations of interests.

4. Reports of Directors and Officers for the year ending 30th September 2012

Trolleybus Magazine. C. Isgar (Editor) reported on Trolleybus Magazine. The increasing postal charges are an ongoing problem. It is hoped to change the paper to a lighter weight and better quality with an increase from 28 to 32 pages. Carl expressed thanks to P Haseldine, A Murray and R Smith for their assistance and to D Pearson for distribution. He also thanked members for their contributions to the magazine.

Articles and photographs are always welcomed. The November/December issue will have an extra eight pages to celebrate the NTA's 50th anniversary.

Sales: P. Johnson's report was read. The sales team have been raising funds with earlier assistance from P Kilner. Thanks were expressed to P Kilner. Old books, previous issues of Trolleybus Magazine and new books are always required. Sales stands have been held at Carlton Colville and Sandtoft on some event weekends and additional internet sales. A total of £2,074 (net) has been raised during the year.

Membership: D Lawrence's report was read. It was reported that there were 293 UK members, 88 European members and 93 "rest of the world". This is a slight drop on the previous year. J Priestley asked why the membership number was no longer on the envelope and only on the renewal letter. A Bruce will include the membership number in future. E Humphreys noted the slow decline with a pool of members outside the UK and a Publicity officer was needed to maximise publicity and arrange for reciprocal ads in similar transport magazines.

London Meetings. J Parkin reported on London meetings. C Enticknap had resigned for health reasons and handed the role to J Parkin. The London meetings are NTA meetings and are open to BTS members. There had been another successful year of London meetings. The Chair expressed thanks and best wishes to C Enticknap for all his work and to J Parkin for taking on the role.

Trolleybooks and NTA website. A Bruce reported that the 100 Years book and the London Wiring book were selling well. Model TBs had been published and approaching financial break even point. Unfortunately there is a declining sales base due to the members' age profile.

The following books are in preparation.

Belfast. Will have 300 pages and a hard cover. Is the next to be published.

World Trolleybus Encyclopaedia. Will hopefully follow the Belfast book.

Walsall. Is progressing.

Ongoing projects. Rotherham, Leeds, Brazil and France are ongoing.

The website has been updated to include Sales stock and meetings. Official NTA papers can only be accessed with a password.

Vehicles. The post is currently vacant.

Bournemouth 202. Remains at East Anglia Transport Museum, Carlton Colville under a loan agreement.

Belfast 168. Work has slowed. .

Hastings 45. Remains in secure storage at Raunds, Northamptonshire.

Wolverhampton 654. Stored under cover and is the final restoration project.

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

5. Accounts for the year ended 30th September 2012

The accounts 2011/12 were filed at Companies House and the Charity Commission. E Humphreys gave the financial report. The bank balance at the date of the meeting was £48,000 and a subs increase was not required. The accounts were prepared by I Martin, the former Treasurer, to whom thanks were expressed. E Humphreys took on the role in March. The accounts were proposed by C Isgar, seconded by R Box and carried unanimously.

6. Resolutions

The six resolutions proposed by the Board were all carried unanimously.

7. Election of Directors

A Bruce, D Pearson, M Russell and J Ward were due to retire by rotation and were re-elected unopposed. A Dinkenor was willing to continue as Independent Examiner of the accounts.

8. Date and Place of next AGM

To be advised.

9. Any Other Business.

The Chairman thanked members for attending the AGM.

The 50th anniversary of the organisation will be on the weekend of 14 and 15 September at the East Anglia Transport Museum with 202 and 541 in attendance.

J Parkin and A Braddock proposed a vote of thanks to the Board.

The meeting closed at 16:03 hours.