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**Deltic Preservation Society, Annual General Meeting.
Virtual Online Teams, on Sunday March 21, 2021 at 11.00**

Agenda and Minutes

Introduction and welcome from the Chairman

Murray opened the meeting at 11:00 explaining that the virtual AGM was necessary due to the current pandemic restrictions. The meeting would follow the normal process and would conclude when all areas had been discussed.

Apologies

Received from Neville Davies, Peter Rodgers, Michael Palfreyman and Paul Gildersleve

Approval of Minutes from 2020 AGM

The minutes published on the website were accepted by the Board and 115 members who had voted.

Chairman's remarks

Adding to his tabled report, Murray Brown began with a thank you to the Board members and all those involved in the society. He then spoke of the positiveness within the society despite a year of Covid and how the pandemic had restricted much progress from taking place over the past 12 months. Murray took heart from the Friends scheme now adding £1000 plus per month to bank account and was humbled by individual donations to which he thanked all for the invaluable support in such difficult times. A special thank you was given to Rosemary Brain for her sterling work with dealing with the membership a relentless thankless task. 928 members were now recorded as fully fledged members – the highest for some time.

Online course work with Siemens was now in the last stages of development before going live during April and discussions continued how both Siemens Mobility and the DPS could assist each other. Modernisation in how we operate was to the fore, including reviewing compliance issues in all areas and updating the Memo & Articles. Members will have the opportunity to approve the latter in due course.

Presentation of Accounts

John Williamson offered a short presentation to the Board. He advised that given a year without any real opportunity to bring in any finance the Society's bank accounts all remained in a reasonable state albeit down on the previous year. Details were available on the DPS Website. The society would need to generate additional income to support the maintenance of the locomotives but currently the funds would keep the Society's projects on course. John was thanked for delivering and maintaining the financial aspects of the Society in such a professional manner.

Directors' presentations

All Board Reports were posted on the DPS website for members to read and review. These were also issued to the Board Members separately. No questions were raised, and the item closed.

Elections to the Board

Candidates for Re-election

Pete Stojanovic – current Power Unit Engineer

Stuart Page – current Locomotive Manager 55019

Both Pete and Stuart were re-elected after receiving 119 votes from the membership who had returned the Proxy Form. No objections from the Board

Candidate for Ratification

Dave Greenwood – current Health and Safety Officer

Michael Palfreyman – current Loco Manager D9009

Both Dave and Michael were ratified after receiving 119 votes from the membership who had returned the Proxy Form. No objections from the Board

Paul Gildersleve – Deltic Deadline Editor, Publicity and Social Media Officer.

Prior to the AGM Paul requested to stand down from the Publicity and Social Media positions for personal reasons however he agreed he would continue as the Deltic Deadline Editor, for which the Board was grateful. He did not wish to be on the Board - it was agreed he would continue as the Deltic Deadline in a non-Board capacity.

Questions from members

The following questions were discussed and answered by the Board.

Craig Fellows

The DPS currently has a fundraising campaign to raise £255k to return 55019 to the mainline. Currently I believe around £5k has been raised still leaving £250k to find. Realistically I cannot see the £255k being achieved within a few years unless a major benefactor comes forward. The DPS has eleven power units albeit in various states of order or repair. Has the time come to sell one of these power unit to Locomotive Services Ltd to raise a substantial figure to enable our aim of having all locomotives mainline certificated?

The Board discussed and returned the following. Fundraising is an important area for the society and serious consideration is now being sought to identify a Fundraiser for the Society after various attempts had failed to identify any one for this position. The Board agreed that going forward it would look at buying in a professional fundraiser.

The Board advised the current appeal had been steadily growing and had now raised around £9000. It was accepted that it may be more advantageous to break down the appeal into individual parts to identify costs and other charges such as specialist work required beyond the members' skills and competency.

Selling a power unit would not be considered at the current time. Going forward plans needed to be considered as spares would likely be required.

John Perry

Firstly wrote, to express his grateful thanks to the Board, for all their sterling work with these magnificent machines, in keeping members fully informed via the magazine.

In view of the high and increasing costs is it financially worth pursuing main line running as it seems to be 2 steps forward 1 step back. I personally would love to see these magnificent machines on preserved railways, so future generations can get to enjoy them.

The Board thanked John for his comments and then advised main line running brought in much needed finance to continue maintaining and running the locomotives and Society. It was a major revenue stream. Main line running will continue until such time it was no longer feasible.

Heritage railways allowed the locomotives to be seen at different locations around the country by members and public and allowed the society to meet and discuss with those attending these railways. The Society again wishing these visits would continue for years to come following the current pandemic.

Alex Williams

Can the board please explain to me how a board made up of a quorum of co-opted individuals can fairly govern the society?

The Board discussed the question raised and agreed that the individuals co-opted is in line with the current Memorandum and Articles.

As no trustee or board member has been elected for over a decade and appointments to senior positions have been authorised from within the board without reference to advertising the position, I feel this may well breach charities commission rules.

The Board discussed this question. The Board reported all was in line with the current Memorandum and Articles. There had not been any years in the last decade where a number of members sought to attain a board position, necessitating holding a vote. Deltic Deadline along with the Website has been used for advertising the numerous positions, eg Fundraiser, Deadline editor. All those co-opted for their expertise were duly elected by the membership at the next AGM.

Harry Moore

I have been a Junior member of the DPS for a number of years, but I have had very little contact as a volunteer due to the fact you do not have a youth policy. This year I turn 18 and would like to know if the society had anything to offer me.

The Board responded: Plans prior to the current pandemic situation were being made for a junior section of the Society. However, individuals identified to progress the junior section, unfortunately, were unable to assist going forward. The Board agreed that this was an area to be developed. Once the situation has changed this will be looked at in further detail and set up as soon as possible. The Board is also aware of your enthusiasm and have plenty to offer you to assist the society and would be getting in touch to discuss in the very near future.

Any other business

Mr Conway requested the reinstatement of the addresses of Board members into Deltic Deadline. The Board agreed going forward contact details would be updated in line with personal acceptance of giving personal addresses. All members would be contactable with details displayed in future copies of Deltic Deadline.

Meeting Closed at 12:10