

THE CAMBRIDGE BRANCH OF THE RAILWAY CORRESPONDENCE AND TRAVEL SOCIETY

Minutes of the fifteenth Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 12 December 2023 at 19.30 at The Swifts, Haggis Gap, Fulbourn, Cambridge, CB21 5HD

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the fifteenth Annual General Meeting of the Branch.

1. Apologies for absence

One apology for absence was received.

2. Minutes of the fourteenth Annual General Meeting held on 13 December 2022

The minutes that had been posted on the Branch web pages were approved.

3. Matters arising from the above minutes

None.

4. Chairman's Report

The Chairman read his report to the meeting which covered his thanks to the officers and committee members and noted that all the officer and committee positions are currently filled (for the first time in the history of the branch), and that sales cover the full running costs of the branch.

5. Branch Secretary's Report

The Branch Secretary reported that there are 40 RCTS members nominally allocated to the branch (based on postcodes) by the RCTS national organisation, unchanged from the previous year. The average meeting attendance is about 20 people. The Fixtures Secretary attended the 'Northern Home Counties' regional meeting as the Cambridge representative, as the Branch Secretary was unable to attend. The Web Manager and Branch Secretary both attended the RCTS Officers Conference in Doncaster.

6. Fixtures Secretary's Report

The Fixtures Secretary reported that a varied & interesting programme of presentations for the remainder of the 2023-2024 season had been arranged (and that the season so far had been pretty good), and all but one of the 2024-2025 presentations were also arranged. He was thanked for his efforts.

7. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported that this year was fairly similar to last year, with a similar level of book sales, unchanged room hire costs and over £4000 in the bank at the end of the year. As we have healthy finances, the committee decided earlier in the year to give a donation of £500 to the RCTS digital archive project. The Treasurer was thanked for his work for the Branch.

8. Sales Officer's Report

The Sales Officer read his report to the meeting which detailed the sources of donated books, the mail order sales that he had been able to effect and the disposal of unsaleable items. He thanked all those who had purchased books. Total sales revenue for the year was £1,079.74. The Sales Officer was thanked for his efforts.

9. Web Manager's Report

The Web Manager thanked everyone who has contributed material for our web pages and said that the website was going fine, with positive comments received. He asked members to provide feedback on the website and continue to provide material for inclusion in our branch pages. The Web Manager was thanked for his efforts. The Web Manager provided a brief presentation about the website after the AGM closed.

10. Election of Officers and Committee

The Chairman made an appeal for other members to consider joining the committee. There being no other candidates for election, the existing holders of the positions of Chairman, Treasurer, Branch Secretary, Sales Officer, Web Manager, Fixtures Secretary, and general committee member were declared re-elected.

11. Any other business

None.

The meeting closed at 19.50