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2016 Annual General Meeting TOWARDS CHARITABLE STATUS

At the AGM at Coventry on Saturday the 16th of April Terence Jenner presented the CIO Resolutions to the 84 members in attendance following his presentation. After much debate the following resolutions were put before those members present. All had, in accordance with Rule 18(a), been submitted to the Secretary within the required 90 days prior to the meeting and which were to be found in the CIO supplement issued alongside the March edition of "The Railway Observer". The resolutions read as follows: -

Resolution 1: That the Society Convert, that is change its legal status, from an unincorporated association to that of a CIO.

RESULT – 84 members voted in favour whilst no member voted against therefore the ballot was unanimous. Given that the favourable votes were above the 75% threshold (Rule 18(c)) Resolutions 2 and 3 were then put before the members.

Resolution 2: If Resolution 1 was passed by the requisite three-quarters majority of the persons present and voting at the 2016 Annual General Meeting, as required by Rule 18(c), then it was proposed that, as from the implementation date of the Society as a CIO, the existing Rules be annulled and be replaced by the Constitution as set out in Part 2 and the revised rules as set out in Part 5 subject to such further amendment as may be required by the Charities Commission.

RESULT - 82 members in favour, none were against but two abstentions were recorded.

Resolution 3: That, subject to the appropriate passing of Resolution 1 and the approval by the Charities Commission to the conversion of the Society to a CIO, whomever are members of the Management Committee immediately

prior to the implementation date of the Society as a CIO, be elected as charity Trustees of the CIO as from the implementation date.

RESULT - All members present voted in favour.

In accordance with Rule 18(d) a member proposed that the meeting should consider the need to consult the membership in its entirety by means of a postal ballot and this additional proposition was seconded. After some debate the proposition was put to the vote but was defeated by 78 votes to six.

Work now will proceed with the formal submission to the Charity Commissioners that the RCTS converts to a CIO.

The 2017 AGM will again be held at The Welcome Centre at Coventry on Saturday the 8th of April.

So far we have gained 66 new recruits this year – compared with 78 at the same time last year.

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