**Minutes of the 56th Annual General Meeting of the**

**Australian Railway Historical Society – New South Wales Division.**

**Wednesday 11 October 2023.**

The meeting was opened at 1843hrs.

**In attendance**: James Dalton (Chairman), Board Members Paul Holding, Gretta Logue, Craig Mackey, John Snider. Grahame Thurling and approximately 32 members and 1 visitor.

**Apologies**: Andrew Phelan, Spencer Ross, Myrle Tanner and John Watsford.

 **Reading of the Minutes of the previous AGM**: It was moved by Chris Sim, Seconded by Gretta Logue that the minutes of last years AGM held on 2 November 2022, be taken as read. (They were read at the December Members meeting last year.) This was carried unanimously.

**Chairman’s Report**: Chairman Dalton summarised the events of the financial year much of which was included in the written Annual Report. He would like to thank the Staff, Board and all the volunteers for the work they do to support the Society and make it what is today.

**Acceptance of the Annual Report**. It was moved by member Ian Hill and seconded by member Craig Mackey that the 2022/2023 Annual Report be accepted. This was carried unanimously.

**Treasurer’s Report**. Treasurer Holding advised figures from Annual Report and explained the income and expenditure and how it has impacted our cash flow.

The Treasurer then asked for any questions about the accounts. Two members raised questions about building costs should the society have to move.

**Acceptance of the** **Balance Sheet and Income Statement**. Moved by Treasurer Paul Holding, seconded by William Laidlaw, that the Balance Sheet and Income Statement for the year end 30 April 2023 be accepted. Carried unanimously.

The Chairman stepped down for the election.

**Election of Chairman**. There was only one nomination for Chairman, that being James Dalton.

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Moved by Paul Holding, seconded by John Beckhaus that James Dalton be the Chairman. The motion was then put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

**Election of Directors.** There were five vacancies on the Board and only five

nominations were received. There being no requirement for an election.

The following people were nominated: Scott Howells, Gretta Logue, Craig Mackey, Andrew Phelan and John Snider.

Moved by William Laidlaw, seconded by Grahame Thurling, that the nominees be accepted as Board members for a term of 2 years. This was carried unanimously.

**Acceptance of Proposed Revisions to the ARHS Constitution.**

The Chairman advised of the proposed changes to the ARHS Constitution, mainly to do with the “Objects” of the Constitution based on the advice of the Charities and not for Profit Commission (ACNC), plus minor spelling errors.

The motion for the changes was then put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

**Other Business**:

There was no other business brought forward in accordance with the constitution.

The meeting closed at 1935 hours.