

MAID MARIAN LOCOMOTIVE FUND

NOTICE is hereby given to THE FIFTY-FOURTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Fund to be held on Saturday 9 September 2023 at Llanuwchllyn Station, Rheilffordd Llyn Tegid, Bala, commencing at 1400 hours.

A G E N D A

- 1 Apologies for absence
- 2 Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting
- 3 Matters arising from the Minutes
- 4 Reports from the President, Secretary and Treasurer
- 5 Election of Officers and Committee Members for 2023 / 4
- 6 Election of Independent Examiner
- 7 Progress Report on the Maid
- 8 Progress with fund raising
- 9 Data storage and distribution
- 10 Change of timing of future AGMs
- 11 Any other business
- 12 Date and time of next AGM

MAID MARIAN LOCOMOTIVE FUND - NOMINATION FORM FOR 2023 AGM

OFFICER	PRESENT	NOMINEE	SIGNATURE OF NOMINEE
President	R Greenhalgh.	.....	.....
Chairman	R Hine	.....	.....
Secretary	H Jones	.....	.....
Treasurer	D Scotson	.....	.....
Committee)	R A Jones	.....	.....
Members)	R Houghton

I hope to be able to attend / apologise for absence

Signed

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Minutes of the FIFTY-THIRD Annual General Meeting on Saturday 10 September 2022 in the Heritage Centre at Llanuwchllyn Station at 1330 hours.

PRESENT:

C Benedetto	H Jones (Secretary)
R Greenhalgh	R Jones (Committee Member)
Mrs C Houghton (Ind Examiner)	M Peacock
M Houghton	D Scotson (Treasurer)
R Houghton (Committee Member)	

- A. Prior to the commencement of the AGM the Secretary called for a minute's silence to be held as a token of respect for Her Majesty the Queen who had died on the previous day.
- B. The Chairman had tendered his apology for not being able to attend the AGM: his role was taken by the President.

1 APOLOGIES were received from 26 members and were read aloud to the Meeting.

2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

The Minutes of the previous AGM had been circulated beforehand and were taken as read. There were no queries or amendments, and the Minutes were ACCEPTED unanimously as a true record (prop. M Houghton, sec. R Jones). The President signed the Minutes.

3 MATTERS ARISING:

There were none that were not covered elsewhere.

4 REPORTS FROM OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT: The President reported that he had driven Maid Marian on several occasions during the present season and had found that she had behaved satisfactorily. He expressed his gratitude for the continuing care of the loco by the Railway and by the volunteers who crewed the loco.

SECRETARY: The Secretary indicated that his recent Progress Reports had covered most of what had happened of significance during the year. He was asked about the current number of subscribers and replied that there were almost 100; the total had remained around this level for several years. The President asked if the website could be updated as it was in need of refreshment; he offered to provide some recent images he had taken of Maid Marian as such images were in short supply. There were no further questions to the Secretary.

TREASURER: The Treasurer passed around his Financial Report and added that the rental from the railway had been received in June. There were no further questions for the Treasurer.

All 3 reports were unanimously ACCEPTED (prop. R Jones, sec. R Houghton).

5 ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

All 6 officers had indicated that they would be prepared to stand for a further year and were RE-ELECTED unanimously (prop Mrs J Carrington by post, sec. M Peacock).

6 ELECTION OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER:

The Independent Examiner was present at the meeting and indicated that she would be happy to continue for a further year. She was RE-ELECTED unanimously for a further year and was THANKED for her work (prop. R Greenhalgh, sec. M Peacock).

7 PROGRESS REPORT ON THE MAID:

This item was led by R Houghton who was a full-time employee of the Railway as well as being a Committee Member. He reported that the smoke box was showing signs of wear and that it would be taken apart at the next major overhaul (2027). The Meeting agreed that it would be prudent to obtain one before it was actually needed as it was likely to cost more if purchased later. The possibility of acquiring a stainless steel smoke box was also discussed as it would have a longer life expectancy. Rob was asked to investigate the costings of both options. There was a brief debate about whether the replacement of the tyres should be the responsibility of the Railway or the Fund (as it is the Railway, for example, any new fire bars). This point would be discussed informally with the General Manager. Finally there was general agreement that when the Railway successfully extended into Bala the Fund should organise a special train for subscribers only, to be headed by Maid Marian.

8 PROGRESS WITH FUND RAISING:

The Secretary summarised the events when the Fund had manned a stall, viz. the Spring and Autumn Galas, the AGM day and that there would be a stall at the forthcoming Model Railway Show at the end of the month. At the previous AGM the Secretary indicated that he would appreciate some assistance in the load of organising the stall; the Committee had agreed to look into the possibility of creating another post with this in mind, in view of the fact that running the stall was not originally considered to be one of the functions of the Secretary. A possible storage facility in the form of a van had been mentioned although there were issues around ownership of the van, its usefulness in the storage of delicate items, likely cost, etc. that made this a less than acceptable option. The Secretary informed the Meeting that as from the next AGM he would be seeking to stand down from the storage of the Fund's stock at home as it was becoming increasingly difficult to cope with the transport arrangements. Another development was a discussion on whether or not the Fund should arrange to acquire a No.5 name plate for Maid Marian. This was the original name plate provided by Hunslet's in 1903; the inspiration for this was the fact that Holy War carried a No.3 name plate on the cab side as this was the original name plate for this loco. A subscriber had acquired an original No.2 name plate and agreed that it could be used by the Fund as an example to be copied to make a new pattern to make a No.5 name plate. The Meeting agreed to the Fund paying for the new pattern and for 10 castings to be purchased, 2 for the loco and 8 for possible sales to interested subscribers.

9 DATA STORAGE AND DISTRIBUTION:

It was NOTED that any progress on this item was currently stalled.

10 CHANGE OF TIMINGS OF FUTURE AGMS:

A position paper on this had been included in a Progress Report sent out before the AGM in view of the difficulties involved with managing to hold several AGMs in one day. It was suggested that there may be a Society proposal to change the timing of their AGM which might help to alleviate the problem. The Secretary noted that he would be circulating subscribers with voting options and incorporating any results in the process of deciding the time and date for the 2023 AGM.

11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS;

There was none.

12 DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT AGM:

This was held over for the Committee to agree on a suitable date after weighing up the result with subscribers.

The Meeting concluded at 1500 hours.

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Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

Heritage Railways Assn. Subs	75.00	Donations Received	2028.50
Postage Envelopes etc.	29.32	Rental	250.00
Casting of Nameplates (with pattern)	1800.00	Subscriptions	930.00
Purchase of DVDs	70.00	Bank Interest Recd	0.07
Purchase of Xmas Cards	54.00		
Purchase of Calendars	186.00		
Surplus	994.25		
	<u>3208.57</u>		<u>3208.57</u>

Balance Sheet as at 1 April 2023

Accumulated Fund	44510.78		Maid Marian (<i>Note 1</i>)	34792.00
Surplus	<u>994.25</u>	45505.03	Shares in Rheilffordd Llyn Tegid	450.00
			Rental Due (<i>Note 2</i>)	250.00
			Cash at Bank:	
			Deposit Account (<i>Note 3</i>)	41.28
			Cheque Account	9951.75
			Cash in Hand	20.00
		<u>45505.03</u>		<u>45505.03</u>

Note 1. The value of the Locomotive shown above is the Historic Value (£6,000.00) together with the cost of the original works plate (£767), donations made to Rheilffordd Llyn Tegid Cyf. towards the replacement boiler (£25275.00) and a donation made towards the replacement tank (£2750). The true value of the locomotive varies according to its condition but is still considered to be in excess of this figure.

Note 2. The Agreement calls for the rental to be paid in March but for some time now, the Fund, aware that this was a time when the Railway Company's resources were at their lowest, has agreed to accept the money later in the year; normally this is received in June.

Note 3. Whilst interest rate have improved dramatically the spending decisions made at the last AGM would have impacted on the available balances so a transfer of funds to the deposit account was not deemed prudent during the year. Bank interest does attract a Corporation Tax liability, so has to be treated carefully; the situation is being kept under review

The above accounts have been prepared from the Bank Records and papers of the Fund and are in agreement therewith.

PROGRESS REPORT

SEPTEMBER 2023

POSTAL SALES ITEMS:

As noted in the previous Progress Report, the 2024 calendars are now available; a limited number will be on sale at the AGM on 9 September, with orders taken for posting after the Bala Model Railway Show, when there will be more available. This year's calendar has 13 scenes from the Dinorwic Quarry which have not been used by the Fund before, including two images from the Padarn Railway. The cost will be £9.00 if bought or ordered at the AGM otherwise £10 including P & P. The Christmas cards are views of *No. 1* in the snow and have been on sale previously; the Fund hopes to commission further cards with different images at a later date, possibly for 2024. Each pack has two sets of three cards plus envelopes. Packs of notelets with six different images but with no message inside are available at the same price as the Christmas cards; these can be used as Christmas cards with your own message inside. Payment can be made by cheque made out to the Maid Marian Locomotive Fund (in full) and sent to the Honorary Secretary, 139 Stoops Lane, DONCASTER. DN4 7RG

NEWS OF THE LOCOMOTIVE:

Maid Marian has not been used so much this season as the newly-overhauled *Alice* and *Holy War* have been rostered since the end of April, increasing the number of available locos to five. When not in use the loco has been stored in the Heritage Centre to allow more space for work to be carried out on other projects in the main shed. In this way the loco is available for visitors to see at leisure, whereas if it was at the back of the shed it would not be readily seen. The loco has had a new chimney installed and the base around the chimney was heavily repaired at the same time. No action has been taken yet about the possibility of acquiring a stainless-steel chimney (discussed in principle at the last AGM). New springs have also been fitted and it is hoped that the No: 5 name plates can be installed on the cab sides in time for the AGM. The main bearings will be re-metalled over the Winter along with any other minor jobs that may need attention.



AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY GALA:

This was held on 26 - 28 August and was attended by the Fund's stall. There were 6 Hunslets operating a complex timetable, with *Britomart* from the Ffestiniog Railway as a visitor in addition to the fleet of 5 on the Railway. For the first time it was possible to see 3 Hunslets with cabs on one site; there was considerable interest in the media and an excellent attendance. Sales were steady and over the weekend over £1000 was taken, not all profit, of course, as there were costs of materials to be met but nevertheless a welcome contribution to the bank balance!

AND FINALLY:

The opportunity is taken to remainder subscribers that their subscriptions, and hence the number of votes they hold in the Fund, can be increased at any time. Votes can be bought at the rate of £30 for 2 votes or multiples of this sum; this can be achieved by paying at the stall or by sending a cheque made out to the Maid Marian Locomotive Fund to the Honorary Secretary (details given above).

Hugh Jones

Honorary Secretary Maid Marian Locomotive Fund