

MMLF AGM 2022:

Please note that the 2022 AGM will be held at the Heritage Centre at Llanuwchllyn Station on Saturday 10 September 2022 at the slightly earlier time of 1330 hours. This will give subscribers a little more time to inspect Maid Marian as the loco will be steamed on the day. There will also be AGMs for the Bala Lake Railway Society and the Penrhyn Quarry Railway Society on the same day and venue, though at different times. One of the items on the Agenda will be the more general question of the timing of future AGMs as any amendments to the running of AGMs will need to be agreed by subscribers. This year there are 3 events within a month of each other (see below for details) which has highlighted the possible need to change the timing of the AGMs in future. No change has been made to the general arrangements since the Fund held its first AGM in 1968 at Bressingham Hall, Norfolk.

SALES REPORT FOR 2022:

The first event of the year was the Bala at 50 Gala, held at Llanuwchllyn Station between 30 April and 2 May 2022, to celebrate 50 years since the first train left Llanuwchllyn Station. The next sales opportunity will be held on 27 - 29 August, followed by the AGM on 10 September and finally the Bala Model Railway Show (MRS) on 24 September at Ysgol y Berwyn Secondary School. If you are able to help out on the stall on any of these three dates, please get in touch with the Honorary Secretary who will be pleased to welcome you to the stall. The Fund hopes to have some 2023 calendars for sale at the AGM weekend with more available for the MRS and postal sales. The calendar will include a number of previously-unused photographs of Dinorwic Quarry, depicting a number of locos from the Quarry, including Maid Marian at different times and in different appearances. The format will be a 12 page selection of landscape photographs with suitable texts to the usual quality that has been so appreciated over the years. A sample month is given below:



'MAID MARIAN' (HE 822/1903) with engine crew Jack Thomas and Glyn Jones, returning with empty slate waste wagons having just been tipped into Llyn Peris in the background, on Hafod Owen (Ground) level, with the engine guised in her 'original' condition with the brass domed water tank, although the frames were those of stablemate 'KING OF THE SCARLETS' following the 1928 identity swap. August 1949 Photograph by G Shuttleworth/MLS Collection

There has also been a new set of name plates castings made from the revitalised original pattern held by the Fund and kindly repaired by one of our subscribers. The prices of the calendar and name plates have not yet been decided but will be known before the AGM weekend.

NEWS OF THE LOCOMOTIVE:

Maid Marian has been working regularly, along with George B and Winifred, as these three locos are currently in working order. There have been no significant operational problems and the loco remains popular with the train crews, especially on wet days. At the last AGM, one of the original works plates that had been bought at auction had been ceremonially screwed onto the right hand side of the cab, where it can now be seen from the platform. This is the only item on the loco which was originally delivered to the Quarry in 1903, a reminder that a working steam locomotive is a constantly-evolving machine!

Hugh Jones

Honorary Secretary

10.08.22

MAID MARIAN LOCOMOTIVE FUND

NOTICE is hereby given of the FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the FUND to be held on Saturday 10 September 2022 at Llanuwchllyn Station, Rheilffordd Llyn Tegid, Bala commencing at 1400 hours.

AGENDA

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 2022 / 3
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

Please return the form below to the Honorary Secretary at 139, Stoops Lane, DONCASTER, DN4 7RG or hand it to one of the officers prior to the AGM. If you wish to nominate anyone for election please use the form below and get the agreement of your nominee.

MAID MARIAN LOCOMOTIVE FUND - NOMINATION FORM FOR 2022 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

MAID MARIAN LOCOMOTIVE FUND

Minutes of the FIFTY-SECOND Annual General Meeting on Saturday 14 September 2021 in the Heritage Centre at Llanuwchllyn Station at 1400 hours.

PRESENT:

D Dunster	Mrs C Dunster
R Hine (Chairman)	Mrs C Houghton (Independent Examiner)
M Houghton	R Houghton (Committee Member)
H Jones (Secretary)	M Jones
R Jones (Committee Member)	M Peacock
M Rogers	D Scotson (Treasurer)
G Ward	P Ward
B Wills	

1. APOLOGIES were received from 21 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. D Scotson, sec. M Hughes). The Chairman signed the Minutes.

3. MATTERS ARISING:

There were none that were not covered elsewhere.

4. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT: The President had offered his apologies for non-attendance as he was on holiday. In his Presidential Address, which was read to the AGM, he reported that he had driven *Maid Marian* on only one occasion this season and that the loco had worked well with a heavy train. He was pleased that the Fund and its subscribers had come through the last 18 months relatively safely and thanked everyone for supporting the Fund and the loco.

SECRETARY: The Secretary indicated that his recent Progress Reports had covered most of what had happened of significance during the year and gave a summary of the events since the beginning of lockdown in 2020. He concluded by noting that the recently-acquired works plate had been ceremonially screwed onto the right-hand side of *Maid Marian's* cab earlier in the day and that the other works plate that had been removed would be placed on display at the Heritage Centre. There were no queries from the floor.

TREASURER: The Treasurer had circulated his report beforehand, which had included the balance up to 31 March 2021. He was asked about the current financial position in view of the lack of opportunity for sales in 2020 and fewer sales than usual since the beginning of the current financial year. He read out the current balance which reflected a large increase following several subscribers adding to their voting strengths. There were no further questions for the Treasurer.

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

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, sec. G Ward).

6. ELECTION OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER: The Independent Examiner (Mrs C Houghton) had been approached by the Committee following the 2019 AGM and had examined the accounts for the Financial Years ending on 31 March 2020 and 31 March 2021. She was prepared to stand for a further year and was RE-ELECTED unanimously (prop. H Jones, 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. The loco had been running all the current season as it was the only available one with a cab and was coping with 6 coaches without too much trouble. There was a discussion about the possibility of acquiring the whistle from *Hugh Napier* as this has been found to carry the number 822; some preliminary steps were taken to determine whether the whistles could be interchanged but unfortunately the fittings are not compatible. It was hoped that it might be possible to organise the production of a set of sleeves suitably tapped so that the two whistles could be accommodated at a later date.

8. PROGRESS WITH FUND RAISING:

The Secretary mentioned the 3 fund-raising events held during 2021, the Bala Re-Railed event in June, the Statfold Barn event in July and the August Gala at Llanuwchllyn. Sales at the Gala had been brisk as a quantity of items had become available from the collection of a former subscriber. The Committee had decided that as the financial situation was secure, the Fund would in future pay for the cost of the sales items directly. It had also been agreed that a search would be made for a suitable wagon in which the Fund could keep some of its bulky but robust stock over winter months at Llanuwchllyn, so save having to move them to and from home each time there was a sales opportunity. The Secretary indicated that he would appreciate some assistance in sharing the load of organising the sales; the Committee has agreed to consider the possibility of introducing a position of Sales Officer in time for the next AGM to debate.

9. DATA STORAGE AND DISTRIBUTION:

The Secretary reported that he was in the process of introducing new forms for subscribers to complete; these would relate to the information kept on individual subscribers by the Fund and seeking their agreement that such information could be held. Alternative ways of achieving the necessary agreements were also considered. It was noted that subscribers would have to opt in to having their data stored, rather than opting out of the process.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- A. Amendment of the Rules: Rule 4 b) to replace "audited account" with "examined account" (prop. B Wills, sec. M Jones and AGREED unanimously).
- B. M Rogers proposed a vote of thanks to the Committee for their work over the past two years, seconded by G Ward. This was carried unanimously.

11. DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT AGM:

This was held over for the committee to agree on a suitable date, after weighing up the pros and cons following the joint day held with the Society.

The meeting concluded at 1515 hours.

MAID MARIAN LOCOMOTIVE FUND

Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

Heritage Railways Assn. Subs	75.00	Donations Received	953.14
Postage Envelopes etc.	189.70	Rental	250.00
Purchase of Books	177.52	Subscriptions	3600.00
Purchase of Coasters	135.00		
Purchase of Xmas Cards	46.00		
Purchase of Calendars	114.60		
Purchase of historic headboard	50.00		
Domain Name Renewal	49.16		
Surplus	3966.16		
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Balance Sheet as at 1 April 2022

Accumulated Fund	40544.62		Maid Marian (<i>Note 1</i>)	34792.00
Surplus	<u>3966.16</u>	44510.78	Shares in Rheilffordd Llyn Tegid	450.00
			Rental Due (<i>Note 2</i>)	250.00
			Cash at Bank:	
			Deposit Account (<i>Note 3</i>)	41.21
			Cheque Account	8957.57
			Cash in Hand	20.00
		<u>44510.78</u>		<u>44510.78</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 & purchased last year), 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. Interest rates were at record lows for the whole of the year; the cost of a stamp on a letter authorising the Bank to transfer surplus funds to the Deposit Account would have far exceeded any interest earned. The situation is kept under review.

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