



MINUTES OF THE 31ST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE AEC SOCIETY LIMITED

Minutes of the 31st Annual General Meeting of the AEC Society Ltd for year ending 31 March 2014 held at Newark Showground, Newark at 5.00 pm on Saturday 24 May 2014

Present: Committee Members (9):
Bob Gearing; John Kilby; David Hopkins; Peter Fowkes; Howard Berry; Marty Kilby; Dennis Moulding; Andrew Hollingsworth; Taylor Bland;
Members (8): Brian Goulding (President); Edward Album; Tim Hollingsworth; Kath Gearing; Bernard White; Nick Ezra; plus two others

1. APOLOGIES

Committee: Josh Hayles; Nick Bayliss

Members: John Manley; L A Edwards plus a further 19 members also sent proxy forms being unable to attend.

2. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

The Acting Chairman (Bob Gearing) greeted everyone and asked the committee to introduce themselves, which was done. The Chairman particularly welcomed our President Brian Goulding and thanked him for his continuing interest in the Society. Edward Album was thanked both for underwriting the Brass Band at the rally and for all his invaluable advice over the year. Thanks were also given to Kath Gearing who spend the majority of the rally at the entrance gate, and Angie Moulding who helps Dennis Moulding with the sales of AEC merchandise. Peter Fowkes was congratulated for taking on the job of Gazette Editor, and doing an excellent job.

3. ORDINARY BUSINESS

3.1. MINUTES OF 2013 AGM

The minutes of the AGM for year ending 31 March 2013, held on 26 October 2013, were before the meeting and had been published in the Gazette. No comments had been received and it was proposed that the minutes be signed as a correct record.

Proposed: That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting for year ending 31 March 2013 be accepted
Proposed: John Kilby Seconded: David Hopkins

Votes (including proxy voting): For: 36 Against: 0

RESOLVED THAT THE AGM MINUTES FOR YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2013 BE ACCEPTED.

3.2. REPORT AND ANNUAL ACCOUNTS OF THE SOCIETY (John Kilby)

John Kilby (Treasurer) presented the annual accounts for the Society for year ending 31 March 2014. The financial report is an appendix to the minutes and a copy can be obtained from Marty Kilby (Company Secretary). He talked members through the Annual Report and Accounts on a page-by-page basis, making a number of observations.

Proposed: That the accounts for year ending 31 March 2014 before the meeting be accepted.

Proposed: Edward Album; Seconded: Nick Ezra.

Votes (including proxy voting): For: 36 in favour Against: 0

RESOLVED THAT THE ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2014 BE ACCEPTED.

3.2. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE (to fill vacancies or retiring by rotation)

Chairman: Bob Gearing (36 in favour, 0 against)

Vice Chairman Andrew Hollingsworth (36 in favour, 0 against)

Vice Chairman David Hopkins (36 in favour, 0 against)

Merchandise Officer Dennis Moulding (36 in favour, 0 against)

Gazette Distribution Officer Dennis Moulding (36 in favour, 0 against)

Lorry Liaison – Peter Fowkes offered to stand for this vacancy. There being no other nominations this was proposed by Bob Gearing and seconded by Howard Berry:
Peter Fowkes (33 in favour, 0 against)

Publicity Officer – Tim Hollingsworth offered to stand for this vacancy. There being no other nominations this was proposed by Marty Kilby, Seconded David Hopkins:
Tim Hollingsworth (29 in favour 0 against)

For clarification - the full Committee is listed below, with their retirement/renewal dates (3 years after appointment):

Officers:	Bob Gearing	Chairman	2017
	Andrew Hollingsworth	Vice Chairman	2017
	David Hopkins	Vice chairman	2017
	John Kilby	Treasurer	2015
	Marty Kilby	Company Secretary	2016
	Howard Berry	Membership, Initial and Renewal	2015
	David Hopkins	Rally Director	2016
	Peter Fowkes	Editor of Newsletter (under Editorial Board)	2016
	Dennis Moulding	Merchandise Officer	2017
Other Committee Members			
	Dennis Moulding	Gazette Distribution Officer	2017
	Tim Hollingsworth	Publicity Officer	2017
	Josh Hayles	Webmaster	2015
	Nick Bayliss	Vehicle Registrar	2016
	Howard Berry	Facebook Co-ordinator	2015
	Taylor Bland	PSV Liaison Officer	2016

4. OTHERS BUSINESS PROPERLY BROUGHT BEFORE THE MEETING

There being no other formal business, Edward Album proposed a vote of thanks to all the committee for their hard work throughout the year.

The formal meeting closed at 5.34 pm

Signed: _____ (Chairman)

Date: _____

The informal general meeting commenced at 5.36 pm

REPORTS TO MEMBERS

MEMBERSHIP REPORT (Howard Berry)

The report was being presented earlier than usual, and as a number of members renew at the Rally, it is slightly more difficult to report on final numbers. During the past year 15 new members have joined, 10 of them in the past four months possibly due to the new Facebook page and adverts in Heritage Commercials (these adverts are free of charge because of reciprocal adverts by Heritage Commercials in the Gazette). At present membership stands at 300, but may people joine and renew at the rally and I am confident we will get to last year's membership figure of 463.

GAZETTE REPORT (Peter Fowkes)

Since taking over as editor in October 2013 at the last AGM I have edited three editions. It was decided that the magazine would be 40 pages with content along the lines of previous issues. My first in December 2013 was put together chiefly from my own archives as due to technical difficulties no information was passed to me – this has now been resolved. Thi issue seemed to be well accepted by the membership. Due to my inexperience in printing and publishing the layout was not as it should have been. However with a lot of help from Andrew Hollingsworth and the rest of the committee and from Sylvia Harris at Hawksworth Graphic and Print Ltd (our publishers) this has now improved. We now have an established routine where I visit the printers approximately a week before publishing to scan photographs and check articles and material. The publishing dates are now set at 1st of February, May, August, and November – although the 2014 May edition came out a little early in order to conform with rules relating to the notice of the AGM.

Issue 114 (February 2014) was, in my opinion, an improvement on Issue 113 with more information coming from members and other interested people. Because of some very interesting information coming from Hugo Rio of Lisbon, Portugal, i regard this latest issue (May 2014) as my best yet. This edition was increased to 48 pages to accommodate the Annual Report and Accounts for year ended 31 March 2014. The layout on this edition was, again, a further improvement.

I am hoping to introduce themes for future Gazettes such as restoration features, bus and coach company histories, and haulage company histories. I welcome input from anyone in the membership to suggest themes and articles for the future. The Readers' Letters section is already improving enormously with some very interesting topics being submitted.

I hope the members are pleased with how I am editing the Gazette but the main issue is membership input. The more we can find out about AEC and all its subsidiaries, the better the 'documentation' side of our tenet can be achieved in the AEC Society Gazette

OPEN FORUM

Members asked about a wet weather plan for the Rally. The Society had booked the George Stephenson building (in which several memorable AEC vehicles were already parked) and if very bad weather set in then there was a lot more room in the George Stephenson building.

RALLY DIRECTOR (David Hopkins)

I think we've got the layout right this year – the AECs are in the front line and the George Stephenson building is a good space for displaying some of the special AECs. Over the years the rally has continuously improved and feedback from you all – members and exhibitors. We need and value this feedback.

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and announced that it was planned to hold the 2015 AGM at the 2015 Rally.

The meeting closed at 5.45 pm

Signed: _____

(Chairman)

Date: _____