

Railway Preservation Society of Ireland

REPORT OF THE EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

Irish Railway Record Society, Dublin, Saturday 16th February 2019

Dr Joan Smyth chaired the meeting and 42 members were present.

The Chairman opened the meeting by introducing Dr Smyth to the members as the Society's new President. Dr Smyth gave a summary of her career and expressed pleasure at being able to chair her first meeting as President.

Apologies

Lord O'Neill, S.Comiskey, R.Guinness, D.Mackie, F.McDonnell, G.Mooney, R.Morton, P.Scott, J.Smyth, J.Teesdale, M.Walker.

Adoption of 2017 Accounts

The Treasurer explained that the purpose of the meeting was to approve the 2017 accounts. Because of delays to the audited accounts in recent years there had been some slippage in seeking membership approval.

He explained that he was supported by a Finance Committee, two in Belfast (J.Friel and J.Glendinning) and two in Dublin (B.Carse and D.Humphries), and they dealt with the day-to-day oversight of money in and money out.

The Treasurer said that the Society now had significant responsibility for employees, through Heritage Engineering Ireland and the Whitehead Railway Museum, and that the accounts were significantly more complex as a result. He noted that a condition of recent funding was that certain posts had to be filled and this was one of the reasons for WRM staff expenditure, as it was vital that funding income stream be maintained. He also noted that the significant surplus in the accounts was due in no small part to a large bequest which had been received from the estate of a late member.

Dr Smyth paid tribute to the Treasurer, stating that it was not an easy task and thanks were due to him.

The accounts were unanimously adopted on the proposal of M.Hoey, seconded by W.Riddall.

That being all the business, Dr Smyth closed the meeting by thanking those in attendance and paying tribute to the Chairman and all the Board.

Signed: _____ **Chairman** _____ **Date:** _____