

IRISH RAILWAY RECORD SOCIETY

14.30 25 March 2023 AGM

Minutes

1. President's comments
 - a. New Board Members
 - b. Ancestry (see notes below)
 - c. Move to Printbureau (see notes below)
 - d. Annual Dinner
 - e. Meeting with Irish Rail
 - f. Appointment of new CIE Senior Archivist,
Kevin Forkan
 - g. Post-Covid benefits (Zoom numbers)
2.
 - a. Presentation to Alan Hyland (& family Daryl,
Stephen, Mark) -
(Hon.Premises Officer 27/01/2005 to
16/06/2021
Hon. Treasurer 25/05/2007
Hon. Membership Secretary 24/04/2012
Journal distribution)
 - b. Hon Membership for Alan Hyland
 - c. Thank you to departing Board Member Shane
Roberts

3. Approval of Minutes of 2022 AGM - passed
4. Consider and approve the Board report for the year to 31 August 2022. TB to speak about financial performance and position - changeover challenges.
5. To appoint statutory auditors and fix their remuneration for year-end Aug 2023
6. Election , 5 names for 5 Board places - no election process required. Elected: (WR, TB, TM,CC, KF)
7. Resolution regarding re-appointment of the President passed

Resolution for IRRS AGM 25/03/2023

"To appoint Mr. Richard Fearn as President of the Irish Railway Record Society for 5 years to the IRRS AGM to be held in 2028"

Proposed: Mark Merrigan, Date: 27/02/2023



Seconded:



8. AOB - any matters where legal action has been threatened cannot be discussed in an open forum.

9. Chairman's closing comments

Ancestry.com :

The Society has signed a contract with Ancestry, the global leader in family history, to work together to digitise the railway, bus and tram personnel records in our archive. The imaging phase is now complete and the next step is processing. This project has been a long time in review by the Board given that this is a new venture for us. Ancestry's expert Imaging team worked onsite at our archive to create digital images of the thousands of personnel records of railway, bus and tram staff which we hold on behalf of CIE. Ancestry will then
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create digital indexes to these images and together the images and indexes will be made available in digital searchable form on the Ancestry websites, and in the Society's Heuston premises. Ancestry's mission is to empower personal discoveries to enrich lives, and their website is a powerful tool to get an overview of individuals, their families, occupations, trends and whereabouts stretching back as long as records allow. Our records will be published online alongside over 33 billion records that Ancestry already holds from other similar digitisation projects

from Irish and UK entities, and around the world. This will be a powerful research and genealogy tool when it is fully completed in 2024. We will provide a further update on this exciting project in the June 2023 Journal.

Printbureau:

Journal design, printing and dispatch has been contracted to Printbureau in Inchicore, Dublin. The first such Journal was 209 and there was a step change upwards in production quality. Given that the changeover to Printbureau happened under difficult circumstances, the physical delivery was delayed and we regret this. However it was made available on-line to all those members for whom we have an e-mail address.

