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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2010

The 6th Annual General Meeting of the Railway Development Society Limited  
will be held at  
Wrexham Football Club, The Racecourse Ground, Mold Road, Wrexham LL11 2AH

on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2010, starting at 11.15 a.m.  
(registration from 10.00 am onwards)

By Rail: The Racecourse Ground is located directly next to Wrexham General Station.

By Car: Take the A483 from Chester or Oswestry to Wrexham. Exit at the 'Mold' junction and then follow the signs for 'Town Centre'. The Racecourse will come quickly into view. Parking is available at the Racecourse.

Information about attractions and facilities in Wrexham (e.g. maps, accommodation etc) can be obtained from <http://www.wrexham.gov.uk/english/index.cfm>

Accommodation can be booked via Wrexham Tourist Information Centre on 01978 292015 or email [tic@wrexham.gov.uk](mailto:tic@wrexham.gov.uk).

**Important Notice regarding Catering:** If you require lunch at the AGM, you must book and pay for it in advance. The Society cannot afford to order (and pay for) extra lunches on the off-chance that delegates might want them on the day.

Tea/Coffee will be provided free-of-charge during Registration (10.00-11.15) and again in the afternoon. However, it has become increasingly difficult in recent years to predict with any degree of accuracy the number likely to attend the AGM and thus how many servings of tea/coffee to order (and pay for). If you are planning to come, please do take the trouble to at least tick the first box on the Booking Form so that we can avoid over (or under) catering.

Your co-operation is appreciated.

### Postal Ballot for election of Directors.

There was only one nomination for Chairman so Michael Crowhurst is elected unopposed. There were 3 nominations for 3 vacancies as directors so David Steven Berman, Trevor John Garrod and Ian F S McDonald are elected unopposed. **There is therefore no postal ballot.**

### Proxies

Any member entitled to attend and vote may appoint a proxy to attend and, upon a vote, vote on their behalf. A recommended form of proxy is enclosed with this notice. A proxy need not be a member of the Company.

### Annual Report and Financial Statements

It is anticipated that these will be posted to members in late March.

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Sixth Annual General Meeting of  
**The Railway Development Society Limited** will be held at  
**Wrexham Football Club, The Racecourse Ground, Mold Road, Wrexham LL11 2AH**  
at **11.15am** on **Saturday 8th May 2010**

### AGENDA

**10.00-11.15 Registration** (and issue of lunch tickets to those who have booked)  
(Tea/Coffee available from 10.00)

#### 11.15 Morning Session

1. Chairman's Welcome
2. Apologies for Absence
3. Guest Speakers: Tim James Head of Rail Transport at Welsh Assembly Government  
Ben Jones Stakeholder Liason Manager Arriva Trains Wales.  
Michael Whittaker Chief Executive of Taith the North East Wales Transport Consortia  
which covers the Wrexham area.

Followed by questions

#### 12.30 – 13.30 L U N C H (BY PREPAID TICKET ONLY)

#### 13.30 Afternoon Session

1. Welcome:
2. To read and approve the Minutes of the Fifth Annual General Meeting of the Railway Development Society Ltd held on Saturday 9th May 2009.
3. Matters Arising from the Minutes.
4. President's Address.
5. Chairman's Report.
6. To receive the Annual Report and Financial Statements for the period ended 31st December 2009.
7. Reporting Accountant's Report.
8. Appointment of Reporting Accountant.
9. Results of postal ballot for Directors and to note that the Chairman, Michael Crowhurst, and directors David Steven Berman, Trevor John Garrod and Ian F S McDonald are elected unopposed.
10. Appointment of President and Vice-Presidents
11. **Special Resolution to amend the Memorandum of Articles of Association**  
That in Article 3 the second sentence be amended to read 'No person shall be admitted a member of the company or an appointed representative or alternate of a Corporate Body or Affiliated Organisation unless they are approved by the directors.'  
That in Article 5 after the end of the second sentence be added 'The directors of the Company shall then be able at their sole discretion to decline to accept an appointee if for any reason they consider that such person would not be approved by them as a member of the Company.'

**Explanatory note:** These are to equalise the discretion of the directors between admitting members and accepting other organisations' appointees as the latter enjoy almost the same voting rights under Articles 12 or 13 as members under Article 11, namely full attendance and voting rights and in the case of Affiliated Organisations the additional right to stand for election to the appropriate Branch Committee.

Proposed by the board

12. Motions – to consider motions on RDS policy, strategy and organisation. These will be distributed at registration, but advance copies can be obtained by request with a Stamped Addressed Envelope (see booking form). Any amendments should be given in writing, with the names of the proposer and seconder, to the Chairman.

By Order of the Board  
C.A. LINGARD, Company Secretary  
12 Home Close, Bracebridge Heath, Lincoln LN4 2LP  
1st December 2009



## AGM Motions

Motions on national RDS policy, strategy and organisation are welcomed from members.

These must be word processed or typewritten and must bear the name of a proposer and seconder.

They must reach the Chairman:

Mr Mike Crowhurst, 33 Station Court, Aberford Road, Garforth, Leeds LS25 2QQ  
by Saturday 24th April 2010.

The Chairman may forward a copy of any motion to any RDS Officer, Branch, specialist committee or affiliated group whose work it may affect, in advance of the meeting. This is solely to enable the discussion to be as well informed as possible.

Motions on local issues should normally be debated at Branch AGMs but may also, in exceptional cases, be put to the National AGM. Emergency motions may be put to the meeting at the Chairman's discretion.

Motions should be CONCISE (preferably not more than 100 words) and the proposer and seconder should normally be present to speak on them and/or answer questions. Motions without a seconder will not be accepted. Any member proposing two or more motions must indicate order of priority (motions other than his/her first one will only be put if time allows).

## Specialist Committees

These are currently:

Passenger  
Freight  
Network Development (formerly Reopenings)  
Policy, Lobbying & Campaigns  
International & EU  
Internal Affairs  
Publicity and Marketing  
*Railwatch* Editorial Board

Any member interested in serving on any of these Committees should write to the Chairman (address above) as soon as possible; he will then put their name to the incoming Board of Directors at their first meeting after the AGM.

## ***Railfuture's Mission Statement***

***To be the number one advocate for the railway and rail users.***





# AGM BOOKING FORM

**Wrexham Football Club, The Racecourse Ground, Mold Road, Wrexham LL11 2AH  
on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2010, starting at 11.00 a.m.**

(PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE COMPLETION)

If you are coming to the AGM, or wish to send your apologies, please complete this form  
IN CAPITALS

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ POSTCODE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

Please tick as appropriate:

- I will be coming to the AGM in Wrexham on Saturday 8th May 2010
- I will require Cold Buffet Lunch @ £7.00 (must be booked and paid for in advance)
- I will not be coming. Please record my apologies

- Please send me a copy of the 2009 AGM Minutes ( please enclose a )
- Please send me a copy of Motions for this meeting ( large letter/A4 envelope with )  
( a minimum of a 47p stamp )

- Please email me a copy of the 2009 AGM Minutes
- Please email me a copy of the Motions for this meeting

Copies of the 2009 AGM Minutes also available for download from the Railfuture website  
[www.railfuture.org.uk](http://www.railfuture.org.uk)

Please return this form (with cheque, payable to ' Railfuture ', where appropriate ):

by FRIDAY 30<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2010 **AT THE VERY LATEST**, to:

Lloyd Butler (Railfuture)  
24 Chedworth Place  
Tattingstone  
Suffolk  
IP9 2ND

