

# Autumn 2025 EGM

Edinburgh University  
Railway Society

Minutes from the Extraordinary  
General Meeting

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## Agenda

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## Attendance

<b>Present</b>	7 Full Members 1 Lifetime Member
<b>Quorum</b>	15% of Membership (8 people of 50) This meeting was quorate
<b>Chair</b>	Liam
<b>Minutes-taker</b>	Seb

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## Meeting starts at 18:41

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### 1. Constitutional amendments

Seb presented a proposed constitution to adopt, which was reviewed against the current constitution at the meeting. The proposed constitution was available to view on the agenda, which was published two weeks in advance of the meeting.

The functional changes were as follows:

**Lifetime Membership:** A member needs only to be nominated by a majority vote by the committee, not a unanimous vote.

**Lifetime Membership:** The Secretary will keep a register of lifetime members.

**Office Bearers:** Individual clauses for each non-executive role except the Welfare Officer were removed. Now, candidates are first elected to General Committee and then assigned roles after the General Meeting. This means that an EGM does not need to be called every time a non-welfare/non-exec committee member resigns. The current executive officers will decide how many General Committee posts will be available at the next AGM.

**Recall:** The threshold for recall was reduced from a three-quarters majority to a two-thirds majority.

**Biscuits:** Maryland biscuits are no longer unconstitutional.

**Dissolution:** A motion to dissolve the society must take place at a EGM with a special quorum of 25% called specifically for that purpose. Previously a special quorum of 50% of membership was set for these meetings.

There was upon presentation a clause that would explicitly allow committee posts to be occupied by two or more members if they ran as a joint candidate, however this was removed by consensus before the vote.

<b>Vote</b>	7 eligible to vote (full student members only)
	7 ballots cast
	6 ballots for
	1 spoilt ballot

The motion was successful; the constitution was adopted.

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### 2. Statement from the Outgoing Treasurer

Sam was intending to enrol on a masters programme but instead decided to postpone, and was no longer eligible to be Treasurer.

They were one of the longest-running committee members, having joined General Committee in 2022.

Sam was one of the first to go to Reston, and on that day got what then became the society mascot, Reston the Hippo.

They were then President the year after, and Treasurer the year after that which included the society's first 'big trip' to Inverness, which was a long-held ambition. They are proud of the society's emphasis on accessibility, and how RailSoc was able to subsidise members' tickets on that trip to make it easier to attend.

They offered advice to their successor: to remember the spirit of how things are done at RailSoc. There's an informal side to the society and how its activities are organised and run. It's served the society well, making it non-threatening, warm, and inclusive.

RailSoc isn't just a society, organisation, or some other faceless entity. It is a community.

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### 3. Election of a Treasurer

Will Lewis and Luc Barrier nominated themselves.

Will provided the following written statement: 'I will endeavour to be more on time than our previous treasurer. Over the summer, I spent 8 weeks getting delay repay out of cross country so I think I can deal with EUSA'

At the meeting, Will also mentioned that he had attended almost all RailSoc events in the previous year, enjoyed being with people and seeing cool places, and was motivated by a desire to give back to the society. He would love for us to do more big trips. He mentioned that he is studying mathematical physics and was self-employed over the summer.

Luc provided the following written statement: 'I am standing as treasurer on the basis that I know very well how the society EUSA work and I am standing on a platform of maintaining the financial accessibility of all the society activities for all students. I am in fourth year undergraduate History here and have been successively general committee member, vice president and then general committee member (whilst on exchange). I have been treasurer in another society, Board Games and so I have experience dealing with both the actual nuts and bolts of being a society Treasurer but also of the means of applying for EUSA grants. I intend if elected to keep the memberships free as it already is for this year as well as use EUSA grants to subsidise society activities like a trip going further afield as well as other activities depending on funding availability such as our modelling group.'

At the meeting, Luc reiterated his experience with EUSA fundraising, and general experience dealing with the Students' Association, and that he would love to have the opportunity to be Treasurer in his final year of university. He also mentioned that he was on a year abroad the previous academic year.

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**Vote** 7 eligible to vote (full student members only)  
7 ballots cast  
4 votes for Will  
2 votes for Luc  
1 spoilt ballot

Will was duly elected as Treasurer.

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#### 4. Election of a Vice President

In accordance with the constitution adopted earlier in the meeting, the election was officially ran for a General Committee Member who would then be appointed Vice President.

Morgan Waite and Luc Barrier nominated themselves.

Morgan provided the following written statement: 'I'm a 4th year Celtic and Linguistics student with a keen interest in languages and railways, so muttering the Gaelic placenames at the bottom of signage is something many of you will have heard me do! I've been in RailSoc from our very beginning on the first passenger train to Reston in around 60 years, having served on committee as ordinary member, Secretary, and Welfare Officer. I've also been the Treasurer for An Comann Ceilteach for two years now, which hopefully shows some vague level of competence on committees if nothing else. RailSoc means a lot to me, and I would appreciate the chance to continue working on behalf of the society as Vice President and just generally being the committee's elder stateswoman who can help to keep things ticking along!'

Luc Barrier nominated himself at the meeting and therefore had not provided a written statement.

**Vote** 7 eligible to vote (full student members only)  
7 ballots cast  
6 votes for Morgan  
1 spoilt ballot

Morgan was duly elected as General Committee Member (Vice President).

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#### 5. Election of a Railway Advocacy Officer

In accordance with the constitution adopted earlier in the meeting, the election was officially ran for a General Committee Member who would then be appointed Railway Advocacy Officer.

Jason Yūki Gunn nominated themselves.

Jason provided the following written statement: 'Hello people! I want to use my knowledge of Railsoc, contacts with other societies, and other general skills to open as many doors for Railsoc as possible. I kickstarted the discussions which led us going to Marine depot with Permagarden soc! Cool thanks for listening guys'

**Vote** 7 eligible to vote (full student members only)  
7 ballots cast  
7 votes for Jason

Jason was unanimously elected as General Committee Member (Railway Advocacy Officer).

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**Meeting ends at 19:45**

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#### About these minutes

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