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Members' Meeting

Monday 12 March 2018 at 21:00

Hilton Garden Inn, Eastern Perimeter Road, Hounslow, London TW6 2SQ

Minutes / Action Points

Present

Stephen Telling	LTCOA Chairman
Darren Brown	Crawley Luxury Coaches
David Brown	Crawley Luxury Coaches
Anthony Burkill	LJ Edwards
Judy Dale	Royale European Coaches
Taj Dhaliwal	New Bharat Coaches
Andrew Jeakins	Jeakins / Lianne
Danny Kenny	Southgate and Finchley Coaches
David Maynard	LJ Edwards
Andy Palmer	Impact Group Ltd
Neil Pegg	City Circle UK
Peter Rice	Southgate and Finchley Coaches
Ivan Shears	Chalfont Coaches
Stephen Skinner	Skinner's of Oxted
Matt Taylor	Stewarts Coaches
Ivan Thomas	Edward Thomas and Son
Peter Bradley	Director of Administration and Development - LTCOA

1. Apologies for Absence

These were received from:

Mark Anderson	Anderson Travel
Margaret l'Anson	Chandlers Coach Travel
Jim Baxter	London Pullman
Paul Cowell	Honorary Member
Paul Hockley	Redwing Coaches
Deborah Newman	Board Member
David Phillips	London Minicoaches

Steve Spiller	Centurion Travel
Richard Telling	Falcon Coaches
Darren Curd	Wrightsure
David Hull	Wrightsure

2. Minutes of previous meeting 13 November 2017 and 8 January 2018

Agreed and signed by the Chairman

3. Matter arising from the minutes of 13 November 2017 and 8 January 2018 not covered elsewhere

No items raised

4. Events for 2018/19

• LTCOA Open Evening – Monday 16 April

Stephen Telling reminded members of the Open Evening next month and encouraged them to attend and bring guests. He stated that it was vital for the health of the association that we attract good operators to come and join and allow more weight to be carried when negotiating with stakeholders.

• Autumn Tour – 21 to 24 October 2018

Stephen Telling gave full details of the Autumn Educational Tour to Belgium to be hosted by Volvo at a cost of £140, plus single room supplement of £25. He encouraged members to book early as there was likely to be a high demand for spaces. The outline programme is as follows:

- Sunday 21st October - travel to Ypres via Ferry (Dover - Calais)
- Monday 22nd October - site seeing and evening meal hosted by Volvo and Jonkheere
- Tuesday 23rd October - Jonkheere factory tour and lunch; evening walk to Menin gate for the ceremony
- Wednesday 24th October - travel home via Euro Tunnel

Stephen once again thanked **Peter Rice** for all the hard work undertaken in putting the programme together

Other events for the year are attached to these minutes.

5. Ultra-Low Emission Zone

Stephen Telling lead a wide-ranging discussion on the topic of clean air and future technologies. It was agreed that while there were plenty of solution in the pipeline for buses, this was not the case for coaches. Manufacturing capacity, retrofit technology (which is only seen as a transitional solution) and longer-term issues of electric infrastructure and supply were all seen as key issues.

It was agreed that the meeting in September should be turned over to discussing this topic in more detail with an invited panel of experts. Stephen said that the LTCOA Board would put together a proposal to circulate to members in due course.

Peter Bradley reported that a response to the TfL consultation on changes to Low Emission Zone and expansion of the Ultra Low Emission Zone in London had been submitted at the end of February. Copies had already been circulated to members.

6. Website

Peter Bradley reported that a mock-up of the new website had now been viewed and looked very promising. He had another meeting scheduled with the website provider (Demographic) shortly to progress the concept.

7. TfL Update

Peter Bradley said that resources at TfL allocated specifically for coaches were very thin on the ground and there was no longer a specific dedicated person. **Robert Hall** remained our key contact, but he now had other responsibilities as well. **Simon Lusby**, who was responsible for longer term strategies for coaches was currently on extended paternity leave.

The Mayor's Transport Strategy had now been finalised and is in the process of being published. It is clear that there have been some adjustments to the content following our representations. Peter would examine these in more detail and report back to the next meeting.

8. Any Other Business

S19 and S22 Permits

There was a wide-ranging discussion, led by **Stephen Telling**, on the current consultation issued by the DfT. The key issue as far as the association is concerned is that those travelling in a vehicle, whether it has 9 to 16 seats or greater, expected it to be driven by a professional, who had the necessary PCV Licence and Certificate of Professional Competence. It was also agreed that the issuing of s19 Permits by organisations was unchecked and therefore, in effect, unregulated. The Association would be responding to the consultation in this vein.

9. Dates of Future Meetings

- **Monday 14 May at 19:30**

Chris Joyce, Head of Surface Access Strategy, Expansion Programme at Heathrow Airport - Hilton Garden Inn, Eastern Perimeter Road, Hatton Cross, London, TW6 2SQ

- **Monday 24 September (Time to be announced)**
LTCOA Expert Panel Evening – Clean Air and Future Technologies - Time and location to be announced
- **Sunday 21 October to Wednesday 24 October**
The LTCOA Autumn Tour to Belgium hosted by Volvo
 - Sunday 21st - Travel to Ypres via Ferry (Dover - Calais)
 - Monday 22nd - Sightseeing and evening meal hosted by Volvo and Jonkheere
 - Tuesday 23rd - Jonkheere factory tour and lunch provided by Jonkheere followed by evening walk to Menin gate for the ceremony
 - Wednesday 24th - Travel home via Euro Tunnel
- **Monday 19 November (Time to be announced)**
Hilton Garden Inn, Eastern Perimeter Road, Hatton Cross, London, TW6 2SQ
- **Tuesday 4 December (Provisional)**
LTCOA Christmas Dinner – Location to be agreed
- **Monday 14 January 2019 (Time to be announced)**
Hilton Garden Inn, Eastern Perimeter Road, Hatton Cross, London, TW6 2SQ
- **Saturday 2 February 2019 18:15 for 19:15**
The LTCOA 32nd Annual Dinner Dance – The Palace Suite, The Royal Garden Hotel, 2-24 Kensington High Street, W8 4PT
- **Monday 11 March 2019 (Time to be announced)**
AGM - Hilton Garden Inn, Eastern Perimeter Road, Hatton Cross, London, TW6 2SQ