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SECRETARY'S NOTES

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Swiss Railways Society will be held at the Cumbrian Hotel, Carlisle, on Saturday 14 March 1992. (See separate announcement for details)

Nomination of Society Officers

Nominations for the following posts are invited:

President, Vice President, Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, Editor and four other members.

Nomination forms are available from the Society Secretary, John Jesson, and should be returned not later than 15 February 1992.

Motions for 1992 AGM

Motions for inclusion in the 1992 AGM should reach the Secretary before 15 February 1992.

1991 AGM Minutes and Accounts

Audited accounts for 1990 and the Minutes of the 1991 AGM will be found enclosed with this issue of the magazine.

Renewal Forms and Questionnaire

A questionnaire accompanies the renewal form. All members are asked to complete this form as fully as possible. Comments and views about any aspect of the Society and/or Swiss Express are invited and for this purpose the back of the

questionnaire may be used.

This year we shall try to send the correct form to everyone. If, by some mischance, you are sent an incorrect form, please complete it and return it, together with your subscription (see list above). Members in the USA should return their completed forms and subscription (in Dollars) to Gary Hartman, Box 92, Jerome Ave.Stn.,Bronx, NY 10468-0092; everyone else should send their form and subscription (in sterling) to Les Heath, 7, Pauline Gardens, Billericay, Essex, CM12 0LB.

Rules and Constitution

The Management Committee proposes the following addition to the Rules and Constitution, Section 3, "Membership and Subscriptions, for discussion at the AGM.:

The society will circulate to members, from time to time, a list of names and addresses (not telephone numbers) of members. Each year, members will be asked to indicate on their renewal form whether or not they wish their own name and address to be included on this list. The Society will make every effort to comply with member's wishes, but cannot accept responsibility for the consequences of any error of inclusion or exclusion

1992 Renewals

Subscriptions for 1992 are due on 1 January 1992.

It has been decided to separate European subscriptions from the former Overseas category, this reflects the difference between postal charges to Europe and elsewhere. The new categories and subscription rates are:

Great Britain	£8.00 (unchanged from 1991)
Europe	£11.00 (unchanged from 1991)
United States of America	\$27.00 (increase of \$5)
Rest of World	£12.00 (increase of £1)

The increases are due to the rise in postal charges. In addition the USA subscription has been raised to help cover the cost of maintaining the US bank account. Whilst this is regretted, it is pointed out that an increase of \$8 each would be necessary to cover the costs of converting dollar payments in Britain.

Secretary's Announcement

This will be the last time I shall be writing these notes (penultimate? - the March issue appears before the AGM Ed.), as am not standing for re-election at the AGM. The reason is, purely and simply, pressure of other commitments and the Secretaryship of the Swiss Railways Society is not the only commitment I am, reluctantly, giving up.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their unstinting help and support during the time I have been Secretary. However, this is not the last you will hear from me as, with the Editor's approval (granted), I shall continue to write for Swiss Express. Who knows, the Nit-Picker's guide may even make a reappearance!

Editor's Jottings

Little did I think in June, when I asked for a snow scene for the December cover that I would be providing it myself. However, we experienced practically every sort of weather known to man during this year's editorial visit,

I was able to get a very pleasing shot of a RhB train in the snow. It was very cold out in the end lobby of the coach, but at least I could open the window without freezing the rest of the passengers.

A new computer and printer, complete with a simple, straightforward DTP program, has enabled us to make some improvement to the appearance of Swiss Express and, we trust, an increase in readability. Double column format has been adopted with this last point in mind.

You will, we hope, have noticed that we have increased the number of pages in recent issues, and at the same time have been able to freeze Home and European subscriptions for another year. This in no small part is due to the steady increase in membership which has continued through 1991 despite the recession.

Thanks to a small group of regular contributors, Swiss Express is not short of material, but inevitably this must mean that it reflects the viewpoints of a minority of the membership and whilst I do all I can to keep some sort of balance, in the last analysis I am restricted to the material I receive. So, if your view of Switzerland and its transport system differs from ours, the remedy is in your hands. In particular, although a fair proportion of members do model Swiss railways, we are always short of modelling articles. Whilst I would

never suggest any member need feel obliged to contribute, I do ask that any critic should provide alternatives.

Last, but by no means least, may I, on behalf of the Committee, wish all SRS members the compliments of the season, and a peaceful, and prosperous 1992, during which, I hope, most of us will be able to travel over the fascinating Swiss railway, postbus and lake boat system..

Next Year's Anniversaries

Centenaries

BRB	Brienz-Brienz Rothorn	17 June
GN	Glion-Caux	2 July
GN	Caux-Nay	28 July
SZU	Zurich-Sihlwald	3 August
TN	Neuchatel-Boudry	16 Sept
GN	Naye-Rochers de Naye	20 Sept
CJ	Saignelegier-La Chaux-de-Fonds	7 Dec

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BTI	Siselen-Ins	19 March
FO	Goschonen-Andermatt	12 July
NStCM	St.Cergue-La Cure	18 August
OJB	Langenthal-Melchnau	6 October