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MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

SWISS RAILWAYS SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This is to give notice that the Annual General Meeting of the Swiss Railways Society will be held in the Midland Hotel, Derby on Saturday 8th March 2008 commencing at 14.00.

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS

Nominations for the following posts are invited: - Chairman; Secretary; Treasurer; Editor; Membership Secretary; Publicity & Exhibitions Officer; Sales Officer, and two other elected members of the Management Committee. At the time of writing neither the Chairman nor Treasurer are seeking re-election to their respective posts. Nomination Forms are available from the Secretary, Roger Ellis, Alf-N-Alf Cottage, Kingsbury Episcopi, MARTOCK, Somerset, TA12 6AZ. Completed forms should reach him no later than Saturday 23rd February 2008.

It is important to note that all Committee Members and those seeking nomination, as well as their proposers and seconders, should have paid their 2008 subscription prior to signing the nomination form. Failure to do so will render the nomination invalid. Members are advised that a list of candidates and a copy of any statement they may have made in connection with their candidature can be supplied by the Secretary, provided that any such application is accompanied by a self addressed envelope and received no later than 23rd February 2008.

Any application for a postal vote must again be accompanied by a self addressed envelope and must reach the Secretary no later than Saturday 1st March 2008. Completed ballot papers must be with the Secretary before the start of the meeting on 8th March 2008.

SPECIAL NOTICE FOR OVERSEAS MEMBERS

In order to overcome the problem of possible postal delays, the Secretary will accept requests and will provide information by e-mail. The address is Secretary@SwissRailSoc.org.uk. Overseas members should note the deadline dates will still apply.

MOTIONS FOR THE AGM

Motions for the meeting, proposed and seconded by members who have paid their 2008 subscriptions, should reach the Secretary by 8th February 2008. This will ensure that they can be included on the agenda, together with any motions put forward by the Committee.

In connection with the latter Clause 6ii of the Constitution reads:- "A banking account may be operated in the name of the Society, and cheques and withdrawals shall be signed by any two of the following; the Chairman, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and one other nominated member of the Committee".

The Committee propose that the following words be added: "and in the case of the banking account(s) operated for providing the *Eisenbahn Amateur* service to the Society's members (and limited to these specific accounts) the *Eisenbahn Amateur* Co-ordinator if he/she is not a member of the Committee".

This is to formalise the reality of the current situation which has been in place for many years but not covered by the Constitution.

Renewal Time

Martin Fisher

Publication of the December issue means it's time to once again to ask you to renew your membership. Unless you have already paid for 2008 you will find a renewal form inside this magazine. I look forward to receiving your completed form, and payment (!), as soon as possible. If you choose to pay by credit card rather by cheque please ensure that all the details are written clearly.

Several members pay for two years at once. If you have not already adopted this course in the past, you might like to do so this time. In this event, I will send you your card for 2008 on renewal and the one for 2009 next autumn.

You will be glad to know that there is no general increase in membership subscription this year. However, there is an increase for those of our friends in the USA who pay by dollar cheque. The subscription in that instance has been raised to \$37.00 to bring it into line with the sterling rate paid by other members outside Europe.

AGM Photo Competition

Glyn Jones

As usual there will be a photographic competition at the 2008 AGM on the 8th March in Derby. Entries are accepted from any member whether attending the AGM or not, but please enclose a stamped addressed envelope for the return of your photos if you do send them by post. There will be three categories: Railway – Scenic – Humorous. You can interpret the categories as loosely as you wish but the photos must have been taken in Switzerland. Members may only enter one photograph in each category and the maximum size of the print, mounted or unmounted is 7" x 5" and preferably it should be titled. For further details and advance entries contact: Glyn Jones, 18 Robin Road, Coalville, Leics, LE67 4LB, or glyn.jones@btinternet.com