

Underground Electric Railways Company of London Limited

The Board Minutes
of 6th July, Sec.
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At a Meeting of the General
Purposes Committee held at the
Offices of the Company, Electric
Railway House Broadway Westmunde
S.W.

Tuesday, 13th July 1920

Present

Mr. Hon. Lord Ashfield, in the Chair
Mr. W. M. Acworth
Mr. C. J. Carter Scott
Mr. H. A. Vernet

In Attendance

Asst. Secretary, Managers, Officers and
Solicitor of the Company.

213 Bills in Parliament Session 1920 Lares Bill

The Commercial Manager reported that this
Bill would be read a second time in the House
of Lords on this date and that so far as the
Parliamentary Agents had been able to ascertain,
no Committee had yet been appointed to consider
same.

214 L.C.C. Tramways & Improvements Bill.

It was reported that the L.C.C. Tramways &
Improvements Bill had passed the Committee of
the House of Commons with amended powers to
amend.

215 Sydenham, Victoria & West End Electric Tube Railway Syndicate.

The Commercial Manager also reported that an application had been received from Captain Amesley asking the Company's approval of Mr David Hay being appointed Engineer to the proposed Sydenham, Victoria & West End Electric Tube Railway.

It was resolved to recommend that the Companies concerned should not agree to this proposal.

Financial Statements.

Traffic Statements

Traffic Statements for the week ending 3rd July 1920 and for the period from the 1st January to the 3rd July 1920 were submitted.

The Tramways Manager reported that the application of the South Metropolitan Electric Tramways for power to increase their rates of charge had been deposited but that no order had yet been received.

217 Cash Statement

Cash statement as at 6th July 1920 was submitted.

218 Petty Cash Float, Treasurers Office.

The Treasurer reported that it was again necessary to ask for a further increase in his Petty Cash Float owing to the heavy demands on same for holiday advances.

It was resolved that authority be given for the Treasurers Petty Cash Float to be further increased by an amount of £1,000 it being understood that £500 would be drawn in

the first instance and the balance only if required.

219 Capital Statement

Capital Statement was submitted.

Staff Matters

220 Pensions Grants &c

The Chairman stated that in future it would not be necessary to report to the Meeting grants to the Staff which were within the authorised scale but that particulars of such grants were to be forwarded to the Assistant Secretary for the purpose of recording on the Minutes of the General Purposes Committee or Managers' Meetings.

221 Scale advances to Women Clerks.

The Operating Manager reported that a Meeting of Managers and Officers had been held and the question of advances to the Women Clerks had been considered.

It was recommended that a scale advance due on the 1st January or 1st July 1919 and half of this scale advance due 1st January & 1st July 1920 should be given to date from the 1st August 1919 and to be merged in any amount which might ultimately be due under the regrading scheme which was now having the consideration of the Railway Companies.

It was resolved that the recommendation be approved and authority be given for a circular to be submitted for signature.

The Operating Manager also reported that Mr H. J. Morgan of the Secretary's Office (Railway Estate Section) had been recommended a special ante-dated increase at the rate of £35 per annum as between May 1918 and July 1919, and that the increases recently granted to Mr Cockshott, Mr Boughton and Mr Every be re-dated to the 1st August 1919.

It was resolved that the recommendations be approved.

Petty Cash, Hoat, Lifts Engineers

The Manager for Maintenance and Construction asked that the Petty Cash Hoat of £5 held by Lifts Engineer be increased to £10.

It was resolved that the same be approved.

Hourly and Weekly paid Employees

Medical examination.

The Manager for Maintenance (L.G.O.) recommended that the medical examination of the hourly and weekly paid Staff might be dispensed with for say a period of three months so far as his Department was concerned.

It was resolved that the recommendation be approved.

Staff Superannuation Fund. Mr P Dixon.

The Operating Manager reported that Borking Clerk P Dixon had applied for membership of the Railway Clearing System Superannuation Fund.

This employee had previously been in the Engineer's Department of the Company but had been transferred to the Operating Department in consequence of disabilities following War Service.

It was resolved to recommend that the Company nominate Booking Clerk P. Brown for membership of the Railway Clearing System Superannuation Fund under Rule 5^a of the R.C.H. Rules and Regulations.

225 Managers' Holidays

The Chairman stated that he had received a schedule showing the dates on which the Managers proposed taking their annual holidays. After discussion, same was approved.

Services and Fares

226 Fares

The Chairman stated that he had been considering this matter and thought it desirable to postpone for a short period any increases in fares.

227 Opening of Ealing Extension

The Manager for Maintenance and Construction (Railways) reported that a Meeting had been held with the Great Western Railway Officials and the following arrangements had been agreed:

That the current should be put on to the line on the 21st July, that the Ministry of Transport should inspect the extension on the 25th July, that the official visit by the Directors and Officers of both Companies should take place on the 28th July.

and the Public opening should be on the 3rd August.
The Great Western Railway proposed inviting
the Central London Railway representatives to luncheon
at Paddington.

228 Bus Stop Signs

This matter was deferred for further consideration.

229 Omnibus stands at Companies' Railway Stations

The Assistant Secretary reported that an agreement was being entered into in connection with the proposal to run L.C.C. omnibuses into the Station Yard at Huddersley Town Station and that this Agreement was not uniform with the arrangements made at other Stations.

It was resolved to recommend that the
Railway Companies concerned make a uniform charge of 7th per bus per week for the privilege of standing on the Railway Companies' property and that this charge be inclusive of all cost of maintenance, which is to be borne by the Railway Companies concerned.

Improvements

230 Watford Garage

The Operating Manager reported that a conference had been held with the Chairman respecting the working of omnibuses from Watford Garage and that it had been arranged the same organization and working conditions should apply at that garage as was the case at the other garages of the Company, but that the Official in charge of the garage be given somewhat wider powers of control.

231 "X" Type Bus

The Maintenance Manager (L.G.W.C.) reports that 84 "X" type omnibuses had now been passed by the Police Authorities.

232 Requisitions.

The Maintenance Manager (L.G.W.C.) submitted the following requisitions.

Additional Rolling Stock	£ 841,000
Additional Woodworking Machinery	2,000
Furn at Paint Shop	200
	<u>£ 843,200</u>

which were approved and signed by the Chairman and Managing Director.

233 Coal

The Purchasing Agent was summoned to the Meeting and the question of the purchasing and storing a considerable quantity of coal for the winter months was fully discussed.

It was resolved that the Purchasing Agent be authorised to purchase up to 15,000 tons of coal and arrange for same to be stored at Dagenham, where a certain amount of coal was already stored by the Companies, and that as soon as the amount mentioned was reached the matter should again be brought to the attention of the Chairman and Managing Director.

Arising out of this discussion the Maintenance Manager (Railways) reported that he understood

stokers had recently been installed at Lots Road Chelsea and satisfactory tests had been completed last week.

In order to deal with the difficulty of obtaining sufficient quantities of nut coal, certain alterations were being made in the coal handling plant whereby large coal would be accepted, dealt with by special grabs and crushed before being fed to the boilers.

Miscellaneous

234 Railway/Season Tickets for Tramway Staff

The Tramways Manager referred to the arrangements whereby the Railway Companies issued reduced rate Season tickets to Tramway employees as a temporary measure

It was resolved to recommend that the issue of these tickets be authorised for a further three months

235 Press advertising

The Tramways Manager stated that he considered the Tramway Companies were being delisted with a somewhat large proportion of the cost of Press Advertising.

The Commercial Manager stated he considered that the charge was a correct one but promised to go further into the matter.

St. J. J. J.
Chairman