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Underground Electric Railways Company of London Limited

At a Meeting of the General Purposes Committee held at the Offices of the
Company, Electric Railway House Broadway Westminster S.W1

Tuesday 13th July 1920

*For Board Members

of 6th July see pM 193*

Present

Rt. Hon. Lord Ashfield in the Chair

Mr W M Acworth

Mr C J. Cater Scott

Mr H A. Vernet

In Attendance

Assist [Assistant] Secretary, Managers, Officers and Solicitor of the Company.

213 Bills in Parliament Session 1920 Fares 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 run Omnibuses.

215 Sydenham Victoria & West End Electric Tube Railway Syndicate

The Commercial Manager also reported that an application had been received from Captain Annesley asking the Companies 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.

216 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, Treasurer's 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 Treasurer's 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 etc

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 or 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 redated to the 1st August 1919.

It was resolved that the recommendations be approved.

222 Petty Cash Float, Lifts Engineer

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

It was resolved that the same be approved.

223 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.

224 Staff Superannuation Fund. Mr P Dixon

The Operating Manager reported that Booking 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 Dixon for membership of the Railway Clearing System Superannuation Fund under Rule 5a 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.

226 Services and Fares

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.G.O.C. omnibuses into the Station Yard at Sudbury 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 change of 2/6d 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 [organisation] 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 "K" Type Bus

The Maintenance Manager (L.G.O.C.) reported that 84 "K" type omnibuses had now been passed by the Police Authorities.

232 Requisitions.

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

Additional Rolling Stock	£841,000
Additional Woodworking Machinery	2,000
Fan at Paint Shop	200
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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 two underfeed 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 debited 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.

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Chairman