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Canterbury Railway Society

Patrons Policy

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1. Definition:

Definition Oxford Dictionary – Patron, “A Person giving influential or financial support to a cause”

2. Background:

It has become apparent over the last few CRS AGM's, that some of the membership do not have an understanding of the position of Patron within the society.

Generally speaking, a Patron is usually someone who is not a member of the society but has given either an influential or financial support to the society as gifts or assistance. This person is then acknowledged by the membership at an AGM by voting the person as a Patron of the Society, so that they may attend special functions that the Society might hold in gratitude to the assistance they have given to the Society.

3. Current Situation:

Currently three Patrons have been nominated at the 2016 AGM, unusual in the fact that these three Patrons are all current members of the CRS.

It would appear from the last few CRS AGM's that when the position came up the general membership appears to want to reward those members as they are all long serving members of the society.

The correct and current system in place it to award those members “Life” membership which I believe the members currently hold.

Therefore, it is inappropriate that these members should hold the position of Patron as this was not its intended purpose.

4. Policy:

Currently our new constitution no longer actually states that a Patron must be appointed at the AGM.

Thereby allowing a Patron (if nominated) to serve longer or shorter as required by the needs of the society.

It is now recommended that the Position of the Patron may be appointed, if required and reviewed by the incoming Executive Committee after an AGM.

However, to appoint a Patron, the following guidelines and criteria is to be used.

1. Only ONE person is to be accepted to the position of CRS Patron per financial year and may be carried over to the following year.
2. The person nominated is NOT a current full member of the CRS (Honorary members exempted)
3. The person nominated May be a member of another organisation or Group.
4. The nominated person has or will give, either one or some of the following,
 - (a) substantial influential help,
 - (b) substantial financial assistance,
 - (c) substantial gifts to the benefit of the CRS