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## CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

The advertised Extraordinary General Meeting of the Swiss Railways Society was held at the Midland Hotel in Derby on Saturday 23rd July. At the meeting the proposed legal Memorandum and Articles of Association (MAA) necessary for the Society to become a Company Limited by Guarantee were approved. This marks the next step in the change process that was approved at the last AGM. The meeting was attended by thirteen ordinary members, all of whom approved the adoption of the MAA, as was the case for the eight members of the Management Committee who were able to attend on the day. This may not seem to be many people present, but it was never expected that the legally necessary EGM would be well attended. Nevertheless, I was gratified that this many came, some travelling long distances to register their support. All members who could not be present were invited to take part in a postal ballot regarding the adoption of the MAA. Two hundred and ninety eight ballot papers were returned and these comprised 295 in favour, 2 against and 1 abstention. All the ballot papers had been independently checked against a list of paid-up members. This was a high proportion (some 25%) of the membership for such an exercise, and I thank you for your support. The total vote, therefore, was 316 in favour, 2 against and 1 abstention. It is intended that the change of status of the SRS will take place on 1st January 2017, but this will not bring any visible changes to the society. As far as members, are concerned, the SRS will remain the same. The necessary changes are all mainly administrative "behind the scenes" issues, along with the main reason behind becoming a Company, greatly increased legal and financial protection. John Jesson. ☐

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