

Preston & District Model Railway Society

Committee Meeting Monday, 25th April 2022 at 8:00pm

Present:

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| John Wilson | <i>Chairman</i> |
| Andy Joel | <i>Secretary</i> |
| John Farnden | <i>Treasurer</i> |
| Carl Bowden | Dave Pallant |
| Chris Wilkes | |

Apologies for absence

Tom Springett

Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising

- New lighting issue, filling in the floor well and repairs to walls in the store room are still outstanding. JF had discussed with landlord, and arranged to meet at the end of May. **Action:** JF to meet landlord. and AKJ to inform club members if the club is not available while work is underway.
- JF has been in contact with the bank, and has made progress getting JW accepted to sign cheques; still on-going.
- PAT testing is still on-going. **Action:** JW to talk to James.
- JF has had further contact with Stuart Grey, who is happy to audit the club finances, but not the exhibition. He would want to see the accounts every three months. **Action:** JF to progress.
- JW suggested the club should look at making a donation to the school in Gambia the new auditor has set up as a token of appreciation for his efforts; this was agreed upon.
- JW's wife, who has a background in banking, will audit the exhibition accounts. The committee recommends these are maintained to the same standard that the new auditor requires for the club account. **Action:** JF to talk to Daryl
- High costs for fire extinguisher certification was discussed. Is it worth looking at another company?
- The back room was discussed. The Rev's layout has been offered to members for free; no response yet. Offering on Facebook was discussed. It was decided that the test tracks would be set up in the back room opposite where the O gauge layout will be.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a good record.

Accidents recorded since the last meeting

- None.

Upcoming events

- None.

Any other business

- Les has suggested that the exhibition account could pay for lighting and/or shelving if that helps keep subs reasonable. It was noted that a significant part of the exhibition profits came from sales of goods donated to the club, following donations from the club accounts, so it can be argued that the exhibition accounts owes money back to the club.
- Thanks were offered to CW and DP for sorting the shelving in the work room.
- DP has purchased a smoke alarm; to be fitted.
- Three new members were voted in, one being a junior member.

Date of the next meeting

13/Jun/22 at 8 pm

Meeting finished at 8:35 pm