

Preston & District Model Railway Society

Committee Meeting Monday, 21th Aug at 8:00pm

Present:

John Wilson	<i>Chairman</i>
Andy Joel	<i>Secretary</i>
John Farnden	<i>Treasurer</i>
Carl Bowden	Tom Springett

1. Apologies for absence

None

2. Minutes of the last meeting

Read and adopted

3. Matters arising from the minutes

- One light still to be replaced as and when time permits. On-going.
- The chairman is still awaiting official confirmation from the bank that he can sign checks. JF is now waiting for a form to be signed by him and AJ, which JW can then take to the bank. It was, however, noted that the club rarely uses cheques now. **Action:** JF to progress.
- The stairlift has been serviced and the fault rectified for £65. An annual contract was proposed, which would reduce liability if the worst happened. **Action:** JW to chase.
- Two members still to collect and pay for ordered clothing.
- A venue for the AGM has been found. See later.
- TS has completed the annual review of the risk assessments. It was noted that all work previously recorded as outstanding has now been done. The committee thanks Tom for his efforts!
- The audit of keys: It is thought that there are ten sets. People known to have keys are: TS, JF, CB, JW, AJ, Mike Pye, Mike DP, Karl Smith, Bill Taylor. Those possibly with keys are Les and, less likely, CW. Mike Pye's set might be better with DP.
- With regards to Neville's stock, much is now with the club, the rest will go to *Warwick and Warwick*, auctioneers who specialise in this sort of thing. Reserve prices will be set, as some items have high value, including a Beyer Garret at over £1000. We need to set up the test tracks so we can verify that the locos run well. The club has also gained a set of tools, a mini lathe and other workshop equipment.

4. Accidents recorded since the last meeting

- None.

5. Finance

- JF noted that the last electricity bill was £99, much lower than had been anticipated last year, putting the club in a great position financially.
- Accounts are now done quarterly, with the next to be done after we get the August bank statement.

6. Correspondence

- None.

7. Membership

- Nothing to note.

8. Future programme

- Preston College has been booked for the AGM, at a cost of ca. £70. This will be in the brew room we use for exhibitions. Tea and coffee will be served, together with canned drinks and biscuits. It was noted that we need to vacate by ten. The exhibition accounts are being audited in readiness.

9. Layouts

- Restoration of Chelthwaite Mills is progressing nicely.
- The new N gauge layout is progressing in the work room; currently fitting servos on the lower level.
- Should the new layout get moved into the main room once it is all wired? It was decided this should wait until scenic are done.

10. Exhibition

- The issue of badges for committee members was further discussed. These could be as much as £15 each, which would probably be too much, but DP will investigate further, including 3d printing. **Action:** DP to progress.

11. Any other business

- An increase in membership of 50p/month was suggested on the basis that incremental increases are not as unpopular as one big increase. However, the increase was rejected as the club is doing well financially.
- Four new potential members have visited the club recently, and all seemed keen to join.

- There was a suggestion that the Stuart, the auditor, should be given a donation towards the school in Ruanda he is involved with, of perhaps £250. **Action:** JF to discuss with Stuart.

Date of the next meeting

25/Sep/23 at 8 pm

Meeting finished at 9:00 pm