

Preston & District Model Railway Society

Committee Meeting Monday, 11th Dec at 8:00pm

Present:

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

1. Apologies for absence

None

2. Minutes of the last meeting

Read and adopted

3. Matters arising from the minutes

- The fault with the downstairs light has been resolved by landlord.
- The chairman is still awaiting official confirmation from the bank that he can sign checks. See later. **Action:** JF.
- Two members were still to collect and pay for ordered clothing. One item is now considered club stock for sale. The other member will be at the club for the exhibition.
- With regards to Neville's stock, nothing is expected to happen until February.
- The survey of members regarding how we attract and keep members was discussed briefly. **Action:** TS to email survey committee members for comment.
- New radio controllers for DCC still to be purchased. Awaiting availability. **Action:** CB
- The website has been updating to include the latest article on Euxton Junc in BRM, and to mention we have a stairlift and free parking. Discharged.
- It was decided a portfolio of layouts available for exhibitions on the web site is not such a good idea, and the idea abandoned.
- The proposal from the Wednesday afternoon group to build a layout based on Coniston was mentioned, but no action taken as the room cannot be used until cleared of Neville's stock.

4. Accidents recorded since the last meeting

- None.

5. Finance

- The treasurer noted that the accounts will have a three-month audit on Thursday
- It was noted that the bank sent a letter to the club rooms (rather than to JF, as is normal for bank correspondence) asking for details to safeguard against money laundering, etc. JF has phoned to discuss and reassure, but had an hour wait and talked to someone who did not understand our situation. We have already filled in forms in respect of this issue.
- It was noted that after 5 years, JW still is not on the account.
- Given the above, should we consider moving to a better bank? Or are they all like that nowadays? JF will discuss with the auditor to see if he has any advice. Can also discuss exhibition account with Daryl.

6. Correspondence

- None.

7. Membership

- None.

8. Future programme

- The Christmas party is next week. Mince pies and quiz have been booked.

9. Layouts

- Restoration of Chelthwaite Mills is progressing nicely.
- The new N gauge layout is progressing in the work room; currently wiring the lower level.
- Euxton Junc developed a problem with the points on the branch at Manchester; this needs fixing.
- It was noted that one controller on Rayton is not performing. Is it worth replacing? Or alternative should we scrap Rayton? Further consideration required.

10. Exhibition

- DP said he would source transparent badges for members.
- AP to 3d print plaques for layouts.

11. Any other business

- It was noted that a boxing club are moving into the unit below, opening from 6pm to 8pm on Wednesdays and Fridays. JW has talked to them with regards to access when taking layouts out.

- The chairlift has been repaired and serviced for £110. This will be paid from club funds.
- It was agreed that a WhatsApp group should be set up for committee members. This will allow us to communicate more easily, in particular with regards to opening up. **Action:** AKJ and AP to set up.
- The club will be closed Christmas day and News Years Day, but otherwise open as normal of the festive period.

Date of the next meeting

19/Feb/24 at 8 pm

Meeting finished at 8:50 pm