

Preston & District Model Railway Society

Committee Meeting Monday, 21st February 2022 at 8:00pm

Present:

John Wilson
Andy Joel
Carl Bowden
Chris Wilkes

Chairman
Secretary
Dave Pallant
Tom Springett

Apologies for absence

John Farnden

Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising

- New lighting issue is still outstanding. **Action:** JF to discuss with landlord
- Flooring at entrance is still outstanding. **Action:** JF to discuss with landlord
- A key audit was further discussed. It was established that Mike Pye has a key that he uses occasionally to open on a Wednesday afternoon. All committee members except DP have keys. Karl has a key, which can go to DP when Karl has finished with it. Les also has a key. Are there any other keys out there?
- It was noted that JW has now filled in a form to allow him to sign cheques. However, that may have been the wrong form, and this is still on-going. **Action** JF to resolve.
- JW asked that “robot” get removed from the web site. This has been done previously, but it has since reappeared. **Action:** AKJ.
- TS has completed all the actions relating to the insurance documents.
- It was noted that the new rules were ratified at the EGM. **Action:** JF to give new version to bank.
- We are awaiting confirmation from the landlord with regards to filling in the floor well at the entrance. Ideally we would do it ourselves with a donation from the landlord for the trouble.
- It was agreed that the layouts in the “kids” room would be removed. TS had spoken to Phil (who had spent some time wiring the layout), who had agreed.
- It was reported that four members are in arrears with subscriptions. **Action:** JF to resolve.
- Club clothing has arrived, and mostly been paid for and distributed. Some members even paid by credit card!
- PAT testing was briefly discussed. **Action:** JW to talk to James.
- It was noted that the modelling competition has been postponed.

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

Accidents recorded since the last meeting

None.

Upcoming events

- The exhibition and open day (21st March, 2022) are the only events upcoming.

Any other business

- JW has started to repair the P4 layout, while Karl and Chris are looking at a small O gauge layout in the “kids” room. JW is working on the footbridge of Euxton Junction.
- There has been no progress on the new N gauge recently as AKJ has been isolating with COVID and DP working on exhibition issues, but this will start up again after the exhibition. The next step is to print out a track plan. The old layout will be advertised for sale on the web site and the second-hand stall at next year’s exhibition.
- It was noted with sadness that Alan Jackson has passed away. Alan had been a member for many years and served the club in various ways, including as auditor and committee member. It was noted that the funeral may coincide with setting up for the exhibition.
- We still need to find a new auditor. **Action:** All to resolve!
- Should the exhibition account get audited? It was generally agreed that it should, and perhaps getting a professional auditor should be the time to do that. A set of rules or directions for the exhibition should also be considered. DP suggested amalgamating the exhibition and club accounts, but keeping the money separate on paper. This might resolve some issues the club is currently having with the bank. **Action:** All to resolve!
- Les has suggested getting a new urn before the exhibition in 2023 – the currently one may date from the ‘80s!
- It was noted that the club has had two donations of kit recent, one asking that the club donate £250 to a dementia charity (mentioned in earlier minutes), the other £30 to guide dogs for the blind.

Date of the next meeting

28/Mar/22 at 8 pm

Meeting finished at 9:10 pm