

Preston & District Model Railway Society

Committee Meeting Monday, 9th January 2023 at 8:00pm

Present:

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

Apologies for absence

John Farnden

Dave Pallant

Chris Wilkes

It was noted that the committee was not quorum. The meeting went ahead with the understanding that decisions made are provisional.

Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising

- One light still to be replaced as and when time permits.
- Flooring is still outstanding; to be progressed once the treasurer returns.
- The chairman is still awaiting official confirmation from the bank that he can sign checks.
- The smoke alarm still needs to be installed. **Action:** DP
- The "N" gauge layout is progressing slowly in the work room.
- Plans to install Chelthwaite Mills in the back room were discussed. Martin will hopefully be bringing it to the club over the next few weeks. Layouts being built in there will need to be moved around.

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

Accidents recorded since the last meeting

- None.

Any other business

- Plans to renovate the EM layout have been abandoned. However, a member has expressed an interest in it, and may be happy to remove it for his own use.
- Tom has talked to various members of the club and there is a general feeling that the AGM should return to being a social event. Hiring the Ingol club may be as little as £50, on the basis that members will buy drinks there, and we may have credit with them. It is possible it could be paid for from the exhibition fund. **Action:** JW to determine the situation with respect to the venue.
- One new member was approved.
- We now have a receipt pad and money box ready for when the treasurer returns.

- A report from the treasurer covering the last three months and that had been audited was discussed. Club finance had improved over that time, though without the treasurer's insight it is not clear if that just reflects how the bills fall rather than a general trend.
- A question for the AGM is whether members want to resurrect the modelling competition.
- A member of the public wishes to visit the club to look at creating a video game as part of a "research project". It was unclear what this might be, but the request was granted.
- The "Clubs in Focus" reply was discussed.
- The upcoming article on Euxton Junction was discussed.
- Some concern was expressed that Stafford used a picture of Euxton Junction to publicise their show without crediting the photographer, Tony Wright. While this was entirely out of our hands, we do not want it to reflect poorly on us.

Date of the next meeting

30/Jan/23 at 8 pm depending on availability of the treasurer

Meeting finished at 9:15 pm