

Preston & District Model Railway Society

Committee Meeting Monday, 28th March 2022 at 8:00pm

Present:

John Wilson
Andy Joel
ohn Farnden
Carl Bowden
Chris Wilkes

Chairman
Secretary
Treasurer
Dave Pallant

Apologies for absence

Tom Springett

Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising

- New lighting issue is still outstanding. JF had discussed with landlord, who said it was fine as long as we replaced everything when we left. They will take photos before we do it; it was noted that we should do likewise. They do not require us to use their electrician. It was agreed that we would do a trial first. **Action:** JF to invite landlord.
- JF has been in contact with the bank, and has made progress getting JW accepted to sign cheques; should be done by next meeting.
- JF has discussed filling in the floor well at the entrance with the landlord. They want to do it themselves, but said it would probably be done in April. The existing bridge will be removed – it was noted that the stairlift is attached to it, which may present a problem **Action:** JF to liaise with landlord and AKJ to inform club members if the club is not available while work is underway.
- It was reported that one member is still in arrears with subscriptions. **Action:** JF to resolve.
- PAT testing is still on-going. **Action:** JW to talk to James.
- Two potential auditors have been found. JF had been given a name from the bank, Stuart Grey, who does audits for free for charities. He would expect the accounts to be in a specific format and to a high standard; this is probably a good think. It was not clear if he would also audit the exhibition account. JW's wife is a second option, as she has a background in banking, and could be used for the exhibition account. This would be certifying it as a "true copy" rather than a proper audit, which is what we have done previously. **Action:** JF to investigate further, including talking to Daryl.
- A new URN was purchased, and both were in use at the exhibition.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a good record, with a couple of corrections (typos plus JW has not finished the footbridge for Euxton Junc).

Accidents recorded since the last meeting

None.

Upcoming events

- None.

Any other business

- JF noted that the fire extinguishers had been done, for nearly £400. Electricity bills expected to rise. This may mean higher subs are required.
- It was noted that layout costs would be better going straight to Daryl, for the exhibition fund, rather than going through the club funds first. Additionally, the exhibition account can pay directly into a bank account.
- The back room was discussed. The plan proposed was to remove the rubbish first, then dismantle. The Rev's layout will be offered to members for free. The room will then be repainted, before the new O gauge layout is started. **Action:** AKJ to email members about Rev's layout.
- It was decided that the test tracks would be discarded as they are so rarely used.
- CW asked for new shelving and the wall repaired/sealed in the downstairs storage. **Action:** JF to discuss with landlord when they visit for other jobs.
- Two new members were voted in.

Date of the next meeting

25/Apr/22 at 8 pm

Meeting finished at 9:05 pm