

Preston & District Model Railway Society

Committee Meeting Monday, 13th March at 8:00pm

Present:

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

The committee welcomed JF back!

Apologies for absence

None

Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising

- One light still to be replaced as and when time permits.
- Flooring is still outstanding. The landlord has agreed to do the work, but due to other commitments this will not be until later summer. They said we could arrange for it to be done ourselves, and they will pay for materials. It was decided it would be better to do and pay for it entirely ourselves, so the landlord cannot use the improvement to justify a rent increase.
- The chairman is still awaiting official confirmation from the bank that he can sign checks.
- The “N” gauge layout is progressing slowly in the work room.
- The plan to install Chelthwaite Mills in the back room has been modified, and now it will replace the P4 layout. Martin is in the process of bringing it to the club.
- The P4 layout has been dismantled and will be removed by a member for his use.
- The question of whether the club wants a modelling competition is still to be determined.
- The “Clubs in Focus” answers have been sent to BRM, but they have said they are giving the feature a rest for now. **Action:** AKJ to send JW the club logo.

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

Accidents recorded since the last meeting

- None.

Any other business

- Euxton was left plugged in on Friday. Whoever locks up must ensure layouts are unplugged.
- Euxton Junc has been invited to Doncaster for 10-11/Feb 2024.

- We have a new petty cash box, plus receipt books for cash in and cash out. JF and JW to keep the keys. A new procedure for petty cash was discussed and agreed. The procedure was put in the file.
- The club accounts were looked at. They have been audited for the last six months.
- It was noted that Blackpool Dave had put a copyright symbol on the second-hand stall forms. Whilst this was probably either accident or in jest, it was agreed that the situation needs to be clear. **Action:** JW to talk to Blackpool Dave.
- JW noted that lights were not working on Euxton Junc when the exhibition started, which is embarrassing for the club.
- Wigan exhibition have offered a display stand, no longer required as the exhibition is no more. Les will collect.
- It was noted that the stairlift is stuck at low speed. It seems a good idea to pay for a service at £65 and get it fixed at the same time. Can also discuss the impact of getting the floor filled in. **Action:** JW
- A new clothing order is up.
- It was decided that the AGM will be held externally, as it was pre-COVID. **Action:** JW to contact the usual venue.

Exhibition

- The committee thanks Les for another great exhibition, which once again made a sizeable excess. Trade stands noted they had a good time and would be back.
- Some extension cables are too long and would benefit from being cut back. It was noted that the new tester device rejected one.
- It was decided badges should be worn by committee members (and the exhibition organisers?) for the exhibition next year.

Date of the next meeting

15/May/23 at 8 pm

Meeting finished at 8:50 pm