

# Preston & District Model Railway Society

Committee Meeting Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> March 2025 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	Andy Postlethwaite

## 1. Apologies for absence

None.

## 2. Minutes of the last meeting

Read and adopted.

## 3. Matters arising from the minutes

- The clothing order has been completed. Discharged.
- It was decided the modelling competition will be left for now.

## 4. Accidents recorded since the last meeting

- None.

## 5. Finance

- The accounts to date were discussed. The club is making a loss, but this is as expected as subs are catching up to the level required to pay the rent, as agreed at the AGM.
- It was noted that so far we are not paying bank charges.
- Members paying at the old rate and not paying was discussed. **Action:** JF to resolve.

## 6. Correspondence

- Walters Fire has offered to a fire assessment. The possibility of getting the fire brigade to do it was discussed, but that is probably only free for domestic locations.

## 7. Membership

- Four new full members and one junior member were accepted; most of them have quickly become regular members
- A further application included the bank details; no one was sure who the guy was.  
**Action:** AKJ to contact..

## 8. Future programme

- Les has booked the venue for the AGM on 06/Oct.25; Preston College as last year.

## 9. Layouts

- Restoration of Chelthwaite Mills is progressing nicely. On-going.
- The new N gauge layout is progressing, and is nearly at the point where it will be moved to the main room. Les was sent a revised budget, and objected to some expenses. The

committee view was that to make a layout to modern exhibition standards, the money has to be spent, so the shortfall will be paid by the club (foamboard formers, end boards, scenic water, trees, vehicles, backscene, platforms).

- Still no word from Morecambe about Tellum Summit. The layout will be stored downstairs for a couple of weeks and then chucked if no one comes to get it!
- Work continues on Coniston. On-going.

## 10. Exhibition

- The exhibition was a great success, and the committee thanks to all involved.
- A profit of £1870 was reported, higher than last year, despite lower attendance. A big chunk (ca. £750) was from sales of the “Don collection” which will not be repeated next year.
- A survey was taken of visitors. Thanks to Roger collecting and collating the data. Data was collected from 10 to 11 from the cash door on Saturday, and all morning Sunday. It was noted that the internet was a big source of new visitors.
- Noted that one visitor went to the club rooms. We need to ensure that the web site is clear!
- AP may be able to arrange a heritage bus for the next exhibition. Likely to cost £250.  
**Action:** AP to talk to bus owner. **Action:** AP to talk to Avanti about using their land for the pick-ups.

## 11. Any other business

- The van hire company the club has used is going out of business, and a new one needs to be found. **Action:** CB.
- It was noted that Euxton has been invited to Warley in November.
- The annual service of fire extinguishers has been done. Paid for out of the exhibition account.

## 12. Date of the next meeting

12/May/25 at 8 pm

*Meeting finished at 9:05 pm*