

# Preston & District Model Railway Society

Committee Meeting Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> May at 8:00pm

## Present:

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

*The committee welcomed JF back!*

## 1. Apologies for absence

John Farnden

## 2. Minutes of the last meeting

Read and adopted

## 3. Matters arising from the minutes

- One light still to be replaced as and when time permits. On-going.
- The new flooring is in place, and was done without the involvement of the landlord. The committee expresses its thanks to Blackpool Dave's friend, the carpenter! Discharged.
- The chairman is still awaiting official confirmation from the bank that he can sign checks. On-going.
- Chelthwaite Mills is now in the main room. Discharged.
- The question of whether the club wants a modelling competition is referred to the AGM.
- Les has now got the display stand from Wigan Exhibition. Discharged.
- The stairlift has been serviced and the fault rectified for £65. An annual contract was proposed, which would reduce liability if the worst happened.
- The new clothing order has arrived. **Action:** TS to collect payment and distribute.
- It was decided that the AGM will be held externally, as it was pre-COVID. **Action:** JW to contact the usual venue. On-going.

## 4. Accidents recorded since the last meeting

- None.

## 5. Correspondence

- None.

## 6. Membership

- One new membership was approved.

## 7. Future programme

- See other notes.

## 8. Layouts

- Chelthwaite Mills is now awaiting restoration, including new controllers. Martin wants to replace points and install electric motors
- Euxton Junction also requires 2 new DC controllers.
- The “N” gauge layout is progressing slowly in the work room.
- The embryonic O gauge layout was discussed, in the light of anyone showing interest recently. Should we just abandon it, and get rid of what we have?

## 9. Exhibition

- The issue of badges for committee members was discussed. 3d printing was considered but it was decided they would be too bulky. Lanyards was also considered, but getting badges printed seemed worth looking at more. **Action:** DP to investigate.

## 10. Any other business

- It was noted that the “member’s only” area of the web site can be hard to access, with just a blank page appearing. **Action:** AKJ to contact Chris.
- Ian’s cupboard are to go downstairs, together with the display cabinet, as all three are used for the second hand stall. Chairs could likewise be stored in that area.
- There was a discussion about raising the floor in cupboard, but it seemed doubtful it was worth the effort.
- It was noted that Les, Daryl and JW were going through Neville’s stock, and considering how to dispose of his layout. TS pointed out that Neville had his own set of keys.

## Date of the next meeting

26/Jun/23 at 8 pm

*Meeting finished at 8:40 pm*