

Preston & District Model Railway Society

Committee Meeting Monday, 23rd Oct at 8:00pm

Present:

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

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. In addition, a fault has now developed with the downstairs light, which has also impacted the burglar alarm. **Action:** CB to resolve or defer to landlord.
- The chairman is still awaiting official confirmation from the bank that he can sign checks. The bank had sent a form about preventing money laundering and terrorism. **Action:** JF.
- Two members still to collect and pay for ordered clothing.
- With regards to Neville's stock, all is now with the club, the rest will go to auctioneers. Awaiting probate before further action. We believe probate will require a valuation, which is something the club could do.
- /t was noted that the AGM proceeded with remarkable speed, with the rise in subsidies accepted as unavoidable by all concerned.
- The survey of members regarding how we attract and keep members was discussed briefly. **Action:** TS.
- New radio controllers for DCC still to be purchased; there appears to be a shortage. **Action:** CB

4. Accidents recorded since the last meeting

- None.

5. Finance

- The treasure gave a report by e-mail:

Despite paying two months at the new rent rate, our finances are still looking in good shape. A couple of members have already paid their new annual subs. The bank balance at the end of September was £8107.48, that included the first month paid of the new rent but not the 2 annual subs received.

The electricity bill for the last 3 months was £39.95, which is down on the last 3 years for the same period.

So, good news from finance perspective.

6. Correspondence

- None.

7. Membership

- None.

8. Future programme

- The date of the Christmas party was set to 18th December. **Action:** JW to see Dave W about mince pies and Bill about quiz.

9. Layouts

- Restoration of Chelthwaite Mills is progressing nicely.
- The new N gauge layout is progressing in the work room; currently fitting servos on the lower level.
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10. Exhibition

- The issue of badges for committee members was further discussed. DP and AP have made some progress and a trial print.

11. Any other business

- Euxton Junc has been invited to Doncaster in February.
- The website needs updating to include the latest article on Euxton Junc in BRM, and to mention we have a stairlift and free parking. **Actions:** AKJ.
- Should we try to raise awareness on social media, in particular Facebook? This was generally regarded as a good idea, though it was unclear how to proceed.
- It would be useful to have a portfolio of layouts available for exhibitions, which we can point exhibition managers to. This could be on the website, and we hand out QR codes. **Actions:** AKJ.
- There was a proposal from the Wednesday afternoon group to build a layout based on Coniston. This would be in the backroom, against the right wall, an end-to-end layout, about 20' long, 3' wide, set towards the end of LMS into early BR. It would have to wait until Neville's stuff is gone before much can be done. **Action:** JW to

discuss with those involved (probably 1/Nov) and get a better idea of what they have in mind.

Date of the next meeting

11/Dec/23 at 8 pm

Meeting finished at 8:55 pm