

# Preston & District Model Railway Society

Committee Meeting Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> Sep at 8:00pm

## Present:

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

## 1. Apologies for absence

None

## 2. Minutes of the last meeting

Read and adopted

*There had also been an extra meeting to discuss the rent increase (04/sep/23); these minutes were also read and adopted*

## 3. Matters arising from the minutes

- One light still to be replaced as and when time permits. On-going.
- 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 to progress.
- Two members still to collect and pay for ordered clothing.
- With regards to Neville's stock, much is now with the club, the rest will go to auctioneers. Awaiting probate before further action.

## 4. Accidents recorded since the last meeting

- None.

## 5. Finance

- Nothing further to note.

## 6. Correspondence

- None.

## 7. Membership

- One new member had submitted a form, and was voted in.

## **8. Future programme**

- The AGM is set for next week. **Action:** AKJ to print out various documents.
- It was decided the rent issue should be discussed first to ensure it is done before we have to vacate.
- The sign-in sheet to ask if members have a set of keys.
- If time, discuss modelling competition.

## **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.
- The old N gauge layout has a new controller fitted, donated by Bill

## **10. Exhibition**

- The issue of badges for committee members was further discussed. DP has found suitable 3d prints. Will print, perhaps with help from Andy Pos.

## **11. Any other business**

- TS proposed a survey of members to look at how we attract – and more importantly keep – new members. A possible five questions was discussed. This would be distributed among members some time after the AGM. **Action:** TS to progress.
- DS suggested the club by radio controllers for DCC for use at exhibitions; we currently use two owned by Blackpool Dave. These cost £250 each, and ideally we would want four. It was agreed we would purchase two for now.

## **Date of the next meeting**

23/Oct/23 at 8 pm

*Meeting finished at 8:50 pm*