

Preston & District Model Railway Society

Committee Meeting Monday, 8th August 2016 at 8:00pm

Present: -

Les Nehrlich	Chairman	
Andy Joel	Secretary	
John Farnden	Treasurer	
Carl Bowden		John Wilson
David Winder		Bill Taylor

Matters Arising from the minutes of the last meeting:

- JF has compiled a current membership based on payments made so far this year, identifying some members who had not paid so far, and so was chasing them up. Efforts continue to get an up-to-date membership list. **On-going**
- The option of buying a DC controller from Dave Pallant was discussed. **On-going**
- Les has talked to Barry about getting a plan of the exhibition hall for backup; this would happen after the exhibition. There was some concern about how easy the software was to use. **On-going**
- Ray has agreed to take over Barry's role at the exhibit, with Barry as his assistant.
- No buyer for Bee Lane has been found, and the layout is being stripped of anything useful, and the boards sent to the tip. Point motors have been recovered. Buildings could be sold on the club stand at the next exhibition. Plan to take to tip on the morning of the Wakefield exhib, as a van will be available, but may need permit.
Action: Dave Pallant to remove all useful parts/??? To find out about permit/CB to take to tip/AKJ to remove from website
- Most of the catenary has been purchased for the new layout; one small part remains. **On-going**
- The engraver for the exhibition stand numbers should be fixed over the summer. **On-going**

Minutes of last meeting:

- The minutes of the 23rd May 2016 meeting were accepted as a true record.

Future Events (Open day):

- Date for the open evening has been set to Wednesday 14th September. The club will open at six (for members) to prepare. BT and CB asked to ensure new layout is well stocked.
- Clean-up for the open day will begin from the start of September.
- Notice to be put up in Transport Models about the open day.

Future Events (AGM):

- The AGM will be on Monday, the 3rd October.

- Forms for proposed committee members and rules changes need to be available at the club prior to the AGM, so they can be submitted by the end of August. **Action: AKJ**
- Forms for standing orders to be available (and correct) for the AGM. **Action: AKJ**

Any Other Business:

- A letter was received from Chiltern Model Railway Association (CMRA), about our failure to renew our membership, despite JF twice trying to contact them at the start of the year. Neville got in contact and paid from the Exhib account; he has been appointed club rep for CMRA.
- NatWest have stated they may charge interest on money in their business accounts. It is unclear if our accounts would be affected.
- Concerns were raised about the falling roll, though this could be because we have lost track of some members. Losing four members leaves the club down £1200/a.
- Following on, it was decided (subject to AGM) that subs would be £192/a next year, which is £16/m. For juniors, £8/m and for seniors £11/m.
- A letter of resignation was received from Lewis Grant, a junior member who has not to the club for two years, and not paid this year.
- An application for membership for Tony Armstrong was accepted. It was agreed he would pay for 1 month this year.
- We are applying for a cash grant (£200) for an amplifier, with two wireless mics.
- The new layout will be set up complete in the Masonic Hall, Preston for one Sunday in January. A donation of £100 from the exhib account was agreed.
- Profit from this year's exhib was ca. £1500, not £2000 as previously stated. This was because the float had not been accounted for. In future the first £500 from the takings will be set aside to replace the float to avoid similar confusion at the next exhib.
- JW noted that a transformer and heater had been left on in the junior room by "Big Ian" and his son.
- BT noted that a box of items had been donated by a member of POGG, mostly OO and EM. This would be made available to members.
- Andrew Ball?, who helps at Ribble Steam, asked if he could build a layout in our club rooms. The request has been refused. He was asked to join the society at the full adult rate and has not been seen since.

Meeting finished at 8:50pm.

Next committee meeting date:

Wednesday, 21st September at 8:00 pm