

Preston & District Model Railway Society

Committee Meeting Monday, 21st March 2016 at 8:15pm

Present: -

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

Apologies: None

Matters Arising from the minutes of the last meeting:

- John F and Andy have compiled a current membership based on e-mail addresses and payments made so far this year, but it was noted that this may not be exhaustive.
Action: John F to email Andy an up-to-date list of paid members.
- The two DCC controllers have now been purchased for the new layout. The faulty booster was returned to Coastal DCC who tested it, and found no problems. It has now been returned and is working fine.
- The option of buying a DC controller from Dave Pallant was discussed. **On-going**
- It was decided that the new layout should be up and running for 4th April. **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 taken responsibility for erecting barriers. It was noted that this went more smoothly than previously. **Action: Les to see Ray to check nuts/captives, and to write on the barriers to use nuts if necessary.**
- Pete Sullivan sourced number plates for stands from the university. The committee extends its thanks to him for that.
- Bee Lane has a potential buyer, offering £250. The buyer will be asked to remove it by May Bank Holiday.

Minutes of last meeting:

- The minutes of the 25th January 2016 meeting were accepted as a true record.

Future Events (Exhibition):

- With regards to tables, it was proposed traders would be charged £3 per table (i.e., the cost we are charged). This has already been mentioned to traders at this year's exhibition, and was considered reasonable.
- The details for traders next year were discussed. It was noted that Smart models were unlikely to return, but other traders reported a successful exhibition, especially the label printing guy.

- It was noted the Narrow Gauge North will be a week after our exhibition next year, which would allow two traders to attend our exhibition too. It was also noted that Mothering Sunday would not coincide with it for 26 years.
- It was proposed that magazines would be sold at a cheaper rate on the Sunday to get rid of them.

Any Other Business:

- There will be an open evening on the 18th April. **Action: Andy to update web site.**
- Funding for the projector has been received from the council. Enquiries indicated there was only £150 left in the fund, so this was the amount applied for and received.
- A 16 VA transformer with two 15 V outputs is required for the new layout.
- A budget of £300 was allowed for catenary for the new layout. Some bits will be 3D printed by Shapeways.
- We have had three applications to join the society: Jason Leary, Adam Tibbs, David Thompson. All were approved.
- Friday night water was left running in the toilet. It is the responsibility of committee members as key holders to ensure water and lights are off.
- An amendment to the accounts: £35.50 was given to North Holderness Light Railway to replace two stolen figures. This was considered cheaper than claiming on insurance.
- It was noted that the exhibition made a significant profit (ca. £2k, though the accounts were not yet final). A big part of that was the second hand stall raising nearly £1k, thanks to stock donated by Don's family.

Meeting finished at 8:50pm.

Next committee meeting date: Monday, 25th April at 8:15 pm