

Preston & District Model Railway Society

Committee Meeting Monday, 12th November 2018 at 8:00pm

Present:

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| John Wilson | Chairman |
| Andy Joel | Secretary |
| John Farnden | Treasurer |
| Carl Bowden | Bill Taylor |
| Roger Hardacre | |

Apologies:

Dave Winder

Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting:

- Les still needs to be shown how to BCC; waiting for LES to bring his laptop in. **Action: AKJ, on-going.**
- The books in the office need sorting. The shelving from downstairs had been considered, but because of their age and state, this was rejected. It was decided that racking would be purchased and put in the wall with the door, from floor to ceiling (covering the window), and possibly one or both the adjacent walls.
- Further to the above, shelving will be installed below the test tracks for storing tools and supplies.
- The magazines are still awaiting disposal, and the Worth Valley Railway would be an option. Les' contact is not interested. **On-going**
- Euxton scenic: The ramp still needs doing, but there has been some progress from Bill, who has re-discovered his lounge table. The fencing is still outstanding. **On-going.**
- With regards to standardising on Lenz DCC, there was discussion on the compatibility between version 3.5 and 4.0. 4.0 is not available in English yet, but we would want to be using that version when it is out. Controllers with USB can have the firmware upgraded easily. The junior layout would still be on 3.5.
- Still looking for a new venue for when the lease expires. **On-going.**

Minutes of last meeting:

- The minutes of the 8th October 2018 meeting were accepted as a true record.

General:

- Les has complained that committee members are not opening the club up on time, with particular reference to the previous Monday, when JW had been too ill to attend, and so had not opened up. This was an unusual situation, and while we would hope to avoid it, we have to accept that sometimes things happen outside out control.
- RH agreed to open up on Wednesday afternoons, but took JW's phone number for when he cannot.
- It was noted that Monday opening is at 7:30, not 7:00. This is the time that has been stated on the web site.

New N Gauge Layout:

- A formal proposal was made for a new N gauge layout. The one eighty model was presented, together with the model of the trolley. The estimated cost is £2500, and work would start properly in March. The proposal is on the web site on the new blog.
- It was noted that a booster box and transformer will be required for the Lenz system.
- A sign will be put up at the exhibition saying Tellum Summit will become available for sale (everything but stock).
- It was noted that the boards for Tellum Summit date to the mid-eighties, and it has twice been continental outline and once American.
- The opinion of the Wednesday afternoon group was queried; "About time" seemed to sum it up!
- The proposal was accepted

Meeting finished at 8:50 pm.

Next committee meeting date: Monday, 12th November at 8:00 pm