

Preston & District Model Railway Society

Committee Meeting Monday, 09th November 2015 at 8:30pm

Present:-

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

Apologies: John Farnden

Matters Arising from the minutes of the last meeting:

- Neville is still checking the paperwork with regards to a bus for transporting customers between the train station and the Exhibition in 2016. **Still ongoing.**
- With regards to the Ingol Social Club, the kitchens are scheduled to be ready 13th Jan. Les will call in a week before to check progress and book for the "Boozy Do".
- Bee Lane appeared in the November edition of Model Rail.
- Wigan have invited Jeremy to exhibit at their exhibition.
- The AGM was judged to be generally successful, with the hot pot and applie pie considered "good".
- John F and Andy are to discuss current membership so a full list can be prepared.
- Les is to purchase a door closer and latch. **On-going.**
- It was noted with sadness that Don Corner has passed away; six members of the club attended his funeral.

Minutes of last meeting:

- The minutes of the 28th Setember 2015 meeting were accepted as a true record.

Matters Arising:

- It was noted that it was difficult to hear at the back of the room during the AGM, due to background noise, and there was a suggestion to arrange the chairs nearer the front in the future.
- Appreciation was made of the talk by Alan "G Whiz" at the AGM.
- The accounts were briefly inspected; in the absence of the treasure there was no opportunity to look deeper, for example at the £28.99 miscellaneous expenditure. It was noted that the fire extinguishers require inspecting in the near future.
- An issue with the standing order forms is that they have the payment made at the beginning of the month, which in October is before the AGM , when the amount is decided. It was resolved that in the future this would be changed to the 28th.

Future Events (Exhibition):

- A general meeting will be held at the Christmas party to discuss the exhibition.
- Barry can no longer drive for medical reasons, and this will require someone appointed to get cabling to the exhibition.
- Les to get a copy of the exhibition plan, including wiring chart, from Barry for back-up reasons.

- Ray will take responsibility for erecting barriers.
- Corner barriers that support the cable bridges are to be delivered with the first van to the exhibition hall, so cabling can be in place as soon as possible.
- It was hoped that the road would be open to allow access to the door in "Squires' corner".
- Les said he considered the hall to be a gym, not an industrial site, so children can help setting up and taking down.
- Mike to be a second driver on the big van.
- It was noted that a lot of leaflets for our exhibition had been picked up at other local exhibitions.

Any Other Business:

- It was agreed that the club would purchase two new DCC controllers for the new layout, one using the money from Model Rail for the Bee Lane article. These are to be labelled for exhibition use only.
- Options for a new DC controller were also discussed.
- Bill's work engraver is not operational and unlikely to be repaired or replaced. Carl to contact Blackburn MRS to see what they do with regards to layout numbers at their exhibition.
- The new layout is proceeding well, and is currently (mostly) set up in place of Bee Lane for electrical testing. Two more boards need to be inserted briefly before Bee Lane is put back, for the end of the month.
- John W agreed to open the club on Mondays, Les on Wednesday afternoon, as Barry now travels by bus.

Meeting finished at 9:10pm.

Next committee meeting date: Monday, 11th January at 8:30pm