

Preston & District Model Railway Society

Committee Meeting Monday, 25th January 2016 at 8:30pm

Present:-

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

Apologies: Bill Taylor

Matters Arising from the minutes of the last meeting:

- Arrangements for the bus for the exhibition have fallen through, as the supplier has not returned any calls. This has now been abandoned. Alternative transport has been booked for the "Boozy Do".
- With regards to the Ingol Social Club, the kitchens are scheduled to be ready soon. Les has booked, and paid a returnable deposit.
- 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. It was proposed that in future members must be reminded to pay up after six months.
- Les has purchased a door closer and latch, and this has been fitted.
- The accounts were inspected. John F said he was now listing all expenses individually, avoiding the use of "miscellaneous".
- Further to the last meeting, it was decided monthly payments would be taken on the first of the month, but they would start and end one month later (i.e., starting 1st November). This will be proposed at the AGM.
- Two DCC controllers to be purchased for the new layout (one using the donation that arose from the article in Model Rail). **On-going**
- The option of buying a DC controller from Dave Pallant was discussed. **On-going**
- The new layout is progressing well, and setting it up in the club room has involved more members.
- It was decided that an exhibition briefing at the Christmas night was not necessary.

Minutes of last meeting:

- The minutes of the 9th November 2015 meeting were accepted as a true record.

Future Events (Exhibition):

- For the exhibition, Les and Carl have "large" vans booked, with Les picking up cables and corner posts first.
- 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**
- Road access to the exhibition should be okay. Les has a meeting 4th Feb to ensure barriers are not in place when stands are arriving and departing.

- Ray has taken responsibility for erecting barriers. These have now been colour coded.
- All cables for the exhibition are accounted for.
- It was noted that in the Model Press exhibitions are often considered industrial sites during setting up and taking down, so children are prohibited and hard hats required. It was agreed that our exhibition is held in a sports hall, so this was not applicable in our case.
- Mike needs to supply his National Insurance number to be able to drive one of the vans.
- We need to source number plates for the stands. If we can locate 3 core laminated PVC, Pete says the university will engrave them. Bill believed his school would have the capability ready for next year's exhibition.
- Les will hold informal meetings with various members the night of the modelling competition, with regards to the exhibition. Six people have been identified for the front desk. Neville has responsibility for distributing duties
- Ian to organise manning the second-hand stall.
- Society members will be asked not to go behind stands unless they have specific duties for that stand.
- The ebb and flow of trade stands at the exhibition was discussed.

Any Other Business:

- Bee Lane is to be racked up, while it is offered for sale, on the web site and through RM Web (action: Carl). It will be available without catenary or fiddle yard (or control circuit for traffic lights). If there are no offers, it will be scrapped.
- Booster box for the new layout to be returned to the shop (Coastal DCC).
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Meeting finished at 9:10pm.

Next committee meeting date: Monday, 14th March at 8:15 pm