

Preston & District Model Railway Society

Committee Meeting Monday, 19th March 2018 at 8:00pm

Present: -

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

Apologies were received from John Farnden

Matters Arising from the minutes of the last meeting:

- Barry still has a key. **Action: Les**
- The banner has now been to several exhibitions. Needs updating for next exhibition.
- It was noted that the rubbish is on-going.
- The bridge at the bottom of the stairs is to be done soon. **Action: JW.**
- Les is still arranging with Dave Pallant about software for planning the hall for the next exhibition.

Cancelled Exhibition:

- Although we had not paid a deposit to the college, we agreed to pay the equivalent (20%) after the cancellation.
- Electrical items for exhibition to be moved back downstairs.
- Les is still negotiating with the social club about a refund after cancelling the boozy-do.
- Insurance cover for extreme weather only pays out 20% of the £2.5k. Steve of Wigan pays an extra £400 for decent bad weather coverage, and it may be worthwhile if we do likewise.
- The biggest loss was £3290 for the hotel, who refused to refund. Whether VAT should have been refunded was discussed. We could consider Jepson or Lea Gate for next year, though the convenience of Ibis was noted. We would have got a refund if each room was booked separately, but there is a bulk discount.
- Advertising was also not refundable. One exhibitor had hired a van for £80, and we agreed to cover that. Overall we lost around £4k, but the exhibition fund still has £8k.
- Les had numerous calls in the run up to the exhibition, I had a few too. It was noted that the tables were snowed in in Rochdale

Minutes of Last Meeting:

- The minutes of the 19th February 2018 meeting were accepted as a true record.

- The proposed club policy for the upcoming General Data Protection Regulations was discussed, and broadly accepted. Registration with ICO is required. **Action: AKJ.**
- The membership application form is to be updated to reference it. **Action: AKJ.**
- Les to be shown how to BCC. **Action: AKJ.**

Any Other Business:

- Neville has asked for a list of members layouts that go to exhibitions, by Monday.
- The open day has been moved to May 16, to get a listing in RM. It will be afternoon as well as evening. Poster required for Transport Models. **Action: AKJ.**
- Modelling competition results will be announced at the open day, and the quiz will be held too.
- Three storage heaters have been removed, sold for scrap. Two behind Euxton Junction to be removed when the layout is down. Three others to go too.
- A notice is required to let people know Euxton Junction will not be available whilst it is at exhibition. **Action: Carl.**
- Carl noted that vans can no longer be collected Good Friday.

Meeting finished at 8:45 pm.

Next committee meeting date: Monday, 14th May at 8:00 pm