

# **Preston & District Model Railway Society**

Committee Meeting Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018 at 8:00pm

## **Present:**

John Wilson	Chairman (acting)
Andy Joel	Secretary
John Farnden	Treasurer
Carl Bowden	Bill Taylor
Dave Winder	

## **Apologies:**

Roger

## **Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting:**

- The bridge at the bottom of the stairs has been done by Blackpool Dave. **Action: JW to give thanks at AGM.**
- Les still needs to be shown how to BCC; waiting for LES to bring his laptop in. **Action: AKJ, on-going.**
- The Moss side sign still needs resolving. Ian does not want it restored, but it may need treating to prevent further rotting. To be hung behind N gauge layout.
- JF said he would provide a list of current members from the latest statement. He noted that some names had disappeared since the February list. **Action: JF On-going.**
- The books in the office need sorting; the currently storage is inadequate. **Action: JW to mention at AGM**
- It was also noted that the magazines at the bottom of the stairs make the place look a mess. Les may know someone who will buy the bound copies. **On-going**
- The issue with Water Plus and debt collectors has been resolved, and we have something in writing to that effect.
- The problem with itemised bills from the landlord is still on-going, and is a repeat of what happened last year. We have received a new set of figures that bear no relation to the previous. JF has asked why. It was suggested that we get readings ourselves.

## **Minutes of last meeting:**

- The minutes of the 16<sup>th</sup> July 2018 meeting were accepted as a true record.

## **AGM**

- Les has sorted the social club.
- Carl to bring the PA
- JW has more-or-less sorted the catering; to see next week. Cater for 40 people. Dave G to provide red cabbage, Dave W to source disposable cutlery and crockery, as well as metal serving implements. JF to bring £130 cash to pay caterer.
- It was noted that all officers were willing to continue.

## **General:**

- Transport Models have pulled out of next year's exhibition, as they may not exist at that point, but Les has a replacement (a trader from Wales).
- Thanks to Tom, Karl and Dave W for cleaning the club rooms.
- JF noted that we will have a shortfall of around £130 this year (partly due to not receiving a lumpsum from the exhibition account), and putting up subscriptions was discussed. It was decided that a £1 increase for seniors would cover the cost. It was noted that seniors make up the bulk of the membership. A £1 increase would bring senior membership to exactly 75% of full membership. It was noted in passing that there are currently no junior members. **Action: JF to propose increase at AGM.**
- Les has said the club can use Rayton as it likes. Ted has expressed a desire in renovating it.
- Euxton scenic: The ramp still needs doing, no progress from Bill. The fencing is still outstanding.
- Phil is re-wiring the junior layout, and wants one circuit to be DCC. Les suggested standardising on Lenz, effectively giving a space for Euxton. This would also apply to the new N gauge layout.

Meeting finished at 8:50 pm.

**Next committee meeting date:** Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> October at 8:00 pm