

Preston & District Model Railway Society

Committee Meeting Monday, 25th April 2016 at 8:10pm

Present: -

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

Apologies: None

Matters Arising from the minutes of the last meeting:

- 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.
Action: John F to email Andy an up-to-date list of paid members. On-going
- The option of buying a DC controller from Dave Pallant was discussed. **On-going**
- 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**
- Ray has taken responsibility for erecting barriers. It was noted that this went more smoothly than previously. **Action: Les to see Ray to check nuts/captives, and to write on the barriers to use nuts if necessary. On-going**
- The potential buyer for Bee Lane has not been seen since the last meeting, so the layout is going back on the market. **Action: John W to talk to Neville about getting it mentioned in magazines.**
- Smart Models have decided they *will* attend our exhibition next year.
- The open evening on the 18th was a good event, despite no new members turning up! The rooms became much tidier and a night of just running trains was very enjoyable.
- The 16 V transformer has been purchased.
- Most of the catenary has been published; it is anticipated the total expenditure will be about £260, a little below the £300 budgted.
- Of the three new approved members, David Thompson has not been seen since, so his membership is considered "pending".
- The 2016 exhibition accounts have still not been finalised due to issues with the DVD. **On-going.**

Minutes of last meeting:

- The minutes of the 21st March 2016 meeting were accepted as a true record.

Future Events (Exhibition):

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Any Other Business:

- The new layout will be unusable for the week of the bank holiday weekend whilst the extra board is worked on. **Action: Carl to put note on blackboard.**
- The junior members are to erect and take down the junior layout at the next exhibition, and will be given opportunities to practice before then.
- Jeremy wants to use the work room to build a fiddle yard for his own layout (2.5'x17.5'). Agreed he could work in the main room on Wednesday and Friday, storing everything in the work room on Monday (i.e., nothing to be in main room on Monday nights). Must ensure juniors have access to their layout.
- The next open night will be September or October, perhaps on a Wednesday when parking is easier. A notice to be put in the classified section of a magazine.

Meeting finished at 8:35pm.

Next committee meeting date: Monday, 23rd May at 8:00 pm