

# **Preston & District Model Railway Society**

Committee Meeting Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 8:00pm

## **Present:**

John Wilson	Chairman
Andy Joel	Secretary
Carl Bowden	Bill Taylor
Roger Hardacre	Tom Springett

## **Apologies**

John Farnden

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

- JW still needs to be added as a signatory for cheques. JF will look at changing the account so we can do online banking; this is not possible with the “community account”. JF hoped to get this done soon. **Action: JF and JW.**
- It was noted that the AGM proceeded well.

## **Minutes of last meeting:**

- The minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> August 2019 meeting were accepted as a true record.

## **New Lease**

- Realistically, it seems likely we will stay where we are, given we have so far failed to find an alternative.
- We still do not know when it is up for renew (and indeed if it will be available).  
**Action: JF**

## **Library**

- Tom will add books to the catalogue as they are acquired, and e-mail the revised version once there are sufficient changes to make it worth updating the web site.
- It was agreed that duplicated books in the club library would go to the second hand stall.
- The decision was made to give away the VHS tapes in the library – other than the “Fell” loco – as they are just taking up space. **Action: AKJ to e-mail the membership**
- It was also decided that the bound volumes should be disposed of.
- Racking will be considered once the lease is resolved.

## **Other matters:**

- John welcomed Tom to the committee.
- It was noted that Ray, together with Tom and Les, had checked the barriers. This was much appreciated.

- The Christmas do was set for the 16<sup>th</sup> of December, and the modelling competition for the 17<sup>th</sup> February. **Action: AKJ to e-mail the membership, BT to arrange mince pies**
- Further to the discussion at the AGM, it was decided not to implement membership cards.
- It was noted that Euxton won another trophy at Wakefield. **Action: CB to send photo for Facebook to AKJ.**
- There was an issue with connections at one end of the layout; this would cost around £100 to resolve and would be done whilst the layout was down.
- A controller on Euxton Junc is causing the whole system to freeze (only 5-6 years old), so we are down to three for the club. It will cost at least £290 for a new command station and handset, compared to £360 from DigiTrains. Could we get a discount from DigiTrains, perhaps if we put a logo on the layout?

Meeting finished at 8:55 pm.

**Next committee meeting date:** 10<sup>th</sup> February 2020