

Preston & District Model Railway Society

Committee Meeting Monday, 9th August 2021 at 8:00pm

Present:

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

Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting:

- JF reported that contents insurance had been paid just prior to him phoning the insurance company with regards to the stair lift. He phoned them to inform them of the change in circumstances, and was told it did not affect the cost.
- It was again noted that several members were not paying, though they were still attending the club! It was noted that members who are not paid up lose the right to vote at the AGM **Action:** JF to talk to members individually to resolve.
- New lighting was discussed. It was established that a qualified electrician would be required, possibly provided by the landlord, and this was considered to be too expensive. LED tubes may be an alternative.
- A key audit was further discussed. It was noted that all committee members except Roger have keys; it was unclear if other members do or not.
- The price of a carpet under the N gauge layout was guessed at about £200. **Action:** TS to get a proper estimate for the AGM.
- Re-opening proceeded as planned

General

- It was noted that we have a new A3 laminator.
- It was noted that JW still cannot sign cheques, and that the bank is no longer allowing JF to make payments over the phone. **Action:** JF to add JW as a signatory.
- There was a suggestion that subs gets raised by £1/m to replace the change at the door. This would have to be resolved at the AGM.
- Two new members were voted in.
- It was suggested that members should be asked to make a rolling payment for the standing order, rather than limited to twelve months. This would have to be raised at the AGM.
- It was noted that “Blackpool Dave” had a wireless controller at the club for his own convenience, but was happy to have it used when Euxton Junction goes to exhibitions.
- JW officially thanked those involved in tidying the back room for ventilation.
- “Country membership” was discussed, as members had been asking. Would it be a good idea to reduce the distance to 20 miles rather than 30? A question for the AGM.

Exhibition

- Severe rain had caused some flooding in the storeroom. There was some damage to barriers, but Chris thought it looked superficial. Will need checking before next exhibition.
- It was noted that Warley has been cancelled.
- UCLAN sports centre on Tom Benson way was suggested as an alternative venue.
- It was noted that there may be a requirement to check visitors to the exhibition have been double jabbed.

AGM

- The date for the AGM was set at 4th October.
- It was decided that the AGM would be held in the club-rooms. This would be a one-off, and due to issues with booking a venue and getting catering.
- A notice about motions and nominations is required. **Action:** AKJ.

Meeting finished at 8:50 pm.

Next committee meeting date: Monday, 27th September at 8:00 pm