

Preston & District Model Railway Society

Committee Meeting Monday, 14th June 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:

- No minutes were presented as this was a “stand up” meeting to cover the COVID situation.

General

- It was noted that the stairlift has been put in place, and looks good. It does make layout movement slightly more awkward, but not impossible. **Action:** JF to check insurance situation.
- JF noted he had made an arrangement with the bank to get bills paid, as he was unable to see anyone to get a second signatory.
- It was noted that 8 to 9 members were not paying, though in some instances this was thought to be a temporary hitch.
- It was noted that the club is down around £4k in subs and £1k from the second-hand stall, despite for the most part having the same outgoings. The grant from local government was therefore very welcome; it was agreed that further use of the grant would be considered once the COVID situation is resolved.
- A motion should be raised at the AGM to allow committee members to continue in their roles in the event of unforeseen circumstances preventing an AGM.

Re-opening

- Due to the announcement that day, re-opening to be delayed until, provisionally, to 19th July, in line with government requires.
- AKJ had “Trace and trace” posters to allow members to use the phone app to sign in; other members to sign in. **Action:** TS to put together a signing in regime.
- Members will have to bring their own refreshments when we do reopen.

Exhibition, etc.:

- Les will take a decision around October regarding whether the 2021 exhibition can go ahead.
- It was noted that Les wants to retire, which will obviously have a big impact on the exhibition. Les visits a huge number of exhibitions, and so is known to a lot of people on the circuit. Anyone taking over would have to do likewise to maintain the standard of layouts. One option could be for a committee could be formed, with duties more spread out than is currently the case, and perhaps keep Les as a layout scout.

Lease

- It was noted that the landlord is also unable to find a copy of the lease. This could be problematic if he decides to up the rent, but the hope is that as we are good, reliable tenants he will not want to lose us, and everything will continue as they are indefinitely.

Meeting finished at 8:55 pm.

Next committee meeting date: Monday, 12th July at 8:00 pm