

Preston & District Model Railway Society

Committee Meeting Monday, 13th Jun 2022 at 8:00pm

Present:

John Wilson	<i>Chairman</i>
Andy Joel	<i>Secretary</i>
John Farnden	<i>Treasurer</i>
Carl Bowden	Dave Pallant
Chris Wilkes	Tom Springett

Apologies for absence

None

Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising

- New lighting is in place and looking good. Thanks to Carl et al. for fitting. This is expected to reduce power by 350 W, as well as giving brighter club rooms. This was paid for from the exhibition account, as discussed previously.
- JF met with a representative of the landlord about getting the floor at the entrance fixed. Waiting to hear when this will happen; we need notice so members can be warning if the club will be closed. The representative liked the new lighting; can JF ask if we can dispose of the lights?
- JF has been in contact with the bank, and has made more progress getting JW accepted to sign cheques; but still on-going.
- PAT testing is still on-going. **Action:** JW to talk to James.
- JF has had further contact with Stuart Grey, and arranged to see him next week, with the accounts-to-date. **Action:** JF to progress.
- High costs for fire extinguisher certification was further discussed. It was realised the high costs were due to the need to replace the nitrogen cartridges, and not as bad as originally thought.
- The back room was discussed. The Rev's layout has been disposed of. Two cabinets of Ian's are to be disposed of too.
- DP has purchased a smoke alarm; to be fitted. **Action:** DP.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a good record.

Accidents recorded since the last meeting

- None.

Upcoming events

- Dating for the AGM was discussed. The usual first Monday of October is not suitable as JW will be away.

Any other business

- A service contract for the stairlift was discussed. Given the high price and low usage compared to a domestic unit, it was decided this was not worthwhile.
- One member still has not paid. [But had by the time I wrote these minutes]
- JF and AKJ agreed to check membership so old application forms can be destroyed in accordance with GDPR.
- Andy P had asked for permission to use the back room to build his layout. This was agreed.
- It was noted that pointwork for Euxton is virtually done.
- It was noted that progress on the new N gauge lay has been slow recently with DP not available.
- The owner of Sawyer's Models, who was at the club discussing the Leigh exhibition, said club members would get a discount. This would require us having membership cards, and would therefore need some consideration.
- Les has decided to remain as an exhibition manager, to the relief of all involved. It was felt a large part of that was due to the support he got from members for the last exhibition.
- Two new members were voted in.

Date of the next meeting

25/Jul/22 at 8 pm

Meeting finished at 8:50 pm