

Preston & District Model Railway Society

Committee Meeting Monday, 24th.October 2022 at 8:00pm

Present:

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| John Wilson | Chairman & Acting Secretary |
| Dave Pallant | |
| Carl Bowden | |
| Tom Springett | |
| Chris Wilkes | |

Apologies:-

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| Andy Joel | Secretary |
| John Farnden | Treasurer |

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Lighting:-

One light still to be replaced as and when time permits.

Flooring:-

It has been agreed with the Landlord that they will carry out the work to the floor at the main entrance on a date which has yet to be agreed.

We may have to carry out remedial work ourselves to items we have installed so this repair can be done.

However, another option has been suggested that we do all the work and have a rent reduction to cover costs.

Treasurer to update on his return.

Banking:-

Chairman can now sign cheques on behalf of the club but as yet has had no official confirmation from the bank.

Accountants:-

Treasurer has met with our new accountant and prepared a report for the AGM, however the Committee would like an overview of these before the AGM, so we will try to have a quick meeting prior to the AGM.

Fire protection:-

The smoke alarm still needs to be installed. DP

When the service is due again next year Lancashire Fire Protection will be approached and asked to give a quotation for this work. JW to arrange.

Club rooms :-

The "N" gauge layout is progressing slowly in the work room.

The ex junior room is now clear and has the remains of an “O” gauge layout stored in it, also two members have their own layouts in there whilst they are working on them.

What future use is to be made of this area still has to be decided and will need committee approval.

Any other business:-

Following on from the report last meeting where we were given notice of a shortfall in income the Committee propose an increase in subs which needs to be presented to the AGM for consideration this is as follows:-

| Membership level | Existing amount | Proposed amount |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Full | £16-50 | £18-00 |
| Senior | £12-50 | £13-50 |
| Country/Junior | £8-25 | £9-00 |

We have had notification of two members wishing to resign from the club.

One new member has joined and is assisting the “N” gauge group

A laser level has been purchased and has proved a valuable asset when setting up layouts at exhibitions.

Upon return from Stafford exhibition there was some damage done to Euxton Junction when two boards collided this caused three of the “goalpost portals” to the catenary being damaged, but these have been repaired, now just require painting.

We had a visit from United Utilities to turn off our water supply for non-payment of our account, needless to say we were not happy about this and got in touch with UU and it became apparent that they had attended the wrong property. They have apologised for this error and have given us a £30 refund for inconvenience caused.

Tom has placed a procedure in the club file to cover any further occurrence.

BRM have had a copy of our proposed article for their magazine and attended the Stafford exhibition to take photographs which have been received by the Chairman and these will be circulated to Committee members.

We have been requested to submit a plan of the layout and it is suggested we send the one used in the Railway Modeller for them to adapt to suit.

The Christmas quiz has been set for the 12th. December and it is hoped Bill will provide the questions.

Date of next meeting

21st. November 2022 @ 8-00pm