

Preston & District Model Railway Society

Annual General Meeting

Monday, 2nd October 2017 at 7:30 pm

Minutes

Meeting started at 1930. There were 29 members in attendance.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Ted Crosby, Mike Eydman, John Wilson, Chris Morgan, Alan McGlen

2. The minutes of the previous AGM

The minutes of the previous AGM had been on the notice board six weeks, giving everyone a chance to read them for approval.

Proposed: Ray. Seconded: Steve.

They were approved unanimously.

3. Matters arising

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes

4. Chairman's report

Membership

Now stands at 53 paid up members to date.

Donations to the signing in box falls far short of the numbers signing in (members must sign in for insurance purposes). I know it is only voluntary but even 10p helps towards running cost. At one time the box was equivalent to the subs of two members.

Layouts

This year saw a move around of layouts in the club room with Maudling being dismantled and the buildings sold on the exhibition second hand stall. The swapped positions of Tellum Summit and Euxton Junction allow for the full length of Euxton to be displayed and worked on. When the houses and station steps/ramp are complete Tony Wright will come and photograph the layout for the Railway Modeller.

Tellum Summit

With the move the layout required some track aligning and the electric points in the fiddle yards have been sorted.

The layout has just been photographed by Hornby magazine; date of publication to be agreed.

Rayton

The junior layout needs some volunteers to tidy up the scenic to get it ready for our exhibition where it will be run as a Thomas layout.

Junior layout

Junior layout in the side room is being tidied up by Roger who would like some help on the scenic – on-going.

Euxton Junction

As Euxton Junction has been at Wigan exhibition this weekend the layout will not be available for use on Wednesday afternoon. This layout has further bookings for York, Barrow and North Fylde next year.

Members' layouts

Jeremy's layout will be at our exhibition and at DEMU in 2018.

My layout, Llwyngrug, will be at Workington 2017, and Stafford and Glasgow in 2018.

Neville's layout has appeared in September's Model Rail Magazine.

Modelling competition

The judge this year was once again Alan Judd, who as a good friend of the society is also giving tonight's talk later on.

N/009 gauge

Locos: 009 loco by Luke

Rolling Stock and vehicles: 009 baggage/brake van by Marton Sutcliff

Scenics: 3 Tunisian houses by Andy Joel

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Locos: Class 87 "Wolf of Radnock" by Jeremy (judge impressed with roof detail)

Rolling Stock and vehicles: none

Scenics: Catenary and transformers (Euxton) by Carl and John Wilson

Larger Scales

Locos: none

Rolling Stock: none

Scenics: Tree demonstration set by Les

Trophy Best

Scratch built: Walled garden by Ted

Kit Built: Tamper by Jeremy

Scenic: Bungalow/houses by John Wilson

Best junior model: 009 tipper wagons by Callum Nicholson

Overall: Catenary and transformers (Euxton) by Carl and John Wilson

Exhibition

Best scenic: Whispering hollow

Best selected by layout owners: Dentdale

Best in show: Ludlow

Thanks

Last but not least, thanks to:

1. the committee who have done excellent job, especially when I was missing for 3 months
2. the people who help to keep the clubroom tidy
3. Karen for brewing up and
4. Bill Taylor for keeping a good supply of drinks, etc. to the brew room.

Questions

There were no questions.

5. Treasurer's report

Membership numbers had increased and that we would not therefore need to increase subs this year.

Electricity cost is less due to the delays in getting the readings from the Landlord.

Members still late paying subs. Remember subs are due in advance, not 10 months in arrears. It is recommended that you pay monthly by Standing Order, if you can't pay annually in advance.

Refreshments total is now net, after drinks etc., purchased.

Layouts outlay small this year compared with last two years, and will be refunded from Exhibition account.

Large expenditure was for Fire Extinguishers.

We are doing ok, but I would ask again that members pay subs when due, as this year nearly £500 was received in September for subs.....so 10 months after membership year started.

I will be checking and chasing subs regularly from December.

Questions

Do we have a savings account? Yes we do. We do not touch the savings, so it has not changed besides the interest. This is kept aside in case the club needs to be wound up (paying the lease).

6. Auditors report

Alan reported that everything was fine with the accounts, but did note that we might need to increase the savings account as winding up the club gets potentially more expensive.

Proposal: Any new member will be expected to pay in advance, either by standing order or in full. Membership will start from the first of the next month.

Proposed: Martin seconded: Mike DP

The proposal was accepted unanimously.

7. Election of committee members.

All the old members have agreed to stand, and there were no other persons interested.

Proposal: To accept the current committee for next year.

Proposed: Mike Pye seconded: Karl Smith

The proposal was accepted unanimously.

Alan agreed to continue as auditor.

8. The exhibition

The exhibition cost £16K to put on, which is large for a club our size. It was noted that the quality is as high as Wigan, if it is more limited in size. It was a very good year for the second hand stall, which took £2K, and overall the club made in excess of £5K.

To help Bill and Ian for next year, goods for the second hand wall will only be accepted if the form is already filled in. It was noted that the second hand stall is for members only. Items donated by Mr Carter still require sorting.

The 2018 exhibition is virtually “put to bed”, with just one trader uncertain, due to ill health (with Laser Products on stand-by). There will be 20 layouts, including Jeremy’s.

9 AOB

Why no secretary’s report? Because the chairman has already said it all.

It was noted that a “bridge” will be constructed at the bottom of the steps to the club room.

Jeremy asked about moving to better premises, citing Blackburn club who have lift access, a managed toilet. Les said Jeremy was welcome to investigate options.

Meeting closed at 2010