

Preston & District Model Railway Society

Committee Meeting Monday, 14th January 2019 at 8:00pm

Present:

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

Apologies:

Dave Winder

Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting:

- Les still needs to be shown how to BCC; waiting for LES to bring his laptop in. **Action: AKJ, on-going.**
- The magazines are still awaiting disposal, and the Worth Valley Railway or Ribble Steam would be options, or just giving away at the exhibition. **On-going**
- Still looking for a new venue for when the lease expires. **Action: JF to find when the lease expires.**

Minutes of last meeting:

- The minutes of the 16th November 2018 meeting were accepted as a true record.

General:

- It was noted that Tom was making good progress with the books.
- It was decided that the club will not spend any money beyond the essentials until after the exhibition. After losing over £4000 last year when the exhibition was cancelled, it was realised that the club will be in trouble financially in the unlikely event that the same thing happens this year. In particular this means that there will be no money for the new N gauge layout or the racking for books in the office until after the exhibition, and the club is more financially secure.
- Neville had arranged payment for Chiltern to get the discount for insurance.
- JW is to become a signatory for cheques, as Les has asked to be taken off (Les and Neville will remain as signatories for the exhibition account).
- JC has spoken to the landlord with regards the break-in. It was noted that grills had been put over the windows, though the broken window has not been fixed. The landlord may be fitting toughened glass, so it would get replaced at that point.
- It was noted that one new member had still not paid anything, despite coming regularly since November. He has been told to pay before the end of the month or will not be allowed in.
- Are there pictures of Tellum Summit that can be used for the exhibition somewhere? Someone must have the ones from the Modeller.
- Jeremy wants to use the small room to fix his layout prior to Glasgow, in particular adding a lighting pelmet. Karl has aged and will vacant by the end of the week.

- Roger wondered about the possibility of getting involved in schools by running some kind of competition, as a way to reach out to children.

Meeting finished at 8:40 pm.

Next committee meeting date: Monday, 11th March at 8:00 pm