

Annual General Meeting

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the G Scale Society Kent

Sunday 28 January 2018 at 2.30pm
Teynham Village Hall



Apologies

Adam Adlam, Charles Darley, Brian Bushall, Rodney Hamilton, Andy Parkins, Dave Fenner
Working in the Event - Andy Cottenham, Gill Allen, Elizabeth Cook, Malcolm Tyreman, Glen Allen

Attendees

Roger Allen - Chairman/Group Leader
Martin Cook – Treasurer
Committee Members - Martin Piper, Jeff Fray, Andrew Lloyd, Roy Lloyd, John Morgan
Kent Members –, Alex Evans-Crane, Richard Riley, Carol Riley, Bernard Taylor

Opening Remarks

Roger Allen welcomed all to the meeting and stated that it was good to see a few members attending

Minutes of the last AGM

These had been circulated to members and there were no matters arising. Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Jeff Fray and seconded Roy Lloyd and agreed.

Annual Report

The Report had been circulated to all members prior to the meeting and Roger Allen made the following comments.

Thanks - to those who held Garden meets, a total of 8 were held, which are the lifeblood of group

- Martin & Elizabeth Cook for the transportation of GER – there is a need for a back-up and if anyone with a tow bar can help occasionally, would they please make contact. Nicky Cook had offered to help out. Alternatively we could hire a van
- Martin Piper for running the Web site, and to Alex Evans-Cane for agreeing to help spread the work load.
- Nicki and Lee Cook for the storage of GER.
- Elizabeth Cook, Gill Allen and Sue Fray for running the catering at both Pratts Bottom and Teynham.
- Jeff Fray for producing the Newsletters, which Bernard Taylor said were very welcome
- Roy Lloyd for producing a video – more to come.
- The Committee members for their support.

Treasurer's Report

The Accounts were circulated and Martin Cook reported that they had been audited. The charge for the website had been paid twice owing to a problem with the provider, although this did not show in the accounts as one payment was made by Martin Piper and he is due a refund.

Election of the Committee

The current committee were prepared to continue and there had been no new nominations. It was proposed by Alex Evans-Crane and seconded Carol Riley and agreed by the meeting that the committee be re-elected. In his message of apologies Adam Adlam had expressed his thanks to the Committee for all their efforts on behalf of the members.

Garden Meets

Roger Allen stated that there were 5 garden Meets in the diary already and he expected more. It was suggested that Application Forms for Membership and other leaflets - future events - should be displayed at all Meets. It was agreed that the purpose of these events were social, with the opportunity to run your own stock on another track and that this should be made be clear to members. It was felt that name badges could help and it was agreed to see if the new Membership Cards could be used, with perhaps the group providing pinned holders to make them into a badge The Higham meet with the 16mm group had attracted a few as a Running Day, not open to the public, and was being repeated on Saturday 17 February 2018 .

Any other business

Invitations – We have been invited to take tracks to Henfield – West Sussex Group – GER, Whitstable – Model Railway Society – Willow Tramway and Bressingham – GER - which the committee are considering, but there was a need for more members to assist.

Survey – Only a 25% return with most saying they benefitted for group activities and that the Newsletters had improved communications

Venues for indoor Meets – Considering the size of the county it was felt that Teynham and Pratts Bottom seemed to fulfil the spread, but the committee will look at other possibilities.

Publicity – The extra publicity given by the Kent Messenger Newspaper for today's event has brought in the public and it was suggested that it might be beneficial to actually submit a 'Press Release' in future.

Renewal of Membership – This had been very smooth this year with an excellent rate – only 4 of last year's members had not renewed to date and we have 3 new members already.

Meeting closed at 3.10pm with Roger Allen thanking everyone for attending.