

Minutes of the G Scale Society Kent, Committee Meeting

Held on Sunday 10th November 2019 at Broomhill Road, Orpington

Present: Andrew Lloyd (AL), Roger Allen (RA), Jeff Fray (JF), Martin Cook (MC), Martin Piper (MP)

Item	Detail	Action
1	Apologies – Roy Lloyd, John Morgan	
2	Minutes of last meeting – 4 August 2019 Already agreed as a true record RA mentioned that we had written back to the Langham Hotel following their enquiry over a possible G scale set-up over the Christmas period at the Hotel. Andrew Gravett at the hotel had thanked us and we understand has subsequently been in touch with Chalk Garden	
3	Treasurers Report JF reported that the current account balance was £3517 and the Savings Account £1385,03. Our Pratts Bottom event in October showed a surplus of £214. The annual insurance premium has been paid Glenn will be asked if he will undertake the audit of the 2018-19 RA reported that we would shortly receive an account for PBVH hire in October. The amount will be £100. Still no sign of anything for 2018 despite chasing.	RA
4	GER Further to the last meeting MC will research a suitable engine shed for the front siding. However in order to maximise loco storage it was decided that the second siding (at the back) would now be retained. Some damage had been encountered during the dismantling at Pratts Bottom; MP will check the over-centre clips. The track is well used at events with visiting members bringing stock to run. Sometimes there is too much stock on the layout but our younger members seem very able at running. If capacity is an issue then we can use the running sheet devised by JF. At Teynham we will examine the feasibility of additional sidings and or/loops particularly for the outer circuit A storage box will be obtained to house the signal box and water tower	MC MP All JF
5	Group Website The events page, committee minutes and web links have all been updated on the website is up to date but the members tracks and events in pictures sections are still to be update. MP will do. MP will also place the Group Newsletter and our entry to the National Journal on the website. It was agreed that Newsletter should be a PDF file for both the Newsletter and distribution to members It was noted that Teynham 2020 needs to be added to the National Diary	MP MP JF MP
6	Newsletter The latest edition is number 8, Summer 2019. JF advised that the next edition will be after Teynham. It will include a report of Jason Workman's September meet.	JF

7	<p>Forthcoming Events</p> <p>a) Indoor For Teynham on 26 January layouts have been arranged with Fentilley Railroad, Trumpers Halt, Hopfields, GER and a new British outline from Chris worby. KGR will be present and a member's sale stand will be organised.</p> <p>GER has been invited to attend the Surrey group meet at East Horsley on 1st March and the West Sussex Henfield show on 15th November. We have said yes to both subject to suitable transport arrangements. It was noted that Nicki & Lee had made an offer to help with the trailer if MC was not available with a fallback of hiring a van.</p> <p>Nothing further has been heard from Alan Jones about a possible KESR based event in April 2020.</p> <p>b) Garden meets 2020 Will be considered after Teynham</p>	
8	<p>Membership and National Matters</p> <p>a) Kent AL reported that a new member based in Abbey Wood has joined and a welcome letter sent. National policy is now that for new members their renewal date will be the anniversary of joining the Society with existing members pre-AGM 2020 retaining 1st January as the renewal date</p> <p>It was agreed that Sue Fray be offered Life Membership of the Kent Group. RA will contact Sue and formal confirmation will be required at the AGM</p> <p>b) AGL Meeting September RA had attended this meeting and circulated his notes to the Kent committee. In the absence of any formal minutes RA has also supplied a copy of his notes to Surrey and West Sussex.</p> <p>In order that the Society can understand its possible full liability, area groups have been asked annually provide brief financial details in the form of figures for annual income and expenditure and group assets. Also the names of committee members. We will do after the AGM and in the meantime RA will examine the existing asset register.</p> <p>A question had arisen over whether insurance cover where group assets are Stored at premises not the property of the Group. For Kent our trailer insurance covers both trailer and contents (GER) at any premises in the UK</p> <p>c) National Show There will not be a National Show in 2020. The AGM will be held in May 2020 at the ALSM meeting at Reading. National Chairman said at the AGL meeting that the whole question of a Show in 2021 and its location was a matter for consideration. RA will talk with other southern group leaders shortly</p>	<p>RA</p> <p>RA</p> <p>RA</p>

9	<p>Preparations for AGM – 26th January</p> <p>The annual group accounts and annual report will be required by 31st December for circulation before the meeting.</p> <p>Notice of the meeting will be issued in December</p> <p>The five committee members present are all prepared to stand for a further term if so required but the unanimous view was that we should again try to get other members to stand. Roy Lloyd has already said that he will not be standing after the AGM and thus there will need to be at least one new member. The task is not onerous with two or three meetings a year. RA will look through the Kent list to identify any possible candidates.</p>	<p>JF and RA</p> <p>AL</p> <p>RA</p>
10	<p>Any other business</p> <p>MC said that he and Elizabeth would supply a locomotive for the Teynham raffle.</p>	<p>MC</p>
12	<p>Next meeting</p> <p>Will be held after Teynham, A request was made to hold on a day other than a Sunday.</p>	<p>RA</p>