

Annual General Meeting

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the
G Scale Society Kent
Sunday 26 January 2020 at 2.30pm
Teynham Village Hall



Present: Martin Cook, Alex Evans-Addy, Wayne Evans-Addy, Jeff Fray, David Groves, Andrew Lloyd, Roy Lloyd, Andrew Lovibond, John Morgan, Martin Piper, Bernard Taylor, Elizabeth Cook.

Apologies: Jason Workman and those running the show - Peter Skinner, John Dean, Andrew Wyld, Gill Allen.

Roger Allen welcomed all to the meeting and thanked them for attending.

Minutes of the last meeting: These were agreed as a true record and proposed by Alex Evans-Addy and seconded by Bernard Taylor.

Annual Report: Roger Allen presented the report which had been circulated to all members and mentioned the item relating to a Junior Section which had been raised by Bernard Taylor who had joined the committee for one meeting to share his idea. The suggestion was put to the membership via the April Newsletter to gauge member interest, but there had been no response, so the idea was shelved for the time being and Bernard was thanked for his input. Thanks were given to those who opened their gardens to members, to Nicki and Lee Cook for storing the trailer, Martin and Elizabeth Cook for transporting it, and family members who has helped the Society over the year - Sue Fray, Gill and Rachael Allen. He thanked the members of the committee for their support.

Treasurer's Report: Jeff Fray had produced the Annual Statement, which had been circulated and explained that we had two bank accounts and that in the year we had an excess of income over expenditure of £595. The accounts had been audited by Glenn Allen and he was thanked for this. Although the deposit account interest was very low it was suggested that we could transfer some of the Current Account. Alex Evans-Addy mentioned a Prudential account and it was agreed to look at this. Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Wayne Evans-Addy and seconded by Alex Evans-Addy. Jeff was thanked for being Treasurer.

Election of Officers and Committee: Once again there was an appeal for members to come forward as the current officers had been in post for a number of years. Roger Allen thanked Roy Lloyd for his time on the committee as he was not seeking re-election. There being no new nominations it was proposed by Alex Evans-Addy that the Officers and Committee be re-elected 'on-bloc', seconded by Wayne Evans-Addy.

Meets: Concern was expressed as to the low attendance by members at some of the garden meets, which was disappointing for those who hosted. It was suggested that it might be worth looking at what days of the week would attract members. Alex Evans-Addy suggested that some members might feel that they do not know other members enough to attend and perhaps some form of pure social event as a 'get to know you' might help. The suggestion was a cup of tea at say a garden centre cafe with perhaps inviting a manufacturer to attend. Another idea was 'impromptu meets if the weather was fine and settled. There were geographical issues in such a large County and perhaps more central venues would help. Bernard Taylor suggested a member's 'Open Forum' by email to discuss ideas and this would be discussed by the committee. David Groves suggested that the group purchase track which could be taken to those who did not have a track or used at events. We had been invited to take GER to the Surrey Meet on 1 March and Sussex Meet at Henfield in November.

AOB: Alex Evans-Addy suggested that we should consider using Facebook to advertise our events and set up a page for Teynham and Pratts Bottom.

Honorary Membership: The Committee had agreed to offer Honorary Membership to Sue Fray in recognition of her long service to the group in hosting open days and in the kitchen at Teynham and Pratts Bottom.

Meeting closed 3.10pm