

# **Minutes of Committee Meeting - G Scale Society Kent**

**Held on Thursday 17 April 2023 – Queens Road, Chatham**

**Participants:** Roger Allen (RA), Wayne Evans-Addy (WE), Jeff Fray (JF), Martin Piper (MP), John Morgan (JM)

**Apologies** John Dean (JD))

## **1 Minutes of Last Meetings**

The last meetings were the committee on 1 December 2022 and the Group AGM on 29 January 2023. Minutes had been circulated and there were no items that would not be covered elsewhere on the agenda.

## **2. Treasurers Report**

JF reported that the current account balance stands at £3708 and the business savings account at £1389. With interest rates rising it was suggested that we maintain around £2500 in a better interest earning account. JF and RA will consider

JF reported that internet banking is now in place.

RA noted that the Pratts Bottom Village Hall bill for two days hire in October was still outstanding and he will chase.

## **3 GER**

JF has carried out the window modifications to the engine shed and also updated the control panels to reflect the new track layout.

MP has wiring diagrams for the track and will make available to others.

With regard to trailer storage it was agreed that JF would follow up the offer from Alan Jones. However towing remains an issue and alternative help is needed.

Agreed that JF should arrange a trailer service with Trident Trailers

## **4 Website**

RA circulated a note of updates required to the website and invited other committee members to review and add/amend as necessary.

With MP leaving the area in the summer WE offered to take over management of the website and will arrange with MP.

## **5 Newsletter**

It was agreed that the next edition – number 30 – would be issued by the end of April. JF has a number of articles and also reminders about help at events and trailer towing will be included. JF offered to take over the group's quarterly report for the National Journal

## **6 Facebook**

WE note that we now have 22 members in the Kent Facebook group and a further promotion will be made in the next Newsletter.

## **7 Forthcoming Events**

### **a) Indoor**

- David Groves will be displaying his pop-up layout at the Tunstall Coronation Festival on 9 May. Arrangements for leaflets to be made and also a request to members for assistance.
- Ashford 9 July – WE reported that this would be a multi-gauge event. To date layouts in G, Gauge 1, O gauge, N & Z have been arranged. Richard Barton will display his Simplex loco plus wagon. The SECR Society will attend as

may the 4235 Society with further possibilities Glenn Allen, and the Headcorn Modellers. KGR will provide a trade stand.

RA has provided WE with possible outlets where event details can be displayed Catering to be arranged but hopefully the Teynham/PB model.

Agreed that admission prices be £4 adult, £1.50 child with a £10 family ticket.

- Pratts Bottom 15 October – Chris Worby and KGR will attend. Other possibilities at present include a shunting puzzle layout and a modular demonstration
- Teynham – 28 January – early days but GER, Chris Worby and Chalk Garden will attending
- WE noted that although DG has left the committee an event could be arranged and a hall hired if members wanted to have a pop-up track event

b) Garden meets

To date 6 events have been scheduled during the period 13 April to 10 August – 4 from Alan Jones, one from Richard Barton and one from Jeff Fray

## **8 Membership**

Membership of the group stands as 50 full members plus 9 Kent Honorary. 4 newish members had not renewed.

Wayne has picked up a supply of the new membership leaflet

## **9 Matrix of committee members duties and responsibilities**

With RA standing down from the committee at the 2024 AGM and Andrew Lloyd likewise standing down from member contact and circulation tasks it was appropriate to revisit the matrix of duties.

RA said he would re-circulate highlighting tasks that would require re-allocating by the end of January and ask remaining members to consider what they might be prepared to do. Following this exercise if some tasks still require a home then a request to members will be necessary.

Existing members again should consider if any wished to takeover the role of Chairman and Group Leader.

## **10 Wider promotion of the Group, the Society and our activities**

It was agreed that our ability to appear at other exhibitions is dependent on having sufficient manpower to participate in events. Before commitments are made we need to ensure that help and assistance is in place as needed from members other than those on the committee.

There was some discussion on the modular concept and WE suggested that the group might need corner linkage units.

## **11 AOB**

WE reported that we have our own card reader and cradle for debit/credit card transactions. However for the Ashford event a borrowed device will be needed

## **12 Next Meeting**

This will be held in late May or June with the date to be arranged