

Annual General Meeting

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the G Scale Society Kent Sunday 31 January 2016 at 2.30pm Teynham Village Hall



Apologies for absence: Adam Adlam, Richard Riley, Charles Darley, Andy Cottenham, Gill Allen

Present: Roger Allen – Chairman, Martin Cook – Treasurer, Alex Evans-Crane, Jeff Fray, Andrew Lloyd, Roy Lloyd, Les Brown, John Morgan, Andrew Parkins, Martin Piper, James Sinfield, John Spann, Elizabeth Cook.

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting and thanked them for attending.

Minutes of the last AGM – These had been circulated to all members and were on the website. It was proposed by Andrew Parkins and seconded by Jim Sinfield that these be accepted as a true record and agreed by those present.

Annual Report – Roger Allen presented the report, which had been circulated to all members, stating that there had been a good range of activities during the year, with no adverse comments from members. He reminded members that the committee welcomed their comments particularly if they felt that activities could be improved or extended. He particularly wanted to thank the following for their contributions:

- The five members who had hosted garden events
- Martin Cook for transporting the track
- Those who had run the catering at Meets, particularly Elizabeth Cook, Sue Fray and Gill Allen
- The Committee for their time and effort and sharing the workload

Members were reminded that Committee meetings minutes were posted on the website for all to read. Work on the 'Garden of England Railway' had continued during the year and was mostly completed. It had been noted that a couple of the boards on the rear of the track had dropped slightly and would need to be kept under review but did not affect the running. On 12 November it had been at the Shoeburyness MRC show in Southend and had been well received, flying the flag for G Scale, and there were people here today because of us attending this show.

Treasurer's Report. Martin Cook presented the report which had been circulated to all members and would be audited shortly – Audited copy now attached. These showed two entries for Pratts Bottom Meets owing to the date in 2014 being late and 2015 being earlier than usual. There are also two payments of insurance premiums owing to the 2014 payment being requested late caused by a change in Broker. The finances are looking healthy.

Election of Committee – There were no new nominations or offers and the present Committee were prepared to continue for another year. It was proposed by Alex Evans-Crane and seconded by Andrew Parkins that the Committee be re-elected 'on block' and this was agreed. The Chairman mentioned again that the majority of the Committee had served the Group for a number of years and were willing to stand down to allow fresh ideas to be developed and were willing to discuss this with any interested member.

Garden Meets – These were always enjoyable, providing the weather cooperated and all are welcome to give one a try and the Committee were willing to help. It does not need to be anything special, just a track and a cup of tea!. Meets so far arranged in 2016 are Jason & Ann Workman on March 26, July 24 and 3 Sept, Martin Piper on 2 July, Martin Cook in Aug tba and John Spann tba. Liaison for Meets should be through Jeff Fray - jeff.fray@btinternet.com.

The Committee were considering organising 'Running days' during the winter months with GER in a hall in a different part of the County to existing events. It was felt that Sundays would be the most popular, but we had been offered the opportunity to join with the Kent 16mm Group at Higham near Rochester on Saturdays between September and April and we might try this out to gauge interest – the charge would be £4 per head as levied by 16mm.

AOB – Honorary Membership – the Committee were recommending that this should be given to Charles Darley in recognition of his work in establishing the website and general support as he is no longer a National member – agreed. John Spann suggested that the Committee should discuss exactly what Honorary Membership meant as he had experienced issues with another organisation. John also congratulated the Committee on an excellent event today and stated that when he arrived he felt it was the best atmosphere ever.

Meeting closed at 3.08pm

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Financial Statement FOR YEAR 2014/2015

Income

Pratts Bottom	Donations	£70.00
	Raffle	100.00
	Refreshmts	145.06
Teynham	Donations	71.00
	Refreshmts	197.45
	Raffle	153.00
	2nd hand Stall	94.70
Bredgar	Transport donation	20.00
Pratts Bottom 2015	Donations	138.00
	Raffle	83.00
	Refreshments	143.75

Expenditure

Refreshments (Sue)	£34.00 (Cash)
" (EC)	20.00 (Cash)
Transport GER (MC)	15.00 (Cash)
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Transport GER (MC)	15.00 (Cash)
Visiting Layout	10.00 (Cash)
"	30.00
Hall Hire	105.00
2 nd Hand Stall (MC)	5.30
Bredgar GER Fuel (MC)	12.00 (Cash)
Trailer bulbs (MC)	8.00 (Cash)
Trailer Storage	50.00
Postage (AL)	11.33
Refreshments (EC)	15.00 (Cash)
Refreshments (SF)	40.00 (Cash)
Transport GER (MC)	10.00 (Cash)
Visiting Layout	30.00
GER Insurance (2015)	55.16
Web and Stationary (AL)	48.05
GER Insurance (2016)	65.34

TOTALS £1215.96

CASH £219.00
BANK 400.18
TOTAL £619.18

Bank Balance 31/10/14 £2650.94
Bank Balance 31/10/15 £3283.27

Martin Cook
4th January 2016

Subject to Audit

audited 02.09.16

Gemma Allen

