

Minutes of the G Scale Society Kent, Committee Meeting

Held on Sunday, 1 March 2015 at Queens Road, Chatham

Present : Andrew Lloyd (AL), Martin Cook (MC), Jeff Fray (JF), Roy Lloyd (RL), Roger Allen (RA), Martin Piper (MP), John Morgan (JM)

Item	Detail	Action
1	Apologies – All members present. Roger welcomed John to his first meeting following the AGM	
2	Minutes of last meeting – 10 October 2014 Agreed as a true record	
3	Matters Arising : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ G Rail 2015 – RA reported that he had declined an invitation for a track 2015 but said we wished to be considered for 2016. Also we had informed the organiser that we would not be taking an area group table. ➤ Surrey Group March Indoor meet – RA reported that he had contacted the Surrey Group but there was not sufficient space for GER this year. Andy Saulter did however ask that Kleinbach (being smaller than GER) attend and the invitation has been accepted for 8 March. 	RA
4	Treasurers Report – Financial Statement as at 1 March 2015 presented by Martin Cook. Copy attached. It was felt that we had achieved a good result at Teynham. Expenses for visiting tracks were discussed and it was decided to continue with the current flexible approach rather than establishing fixed amounts. Martin is to chase Walter Midgely over PL insurance	MC
5	GER Upgrade The 4 items of work to be carried-out that were noted at the last meeting remain outstanding, namely <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Wire up loco storage sidings on board 13 ➤ Dressing, stone parapets or similar, either side of bridge on Boards 10 and 8. ➤ Recommended that we should have a diagram and label where individual plugs and sockets are connected ➤ Recommended that points should be numbered on track and control boxes for ease of reference. We would try to carry out on or before 26 April at Bredgar. Additionally Jeff mentioned that the bridge needs repainting. Also attention required to side-latches, which have suffered in transit.	MP ALL MP ALL JF

	Roger has yet to produce the garage but will use his own for Bredgar	RA
6	<p>Responsibilities of the Committee</p> <p>At the last meeting we agreed that the matrix of responsibilities would be reviewed after the AGM 2015.</p> <p>For the meeting Roger produced a draft matrix, showing changes that had taken place from 2014 up to and including the AGM 2015, as the basis for consideration. After due discussion a revised matrix was agreed as attached. Particular points to note :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ During 2014 AL has acted to provide the group membership at large with information. AL is content to continue with this role and to be the recipient of messages to the gsskent address. Messages received will be forwarded on to other committee members if the subject matter is in their area. ➤ No duty assigned to JM at present due to his commitments with the Chatham show in June. However subject to be revisited in future perhaps with a view to becoming involved in organisation of events 	
7	<p>Group Website</p> <p>Thanks were expressed to MP for taking on the webmaster role. MP said that he had been in contact with Charles Darley and had recently updated the Diary of Events and Committee pages on the website.</p> <p>Prior to Charles's standing down, RA had been acting as the sole conduit to supply all information regarding any changes to the site. It was agreed that henceforth all members of the committee should contact MP directly if they had any new item or had noted any area requiring amendment on the site.</p> <p>The next targets for update will be the "Latest News" and pictures sections together with the establishment of an "archive" section. Members were asked to look at the site and give MP any comments.</p> <p>Some time ago we had been approached to see if we wished to take up new domain names becoming available. Decided no action needed at present. The renewal of the existing domain will continue to be handled by AL.</p> <p>Agreed that MP will set up a new specific web manager e-mail account for use where needed as a point of contact for events</p> <p>MP will provide National with event dates. Also he will check with National on how best to do as both AL and RA had had experiences in 2014 of providing information but without result</p>	<p>MP</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>MP</p> <p>MP</p>

8	<p>Forthcoming events –</p> <p>a) Indoor - booked 26 April - Bredgar and Wormshill, GER will attend. MC will contact the organizer over practicalities and advise that there will be 8 in number from the Group accompanying the track. MC will collect the trailer from Chatham on the Sunday morning. MC said that the trailer required some repairs</p> <p>Pratts Bottom on Sunday, 27 September and Teynham on Sunday 31 January 2016 have been booked and discussion took place over who to invite, tracks and traders. RA reported that Frank Oakes track might well not be available for Teynham. It was agreed that if this is the case then an alternative live steam track should be sourced and ideas were put forward for follow-up</p> <p>It was also noted that the Wanstall’s CLR was no longer available due to Christopher’s move to university and Mark’s increasing work commitments.</p> <p>Members were asked to let RA know of any ideas for tracks at the coming events.</p> <p>b) Indoor – invitations Whitstable 22 August – decided to decline due to MC garden event the same weekend. Birchington 10 October – AL will check if available with the Willow Tramway. If not then perhaps Adam Adlam may be available with his micro-layout Shoeburyness 21/22 November- decided to accept with GER</p> <p>c) Garden meets We have a promising schedule this year, with confirmed dates as follows: 4 April – Hayes Valley – Jason Workman 28 June – Lichfield Halt – Richard Riley 4 July – Lullingstone and Eynsford – MP 12 July - Hayes Valley – Jason Workman 23 August – Pinewood Railway – MC/EC 6 September - Hayes Valley – Jason Workman 3 October – Maple Cross – JF</p> <p>JF also said that he was also looking to see if he can organize a “skivers day”</p> <p>AL will circulate a list of all dates to members and in regard to Bredgar and Wormshill invite people to get in touch if they can assist with GER.</p>	<p>MC</p> <p>RA</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>RA</p> <p>AL/RA</p> <p>RA</p> <p>JF</p> <p>AL</p>
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	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>1 It was noted (with some relief) that the title of Society journal is now back to the “G Scale Society Journal”. RA mentioned that when he attended the informal get together of group leaders from Solent, Surrey, Sussex, West London and Kent, there had been all around concern over the previous change of title to the “Garden Railway Journal”. This joint concern had been expressed to National and in particular the lack of consultation on the matter.</p> <p>2 AL tabled a list of Kent members for 2015 that he had extracted from information supplied by National. AL mentioned that there had been some concern from the membership secretary over who held the list. RA said that he had confirmed to the membership secretary that AL was the appropriate person for Kent.</p> <p>At present there is an issue over the categorisation – Kent or Sussex - of BR postcodes but this was being sorted out between AL and the Sussex group leader.</p>	
	<p>Date of next meeting – Saturday 4 July at Martin Piper’s house.</p>	

TO ATTACH ACCOUNTS