

Minutes of the G Scale Society Kent, Committee Meeting

Held on Saturday 26 February 2017 at Pinewood Avenue, Sevenoaks

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

Item	Detail	Action
1	Apologies – Martin Piper (MP)	
2	Minutes of last meeting – 26 November 2016 Agreed as a true record	
3	<p>Matters Arising :</p> <p>(I) Following the discussion and action on the attendance by and supervision of children at Group events RA had contacted National to see if there is a Society protocol or guidance. A reply has been received from Matthew Edwards, Area Group Co-ordinator :</p> <p><i>“The guideline on this is quite simple. If under 18s are present a responsible adult for them must always be present. And a general rule, if you are doing something with children ensure you are within sight of at least one other adult at all times. Given the open nature of most gardens the above should not be an issue. Just be aware of going into a confined shed with a child when no one else can see what may go on inside.”</i></p> <p>It was suggested that our constitution be duly amended to incorporate reference to children and vulnerable people at events.</p> <p>(II) The 2017 AGM Minutes have been finalised and circulated. A copy will be placed on the website.</p> <p>(III) At our last meeting we noted that a generous offer had been made by the West Sussex group to pay expenses of £50 for our costs of attending their Henfield show with GER. We decided to thank the Group but say that £20 would be adequate. In the event and due to the success of the show, West Sussex did pay expenses of £50.</p>	<p>For next AGM</p> <p>RA/MP</p>
4	<p>Treasurers Report</p> <p>An updated Financial Statement was presented showing a bank balance of £3578, the increase in funds coming from Teynham. Copy attached. MC reported that the 2015-2016 accounts had now been audited. MC also reported that £50 had been paid as agreed to Nicki and Lee as a donation for the housing of the trailer. The hall hire bill for the Pratts Bottom 2016 event had still not been received. We will chase again.</p>	RA

5	<p>GER</p> <p>Noted that a labelling diagram had been produced showing the various electrical connections.</p> <p>Our thanks to John Dean for completing the work of fixing bases to the trees used on the track</p> <p>AL will look into a possible small lineside building and we have thoughts to a single track engine shed on one the unused spurs.</p> <p>The bowing of certain boards was considered again. However again it was decided that running is not affected and to make any structural change would be difficult given the relative shallowness of the baseboards.</p>	
6	<p>Group Website</p> <p>No report from MP but we noted that certain sections require updating :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ committee pages ➤ events in pictures – JF has supplied images ➤ GER – images need updating <p>AL reported that the Domain name is registered in MP’s name with invoice going to MC. With regard to payment to 123register.co.uk AL reported that we were paid up to June 2018 and he will liase with MP over setting up a Direct Debit for future payments.</p> <p>MC provided the bank details for this.</p> <p>A counter for the site has yet to be perfected and introduced.</p> <p>RA reported that our website is now linked to the Group news page of the National website.</p>	<p>MP</p> <p>AL/MP</p> <p>MP</p>
7	<p>Events –</p> <p>a) Indoor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 29 January 2017 - Teynham Winter Meet The event was very successful both in terms of contribution to funds and enjoyment by those present. - Surrey Group meet – East Horsely – 5 March all arrangements confirmed. MC will collect the trailer on the Friday and we will aim to meet up at 8.30am on the - 23 April Cramptom Museum Broadstairs AL will be taking Willow Tramway and Funfair – Autumn 2017 indoor meet After the last Pratts Bottom event we were concerned over relatively low numbers of attendees and said we would need to consider plans for 2017. Discussion had taken place at the AGM on the location of the second indoor event, after Teynham. However on the basis of member location analysis by AL, the arrangement of one meet in Teynham and a second in Pratts Bottom best meets member distribution and thus we will keep to the current pattern. We will however try for greater publicity. <p>MC to check whether 8/10 or 15/10 are available (subsequently</p>	

	<p>established as 8/10)</p> <p>- In November last year we had teamed up with the 16mm Association to use the hall at Higham. Although an enjoyable day we decided not to repeat this season (until May)</p> <p>b) Garden meets Low attendance by Kent members at some events was raised and discussed at the AGM. The committee reaffirmed its willingness to support members in organising and publicising events. The following events were confirmed (and amended after the meeting) :</p> <p>15 April – Jason Workman 11 June – Jeff Fray 1 July – Martin Piper 9 July – Carol and Richard Riley 23 July – Jason Workman 19 August – Martin & Elizabeth Cook 30 August – Jeff Fray “Skivers Day” 2 September – Jason Workman</p> <p>Membership Matters</p> <p>RA reported that East Sussex Group had conducted a survey of their members with the aim of meeting member needs. With low member attendance at certain of our 2016 events agreed we should try something similar. Questionnaire to be drafted</p> <p>AL reported that 6 members had to date not renewed their subscription. Agreed we would send a reminder</p> <p>Any other business</p> <p>RL suggested that we make a video record of certain of our events and that this be posted on the website. Agreed a worthwhile idea and RL will try out at East Horsley and send a disc to MP</p> <p>Noted that no committee member looks like being available to attend G Rail but members will be reminded</p> <p>AL suggested that we invite Dream Steam form Aylseford to either Teynham or Pratts Bottom.</p> <p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>To be arranged but target 2nd half June/1st half July</p>	<p>RA</p> <p>RA</p> <p>AL</p> <p>RL</p> <p>AL</p> <p>RA</p> <p>RA</p>
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FINANCIAL STATEMENT 26 FEBRUARY 2017

INCOME

Teynham	Door	126.00
	Refreshments	273.55
	Raffle	148.00
	S/H Sales	27.30
	Total	574.85

EXPENDITURE

Teynham	Refreshments SF	30.99
	Refreshments EC	20.00 cash
	Raffle Prize	70.00
	Layout expenses	40.00 cash
	Hall Hire	105.00
	Total	265.99

Trailer storage 50.00

TOTAL £574.55

TOTAL £315.99

Bank Balance 31/10/16 £3322.26

Bank Balance 24/02/17 £3578.27

Martin Cook

Treasurer 25/02/2017