

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

**Held on Thursday 4 September 2023 – Norcutts, Bearstead**

**Participants:** Roger Allen (RA), Wayne Evans-Addy (WE), Jeff Fray (JF), John Morgan (JM)  
**Apologies** John Dean (JD))

## **1 Minutes of Last Meeting**

The minutes of the committee meeting held 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023 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 Treasurers account balance stands at £3489 and the business savings account at £1393. Recent expenditure includes £362 for show equipment in the form of cable covers and signage boards, plus web hosting at £43.

The adding of WE to the Lloyds Bank account mandate is in process

The Ashford Show in July gave rise to a surplus of £161.66

RA noted that he has chased Pratts Bottom Village Hall bill for two days hire in October 2022 once again.

## **3 GER**

RA will remind Martin Piper about supplying a copy of the GER wiring diagrams.

JF reported that the MTS hand controllers have problems and can't be repaired or replaced. Following a test at Alan Jones track it was agreed that we should replace with a Massoth system at a cost of approximately £1500.

Trailer storage at Alan Jones's home is working well. A tarpaulin cover is needed as is a repair to a brake light.

## **4 Website**

WE was thanked for taking over management of the website and recent updates. RA noted that Newsletters 7, 26 and 27 were listed but needed adding. He will send .pdfs to WE.

## **5 Newsletter**

It was agreed that the next edition – number 31 – would be issued by the end of October after the PB Show. JF noted that more input from members was required and they would be encouraged.

## **6 Facebook**

WE reported that we now have 26 members in the Kent Facebook group.

## **7 Events**

### **a) Indoor**

- The Ashford Show in July worked well and it was felt that we should repeat in 2024. WE reported that 26<sup>th</sup> June is available. For a future event a OO track should be present and on the outside area we should have a radio controlled set-up and/or a "Pop-up" track.
- Pratts Bottom 15 October – Chris Worby and KGR will attend plus an interactive modular set-up and GER.
- Henfield – December 3<sup>rd</sup> – We will attend with GER

- Teynham 28<sup>th</sup> January 2024 – WE reported that he will reconfigure the Hall layout with GER placed in a central walk-around position. This will mean that there will not be room for Hopfields this time. RA will advise Diane Sutton Chalk Garden will attend and a battery powered radio control track is planned.
  - Agreed we will attend Tenterden in February 2024 with GER if invited
  - Pratts Bottom 2024 – dates to be obtained (RA)
  - RA reported and invite from the East Sussex group for Kent group to visit Redcoats. Agreed we should take up this kind invitation and RA will seek dates after Pratts Bottom from Colin Feist. The normal Redcoats entry charge will apply.
  - Discussed a possible “pop-up” event but despite encouragement from David Groves there has been little interest to date from members.
- b) Garden meets
- The 2023 season had now ended with no further events listed. Agree a piece be included in the next Newsletter encouraging members to have an open day in 2024.

## **8 Membership**

Membership of the group stands as 46 full members plus 9 Kent Honorary.

RA reported that an Area Group Leaders meeting was planned for October with further details awaited

## **9 Committee Membership**

Possible membership form the 2024 AGM was discussed. With the exception of RA, who is standing down, all other current members are prepared to continue and there are a couple of names in the pipeline as additions. JF is prepared to takeover as Chairman and Group leader. A suggestion had been made to separate the Chairman and Group Leader functions but the consensus at the meeting was to carry-on as-is.

As usual with the AGM notice the membership would be asked for nominations and membership of the committee will be approved at the Meeting.

The matrix of duties and responsibilities, which had been updated by RA in the light of recent changes, was considered. With JF prospectively taking the Chairman role, garden meet support will transfer to WE while we will advertise in the next Newsletter for a member to take-on the secretarial function.

Andrew Lloyd has been carrying-out member communications in an ex-officio role since he ceased to be a committee member but this will stop at the AGM. It was agreed that RA will take on this role for 1 year, again in an off committee manner, with the view that it should be in due course handled by the Secretary, Andrew was thanked for his continuing efforts on behalf of the Group. GPDR authorisations will need updating with National.

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

Our programme and initiatives from WE continue to promote the group and the wider Society

## **11 AOB**

1 WE confirmed that all is in order with the Sum-Up card reader and we have a working system

2 RA will check the Asset Register

3 JF noted that our insurance is due for renewal in October

## **12 Next Meeting**

This will be held in early December