

Minutes of the G Scale Society Kent, Committee Meeting

Held on Sunday, 4 July 2015 at Pollyhaugh, Eynsford

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

Item	Detail	Action
1	Apologies – Jeff Fray	
2	Minutes of last meeting – 1 March 2015 Agreed as a true record	
3	Matters Arising : Nothing not covered by other agenda items	
4	Treasurers Report – Financial Statement as at 3 July 2015 presented by Martin Cook. Copy attached. MC noted that we had received a £20 donation following our participation at Bredgar in April. On the expenditure side he noted spending relating to the trailer amounted to around £50. Overall the position is healthy. Regarding the outstanding matter of Walter Midgely and PL insurance, MC reported that in the absence of a reply from National he had used a personal contact and we now have the PL certificate, valid until 1 April 2016.	
5	GER Upgrade and maintenance 6 items of work need to be carried-out : <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. ➤ Produce garage ➤ Repaint bridge. I was suggested it may be best to strip back and prime before repainting. <p>It was noted that some fixing studs were missing on the bridge extension. They will be sourced and replaced. MC also noted that some of the side latches were broken but he has replacements. Agreed that we needed to have all the above work finished before the Shoeburyness show in November but that we would try to have most items dealt with by Pratts Bottom. MP said that he would arrange to visit JF to collect control panels. After discussion agreed that we would investigate upgrading to the new LGB control system, which provides a wider range of features than the existing model.</p>	<p>MP</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>MP</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>RA</p> <p>JF</p> <p>MC</p> <p>MP</p> <p>MP</p>

6	<p>Responsibilities of the Committee This item had been dealt with thoroughly at the last meeting but a few practical points were raised :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ RA noted that recent weeks had seen the need to circulate Kent members on a variety of subjects and this had kept AL busy. AL confirmed that this was OK and he has a system in place, which readily facilitates such circulations. AL noted that National has been particularly active with the new publicity officer ➤ AL also noted that the National membership Secretary has the issue of BR postcodes in hand. Members with these codes should be attached to Kent group not Sussex. ➤ JM said that with the Chatham show now past, he could take on specific tasks and that he just needs to be asked. 	RA/JM
7	<p>Group Website MP reported that he is keeping the events page up-to-date and had recently added images from the Hayes Valley open day. JF had taken photos at Richard Riley’s event in June and these would shortly be added to the site. Beyond this MP will look through other sections with a view to paring-down to a manageable size. As before all committee members should let MP have any comments/suggestions The suggestion was made that the Home Page image might feature a photo of “my favourite loco” with members invited to submit images. There was a brief discussion on whether we should sign up to Facebook but this was not be pursued at this stage.</p> <p>Commenting on latest Journal, MP said that he had sent the Kent News entry to the e-mail address provided but it was incorrect and thus our entry was not included in the magazine. He would send to the designated Journal address next time but in the meantime the intended text of our latest entry had been circulated to all Kent members. We noted it would be interesting to see how the Journal develops with the new team in place.</p>	MP MP ALL

8	<p>Forthcoming events –</p> <p>a) Indoor 26 April - It was felt that Bredgar and Wormshill went well and that both Bill Best and Bernard Haste seemed happy with our participation.</p> <p>27 September Pratts Bottom – RA reported that he had invited Jack Nisbet to attend but that confirmation was awaited. If Jack cannot attend then another track would be sought to add to GER and Kleinbach. KGR will be in attendance and MP will talk with Andy about the possibility of a demonstration of the new LGB digital control system. There may be the possibility to set up GER on the Saturday late afternoon/early evening at modest cost and carry out the works in 5 above. RA will monitor.</p> <p>10 October Birchington – Adam Adlam is able to attend with his micro layout. RA will confirm with the organizers</p> <p>21/22 November – Shoeburyness MRC exhibition in Southend. GER will attend and a request will be put to members to assist during the weekend.</p> <p>31 January 2016 – Our indoor Winter meet at Teynham plus AGM. RA reported that for essentially health reasons Frank Oakes had confirmed he would be unable to attend with his track. Frank had forecast this possibility back in January. RA has spoken with Alan Leslie of the Kent Area 16mm Group and is pleased to note that they will be able to attend with “Hopfields”. Further attractions to be arranged with a suggestion made that we pursue the tram layout that appeared at the Surrey event.</p> <p>b) Garden meets Definite events to come as follows : 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>Both AL and RL said they were thinking about possible future events.</p>	 RA MP RA RA RA AL/RA RA
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	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>1 RA reported that a meeting of Area Group Leaders is scheduled to take place on .17 October in Solihull. The Area Co-ordinator, Tony Ward, had invited items for the agenda. RA had replied that Kent wished to include an item on improving communications with area groups. The recent postal vote over the proposed name change for the Society and last year's change to the name of the Journal showed a need for better consultation and communication. Tony had acknowledged and said that he would place on the agenda. RA said that he would be unable to attend the meeting due to prior commitment and asked other committee members if anybody could substitute.</p>	
	<p>Date of next meeting – Sunday 6 December at Roger Allen's house.</p>	

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Financial Statement 3rd July 2015

Income			Expenditure	
Pratts Bottom	Donations	£70.00	Refreshments (Sue)	£34.00 (Cash)
	Raffle	100.00	" Eliz	20.00 (Cash)
	Refreshmts	145.06	Transport GER (MC)	15.00 (Cash)
Teynham	Donations	71.00	Refreshments (Sue)	40.00 (Cash)
	Refreshmts	197.45	Transport GER (MC)	15.00 (Cash)
	Raffle	153.00	Visiting Layout	10.00 (Cash)
	2nd hand Stall	94.70	"	30.00
Bredgar	Transport donation	20.00 (Cash)	Hall Hire	105.00
			Bredgar GER Fuel (MC)	12.00 (Cash)
			Trailer bulbs (MC)	8.00 (Cash)
			Trailer Storage	50.00
			Postage (AL)	11.33
TOTALS		£831.21	Cash	£154.00
			Bank	196.33
			Total	£350.33

Bank Balance 31/10/14 £2650.94
Bank Balance 01/03/15 £3151.78

Note Hall Hire for Pratts Bottom paid in last years accounts £96.00

Martin Cook
3rd July 2015