

Minutes of the G Scale Society Kent, Committee Meeting

Held on Sunday, 6 December at Broomhill Road, Orpington

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

Item	Detail	Action
1	Apologies – Martin Cook (MC) , Roy Lloyd (RL)	
2	Minutes of last meeting – 4 July 2015 Agreed as a true record	
3	Matters Arising : Thanks to Adam Adlam for attending the Birchington event on behalf of the Group on 10 October	
4	Treasurers Report In the absence of the Treasurer a Financial Statement was not available at the meeting. MC had however commented that the Pratts Bottom event in September had delivered a good result	
5	<p>GER At the last meeting various items of work were identified as needing to be carried-out. MP has completed the wiring of loco storage sidings on board 13 and JF the repainting of the bridges.</p> <p>Both these items were in place for GER's outing to the Shoeburyness Show in November, where the track performed well. It was noted that a couple of the boards are dipping in the middle. This was felt to be due to the nature of the board construction but does not affect running. No action is required at present but we will need to keep under review.</p> <p>We decided that the dressing of bridge abutments on boards 10 and 8 was not necessary.</p> <p>Remaining items are as follows :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Produce a diagram and label as necessary showing where individual plugs and sockets are connected ➤ Number points on track and control boxes for ease of reference. ➤ Produce garage ➤ Install replacement struts on single track bridge ➤ Investigate method of showing actual point throw direction <p>We again discussed digital control systems for the layout and decided to keep considering a possible replacement for the existing MTS, which is considered to be too limited in the number of loco addresses and speed control increments.</p>	<p>JF/MP</p> <p>JF/MP RA</p> <p>MP</p> <p>MP</p>

6	<p>Matters for AGM – 31 January 2016</p> <p>All existing members of the committee are prepared to carry-on if that is agreed by the membership. However any nominations for new names would be welcome.</p> <p>Agreed that the Notice of the meeting will shortly be circulated to all Kent members with the aim of circulating the Annual Report and the Accounts in early January. RA and MC to draft and submit to AL.</p> <p>The meeting will start at 2.30pm</p> <p>On the subject of duties undertaken by individual committee members it was felt that any tasks being performed by one member, which might be transferred to another member should be noted</p>	<p>AL/RA/MC</p> <p>RA</p>
7	<p>Group Website</p> <p>It was reported that we had been offered the gsskent.uk domain but we decided not to accept and remain as-is.</p> <p>MP has updated the website with the latest diary and pictures of recent events. Pictures of Shoeburyness would shortly be added. It was noted that the July committee meeting minutes needed adding and MP will arrange.</p> <p>The introduction section refers to members’ portable tracks but the references were now out of date and thus it was decided to delete.</p>	<p>MP</p> <p>MP</p>
8	<p>Forthcoming events –</p> <p>a) Confirmed Indoor</p> <p>31 January 2016 – Our indoor Winter meet at Teynham plus AGM. RA reported confirmed participants are Hopfields from the Kent Group 16mm Association; the East Sussex track; Katzbahn from the Surrey Group; GER and Kent Garden. A reply is awaited for another possible track from Essex with Malcolm Brewer having retired the Bunnybridge Railway. We will have the secondhand sales stand and space permitting a DCC area. If all possible items appear then space could be tight and we may need to place some catering tables/chairs in the adjacent storage area</p> <p>The meeting will be our 21st and the possibility of a celebratory cake will be investigated by JM</p> <p>A post-event meal will be arranged as last year and we will invite the National President and Chairman</p> <p>28 February 2016 – Surrey Group Meet at East Horsley. GER will be in attendance. We will need to remind our group members.</p> <p>18 September 2016 – Pratts Bottom. RA to provide checklist to JM</p>	<p>RA</p> <p>JM</p> <p>AL/RA</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>RA/JM</p>

	<p>b) Garden meets No specific dates at present, but JF plans two meets with one for juniors.</p> <p>MP will arrange a meet around American Independence Day.</p> <p>Members will be encouraged at the AGM to think about possible 2016 garden meets.</p> <p>c) Possible future indoor meets elsewhere in Kent The idea was discussed of hiring a hall and setting-up GER in a part of the county, where indoor meets had not been previously or recently held. The idea being to try and increase the attendance of Kent group members at our indoor meets. This concept met with some favour but the big question is where to hold. It was felt worthwhile to pursue and suggested this is further considered by the new committee</p>	RA
9	<p>Feedback from Group Leaders Meeting</p> <p>Following the southern group leaders informal meeting, RA had emailed committee members with a brief summary of points coming from the Area Group Leaders meeting that took place on 17 October.</p> <p>RA reported that full minutes would be received in due course. These minutes had now been received but without the original agenda they were lacking in part and not fully understandable.</p> <p>RA had covered most points in his brief summary but on the subject of child protection, where further guidance was anticipated none was evident. In the meantime therefore for Kent we should continue with “Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult”. In practice this means no adult, no child is admitted.</p> <p>The new membership system - MOJO system – was discussed at the Group Leaders meeting and is now a subject of a detailed article in the latest Journal.</p>	
10	<p>Any Other Business None</p>	
11	<p>Date of next meeting – Sunday 20 March 2016. Venue to be decided after AGM</p>	