

## Minutes of the G Scale Society Kent, Committee Meeting

Held on Saturday 26 November at the Memorial Hall, Higham

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

Item	Detail	Action
1	<b>Apologies</b> – All present	
2	<b>Minutes of last meeting</b> – 18 September 2016 Agreed as a true record	
3	<b>Matters Arising</b> : None, which were not covered elsewhere	
4	<b>Treasurers Report</b> An updated Financial Statement was not presented at the meeting. However MC reported that since the last meeting a new hitch lock had been purchased for the trailer to comply with insurance requirements. The cover through Walter Midgley is now in the name of the Group.  A donation of £50 was agreed to be paid to Lee and Nicki in respect of their continued housing of the trailer. The treasurer will arrange  A bill has not been received for hall hire for the Pratts Bottom event. We will chase.	MC  RA
5	<b>GER</b> With regard to outstanding items of work : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The production of a diagram, with labelling as necessary showing where individual plugs and sockets are connected, is still required</li> <li>➤ Possible additional buildings, e.g. a permanent way hut or signal box, will be kept under review</li> <li>➤ John Deacon has in hand a method to fix (and dismount) trees on the track.</li> </ul>	JF/MP  All
6	<b>Group Website</b>  MP reported that the site is up-to-date with events and he has added committee and AGM minutes. He is in the process of deleting obsolete items like certain “latest news” items and will be updating the GER photos with images supplied by JF.  A counter for the site has yet to be perfected and introduced.  RA mentioned that National would like to see each Area Group with a sub-site accessed from the National site. RA has mentioned that Kent already has a site and that we would like to link this to the National site rather than create any new page. This is agreeable and RA will arrange	MP  MP  RA

7	<p><b>Events –</b></p> <p><b>a) Indoor</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- For our visit with GER to Henfield on 30 October, the West Sussex group leader Mike Wakeling had written offering £50 for expenses. Whilst being grateful for such a generous offer there was some concern over a possible escalation of expense costs. We decided to reply with thanks for the offer but saying we wished to claim £20 (subsequently reduced to £10) for trailer expenses only.</li> <li>- 26 November – 16mm Higham – GER Today’s meeting took place during this event, where we had shared space arranged by the Kent Group of the 16mm NGA. Consideration of whether we would hold a further event of this type or indeed at another venue, such as Yalding Village Hall as proposed by member Malcolm Tyreman, would depend on a review of attendance and further consideration at the AGM</li> <li>- 29 January 2017 - Teynham Winter Meet RA reported that all was in hand with arrangements for our annual Winter meet. Chris Worby who attended this year with “Inglaterra”, has offered a repeat for 2017. RA had looked at space available with other exhibits and felt that space was too tight. Decided to thank Chris for his offer and see whether he could come in 2018 instead.</li> </ul> <p>Andrew reported that the Dover Castle pub was undergoing refurbishment and would not be available for a meal booking on the Sunday evening. An alternative had been suggested but we decided not to arrange a meal on 29/1.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Looking further into 2017 it was felt that we should actively consider an autumn Pratts Bottom event despite low attendance this year. Dates in early October will be explored</li> </ul> <p><b>b) Garden meets</b> In discussion we noted again the low attendance by Kent members at some events. We would raise this subject and a promotion of garden events at the 2017 AGM</p>	RA
8	<p><b>Annual Group Leaders Meeting</b></p> <p>RA attended this meeting and had provided his notes to the committee with today’s agenda.</p>	
9	<p><b>Annual General Meeting – 29 January 2017</b></p> <p>A general discussion took place on advance arrangements for the next AGM. The following were noted :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ All present committee members are prepared to serve again from the AGM. However we would encourage the Kent membership to nominate alternatives in order to provide some change. Over half the existing committee have served since its inauguration</li> <li>➤ AL will draft an initial notice to members for circulation in</li> </ul>	RA

<p>10</p>	<p>December</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The second circulation to members in early January will need to be accompanied by the Annual Report and the Annual Accounts. RA and MC will draft by the end of December</li> </ul> <p><b>Any other business</b></p> <p>JF noted that at Henfield we had a junior member and children of a member involved in running the layout. Whilst they did a good job, their parents were not always present at the track during the day and this raised the question of supervision by an appropriate adult. This is particularly important as a child protection matter.</p> <p>For today, Higham, we have introduced a running timetable with accompanying rules, which require junior members (and members children) to be supervised at all times while using GER. This arrangement will be explained to parents present today and it will be our intention to use on future occasions.</p> <p>RA said that he had understood from other group leaders that National had produced some guidance on children at events but had not seen any document. He would contact Matthew Edwards, Area Group Coordinator, for clarification.</p> <p><b>Date of next meeting</b> To be decided after AGM</p>	<p>AL</p> <p>RA/MC</p> <p>RA</p>