

Minutes of the G Scale Society Kent, Committee Meeting

Held on Sunday, 3 April 2016 at Hawthorne Avenue Gillingham

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 – 6 December 2015 Agreed as a true record	
3	Matters Arising : None	
4	Treasurers Report Financial Statement as at April 2016 presented by Martin Cook. Copy attached. The good result at Teynham in January was noted. MC will arrange the audit of the 2014-2015 Annual Accounts as soon as possible.	MC
5	<p>GER We considered the outstanding items of work to be carried on the track and decided :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Produce a diagram and label as necessary showing where individual plugs and sockets are connected. Still required ➤ Number points on track and control boxes for ease of reference. Still required ➤ Produce garage. With Kleinbach no longer, RA's garage can be used but if he decides to use on a new layout then a separate garage will again be needed for GER ➤ Install replacement struts on single track bridge. Done ➤ Investigate method of showing actual point throw direction. Not necessary <p>The following items were also raised :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ It was noted that the point situated on the bridge does not work properly and needs checking. ➤ It was suggested that we consider installing detachable backscenes to the inside front of the layout. RA offered to bring his ex Kleinbach backscenes to Pratts Bottom for a try-out. ➤ Think about additional buildings 	<p>JF/MP</p> <p>JF/MP</p> <p>RA</p> <p>?</p> <p>RA</p> <p>All</p>

6	<p>Group Website and circulation of information to members</p> <p>A few points were noted on the website as needing updating :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Committee page – AGM 2016 minutes to be added after Accounts audited. ➤ Introduction Page – delete references to portable tracks as out of date ➤ Members tracks – add details of LnER ➤ Latest News – the item currently showing is dated 31 Jan 2014. Suggested that this section be deleted ➤ Web Links – delete Pendlebury ➤ Group Portable Track – update pictures <p>RA noted that the periodic circulation of news to members by e-mail was working well. AL confirmed that he was happy to continue to arrange. In order to facilitate this task it was necessary to have up-to-date contact details for Kent members. G Scale Society policy is that those involved in Area Group Administration can have access to the National membership list provided they make written application and accept the Society’s Data Protection Guidelines. AL and RA will do so for our Group.</p>	<p>MC/RA/MP</p> <p>MP</p> <p>MP</p> <p>MP</p> <p>JF/MP</p> <p>AL/RA</p>
7	<p>Honorary Membership</p> <p>At the Group AGM it was agreed that honorary membership be conferred upon Charles Darley. In the light of his experience elsewhere, John Spann suggested that the committee should discuss what is meant by honorary membership. The committee reviewed the current position in our constitution. The committee is able to confer honorary membership and to take it away, it is not, necessarily, for life. Honorary membership does not require a subscription to be paid.</p> <p>It was agreed that the existing wording is appropriate and does not require amendment. Thus there was no proposal to change.</p>	
8	<p>Forthcoming events –</p> <p>a) Indoor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 18 September – Pratts Bottom autumn meet - 20 October – Henfield W Sussex – GER - 26 November – 16mm Higham – GER - 29 January 2017 - Teynham Winter Meet <p>MC confirmed that he is presently OK for all 4 events.</p> <p>For Pratts Bottom agreed that nearer the date we will see if the evening of 17 September is available at the Hall to set-up GER and carry out some work on the track. If time does not permit to complete tasks then we would rollover to Higham.</p> <p>Agree that we would invite Fentilly Railroad to Pratts Bottom and the Waredrapers layout Upper & Lower Crofton to Teynham. For Teynham AL will consider if the Willow Tramway can be exhibited and we would also check if the Wanstalls might appear. Also subject to not clashing with KGR, a possible demo from Dream Steam from Aylesford.</p>	<p>RA</p> <p>RA</p>

	<p>b) Garden meets</p> <p>The following were noted as confirmed before the meeting :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 26 March - Hayes Valley - 25 May – Maple Cross - 2 July – LnER - 16 July – Litchfield Halt - 24 July – Hayes Valley - 21 August – Maple Cross - 3 September – Hayes Valley <p>In addition, MC said that he would have an open day on 28 August (subsequently changed to Bank Holiday Monday, 29 August)</p>	
9	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>1 JF mentioned that with GER operators sometimes become entangled in the controller leads. After discussion agreed that we use a wireless arrangement instead and purchase an LGB base unit plus 2 handsets</p> <p>2 The website domain name charging arrangements will pass from AL to MP</p>	<p>JF</p> <p>AL/MP</p>
11	Date of next meeting – Sunday 2 July 2016. Venue to be confirmed	