

Minutes of the G Scale Society Kent, Committee Meeting

Held on Sunday 11 June 2017 at Queens Road, Chatham

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 – 26 February 2017 Agreed as a true record	
3	Matters Arising : Nothing not covered elsewhere on agenda	
4	Treasurers Report An updated Financial Statement was presented (as attached) showing a bank balance of £3535 with the only item of recent expenditure being website renewal. MC reported that the tyres on the trailer would need changing in the near future. The hall hire bill for the Pratts Bottom 2016 event had still not been received. RA had chased and will do so again.	MC RA
5	GER AL had investigated a possible small lineside building and agreed that we purchase the small signal box kit from the Thorley Miniatures range. It would be assembled in Herne Bay in time for Pratts Bottom The bowing of certain boards was discussed again. Agreed that we should further examine at Pratts Bottom.	AL/RL All
6	Group Website MP was unable to attend the meeting but reported - website update with the AGM and last Committee meeting minutes. - dates on the events page are up to date and those events which were in the past deleted - visit counter has been in place for a few months at the bottom of the Events page. 167 visits to date Keeping the website up to date was discussed. It is appreciated that sometimes MP's work schedule made this difficult and RA had floated the idea with MP of trying to provide some assistance. MP is fine with this idea and one candidate was suggested. RA will pursue further. Following the last meeting RL had produced a video of recent events and next step would be to place on the website for members and others to see. MP had suggested the easiest way would be via YouTube with the link on our website. On the day of the meeting JF had a visiting friend present	RA

	<p>and he kindly arranged a Kent Group account and submission of the video to YouTube there and then.</p> <p>Agreed that any future videos would be produced and uploaded on an as and when basis with members being advised.</p> <p>7 Newsletter</p> <p>JF proposed that Kent Group re-introduce a newsletter and a sample July edition was submitted to the meeting. JF is willing to produce the copy and it was agreed that we should introduce commencing with the July edition. The newsletter will be produced on an as and when basis. It will be emailed to members and for those few members without email, by post.</p> <p>8 G Scale Journal</p> <p>It was noted that the current Journal did not include a piece from Kent in the “Around the Groups” section. Also that there were errors and omissions with some Kent information in the “Society Diary”.</p> <p>RA said that he had seen the “Around the Group” item for the Spring Journal, and this had been included, but had not seen anything for the Summer edition. It was felt that we should have an entry wherever possible and RA would consult with MP as to how to ensure our piece was submitted on time.</p> <p>With regard to the dates for the Summer Diary, MP had reported that dates had been submitted but we wondered if the problem was that the submission was after copy date. RA to contact MP over updating Andy Worsfold on rectifying incomplete information for the Autumn Journal and the Society website. Also AL would ensure that Kent members are circulated with dates</p>	<p>JF/AL</p> <p>RA/MP</p> <p>RA/MP/AL</p>
<p>9</p>	<p>Events –</p> <p>a) Indoor</p> <p>- 23 April Crampton Museum Broadstairs AL and RL took Willow Tramway and Funfair. An enjoyable event and Willow went down well with visitors</p> <p>– Autumn 2017 indoor meet – Pratts Bottom 8 October Arrangements so far include GER, Surrey Group track and Chalk Garden Rail. We need at least one other track and it was suggested that Mark Wanstall be contacted to see if CLR available. If not then JM may be able provide a loose lay track. Further suggested that the gentleman with a collection of vintage LGB items, who visited MC’s open day last year, be asked to he could mount a static display The possibility of erecting GER on the Saturday evening will be monitored by RA nearer the time</p>	<p>RA/JM</p> <p>MC/RA</p> <p>RA</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Agreed we should contact the Kent Group 16mm Association to see if they intended to use the hall at Higham this coming autumn/winter - Teynham 28 January 2018. Confirmed to date are GER and Inghaterra (Chris Worby). Agreed we invite Hopfields and East Sussex Group. Other suggestions needed. <p>b) Garden meets Events to come : 11 June – Jeff Fray 1 July – Martin Piper 9 July – Carol and Richard Riley 23 July – Jason Workman 20 August – Martin & Elizabeth Cook – originally 19 August 30 August – Jeff Fray “Skivers Day” 2 September – Jason Workman</p>	<p>RA</p> <p>RA</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>Membership Matters</p> <p>RA reported that he had not yet drafted a membership questionnaire but would do so as soon as he is able and circulate to committee members for comment.</p> <p>AL reported that any Kent members who had not previously renewed their subscription had been so reminded.</p> <p>It was noted that some G scale members have put Kent down (or are listed as having done so) as a second or third choice for an area group. Should we take any action to suggest to members that they check the website?</p>	<p>RA</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>Any other business</p> <p>RA reminded the committee that he was unable to attend the Annual Group Leaders meeting on 30 September. No other member was able to attend and Matthew Edwards will be advised</p> <p>A reminder is to be sent to members about secondhand sales</p> <p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>10 September 2017 with venue to be decided</p>	<p>RA</p>

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT 11 JUNE 2017

INCOME

Teynham	Door	126.00
	Refreshments	273.55
	Raffle	148.00
	S/H Sales	27.30

Total 574.85

EXPENDITURE

Teynham	Refreshments SF	30.99
	Refreshments EC	20.00 cash
	Raffle Prize	70.00
	Layout expenses	40.00 cash
	Hall Hire	105.00

Trailer storage 50.00
 Web site 43.06
Total 359.05

Bank Balance 31/10/16 £3322.26
 Bank Balance 24/02/17 £3578.27

Martin Cook
 Treasurer
 1/06/2017