

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

Held on Sunday 8 October 2017 at Pratts Bottom

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                 |
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| 1    | <b>Apologies</b> – None- all present   |                        |
| 2    | <b>Minutes of last meeting</b> – 11 June 2017<br>Agreed as a true record   |                        |
| 3    | <b>Matters Arising :</b><br>G Scale Journal – Kent information is now up to date the start times for our events was wrong. Errors were noted in the latest edition but with the proposed changes to be implemented in editing and checking of the Journal in the New Year, no comment necessary at this stage.   |                        |
| 4    | <b>Treasurers Report</b><br>The Treasurer reported that there had been no expenditure since the last report.<br>The issues over the website account and temporary outage were noted but are now resolved and we are paid-up. It was thought best for the future that the account is settled by direct payment (MP) with reimbursement from the Group.<br><br>Agreed that the insurance for the layout (cover £3000) and the trailer (cover £1500) be renewed   | MC                     |
| 5    | <b>GER</b><br>Andrew and Roy were thanked for the acquisition and making of the small signal box kit from the Thorley Miniatures range. The box is now available to use on the layout.<br>A further addition suggested by AL is a Water Tower.<br>It was again decided to continue to monitor those boards, which have showed signs of bowing. Although a fact operation is not affected.  | AL                     |
| 6    | <b>Group Website</b><br>After speaking with MP, RA reported that he had spoken with Alex Evans Crane about providing some assistance in the management of the group website. Alex is interested and Martin and Alex would pursue some ideas on joint working and how tasks might be divided. Alex has some ideas over software that might make management easier.<br><br>The events page is up to date but there are other pieces of less changing information that require updating. RA will list up and supply to MP. RA will pursue further.<br><br>We do not appear to have had any feedback from members on the video produced by RL loaded onto YouTube. Despite this RL will produce a further video for next year dedicated to members garden railways. submission of the video to YouTube there and then. | MP<br><br>RA<br><br>RL |

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| 7  | <p><b>Newsletter</b><br/> JF was thanked for producing edition 2. Although we have not had any specific reactions or comments from members the committee feel that this initiative is a good way of keeping members up to date with events. JF is happy to continue.</p>  | JF                 |
| 8  | <p><b>Forthcoming Events</b><br/> For Teynham on 28 January the following tracks would be present – GER, Hopfields, East Sussex, Inglaterra, and John Morgan (“variable loose-lay”). Kent Garden will be our trader and there will be a members sales stand as usual</p> <p>8 garden events were held during the year but as has been noted before the level member attendance at some events was disappointing. No dates have yet been received for 2018.</p>  |                    |
| 9  | <p><b>Membership matters</b><br/> Following on from item 8, agreed that a questionnaire be circulated, by email and post where necessary, to members as soon as practical to try and establish members interests, wishes and thoughts as to how group activities (if any) should be organised.</p>  | RA/AL              |
| 10 | <p><b>Any other business</b></p> <p>i) Our AGM will be held on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January at Teynham. The notice of the meeting will be circulated in early December. Members will be asked if they wish to stand for the committee so as to encourage some “fresh blood”. However all existing members will be prepared to stand again if so required. The Annual report and Accounts will follow in January with RA and MC supplying drafts to AL by the end of December.</p> <p>ii) The Annual Group Leaders meeting has been cancelled but an informal get together of some southern groups will take place on 15 November.</p> <p><b>Date of next meeting</b></p> <p>To be decided</p> | AL/RA/MC<br><br>RA |