

Minutes of the G Scale Society Kent, Committee Meeting

Held on Sunday 2 September 2018 at Broomhill Road, Orpington

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

Item	Detail	Action
1	Apologies – John Morgan (JM)	
2	Minutes of last meeting – 8 October 2017 Already agreed as a true record	
3	Matters Arising : Nothing that would not be covered elsewhere.	
4	Treasurers Report The Treasurer presented the current financial statement, as attached. He noted that Teynham 2018 had produced a good result with a surplus of £550. Insurance of the trailer and layout is shortly due and will be renewed with values of £1500 and £3000 respectively. The hall hire bill for Pratts Bottom 2017 is outstanding and will be chased. Payment of the website bill by cheque is problematical and it is better to pay by card. MC advised the meeting that he will be retiring as Treasurer with effect from the next AGM in January. He was thanked for his contribution to managing and administering the Groups funds and related activities. It was agreed that we should advise the membership and start the process of seeking a replacement.	MC RA RA/AL
5	GER AL will investigate the purchase of a Water Tower. It was noted that the issue of bowing in some boards seems to have been part cured by storing the boards the other way up. A thank you would be sent to Nikki and Lee for the continued storage of the trailer	AL RA
6	Group Website MP reported that the Events Diary was being kept up to date but some of the images, particularly GER, on the site need updating. RA said that earlier in the year. He made a note of other areas that needed amendment. He will update and supply to MP. One area is Members Tracks and RL's "Salbrae Junction" could be added Circumstances have not permitted the production of a further video but it is still the plan to produce when possible.	MP/RA MP/RL RL
7	Newsletter 4 editions of the Newsletter have been published to date. Number 5 was supplied in draft form and agreed that will be circulated shortly with the report on MP's open afternoon on 15/9 appearing in the next edition.	JF/AL

8	<p>Forthcoming Events</p> <p>a) Indoor</p> <p>RA reported that for Pratts Bottom on 7/10 no trade would be present with both KGR and CGR having other commitments. He had asked Dream Steam if they would wish to attend but had not received a reply and also noted that they too had another show for the 6/7 weekend. As a part substitute we would have a secondhand sales stand. Members would be invited to bring items and RA had also approached KGR to see if we could include some of their secondhand stock. Andy C had kindly agreed and RA will make arrangements.</p> <p>MC will not be present during the day but will still arrange to collect, deliver and recover the trailer before and after the event</p> <p>Layouts confirmed are GER, Inlaterra and Upper & Lower Crofton. RA had belatedly asked JM if he wished to do a loose lay and reply awaited.</p> <p>Willow Tramway at Whitstable on 27/10 may be problematical although Jim Sinfield has offered help. <i>(We have subsequently decided to withdraw from the event)</i></p> <p>All OK for Henfield (West Sussex Group) on 18 November although AL and RL not able to attend</p> <p>ODMRS had again asked if we could provide something for their annual exhibition at Pratts Bottom on 12 & 13 January. Although we had previously said no, because of his connections RA would like to participate and is happy to provide some track and be involved for the weekend. JF can help and provide track and transformer. The track will be loose lay on tables and in addition we will have a Society display.</p> <p>The whereabouts of the Group display boards (in blue bag was questioned)</p> <p>Currently arranged layouts for Teynham 27-1-2019 are GER and Hopfields. An invitation has been made for a Solent track and further enquiries made to others. KGR are confirmed</p> <p>b) Garden meets</p> <p>It was noted that Alan Jones event in July had proved successful. Events to come are Martin Piper on 15/9 and a new one, Richard Dixon on 17/10.</p>	<p>RA</p> <p>MC/JF/RA</p> <p>JM/RA</p> <p>RA</p> <p>RA/JF</p> <p>ALL to check</p> <p>RA</p>

<p>9</p>	<p>Membership matters As noted at the 2018 AGM a membership survey has been carried out and questionnaires returned from 25% of the membership. A suggestion for further thought by the committee was the location of our main indoor events. After discussion it was agreed that we should continue with our established venues at Teynham and Pratts Bottom. Further membership matters link into the next item</p>	
<p>10</p>	<p>Annual Group Leaders Meeting RA noted that he would be attending the annual meeting in Solihull on 8th September and there was discussion on matters to raised as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What is the current status of the Society wide GDPR policy - Are National Committee meeting minutes to be circulated regularly - G Rail feedback. – Gaps in the Hall with insufficient layouts; presence of other gauges; need for more volunteers; distance to travel for our members and further consideration of a North/South event - Up to date publicity materiel - Improvements in the Society Journal 	<p>RA</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>(1) Charity related Open days JF had attended Jason Workman’s garden event in July and there was a very large turnout of visitors to the extent that it was difficult to run a visiting train. The main purpose of this event has been as a Charity fundraiser and as such it is felt best to consider it, and others similar, as a viewing event rather than a running day. It was agreed that in publishing events in the diary we should state if the main purpose is other than a running day and also if there is any expected donation or entry fee.</p> <p>(2) Promotional items We had received a circular from a company, which could produce mugs, at low quantities, with decorations promoting any group or association. Decided not to pursue.</p>	
<p>12</p>	<p>Date of next meeting To be decided although the aim would be December, or earlier, to consider any matters for Teynham and the AGM</p>	