

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

Held on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at Queens Road, Chatham

Present : Andrew Lloyd (AL), Roger Allen (RA), Jeff Fray (JF), Roy Lloyd (RL), John Morgan (JM), Bernard Taylor (BT)

| Item | Detail   | Action            |
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| 1    | <b>Apologies</b> – Martin Cook (MC) and Martin Piper (MP)  |                   |
| 2    | <b>Minutes of last meeting</b> – 2 September 2018<br>Already agreed as a true record<br>No matters arising that not covered elsewhere  |                   |
| 3    | <b>Treasurers Report</b><br>JF was welcomed as the new treasurer. He reported arrangements had been made to alter the bank account authorised signatories to RA, AL and JF with the correspondence address changed to Queens Road. The combined balance on our accounts stands at £4015.<br>At the year-end 2017-18 there were 4 uncleared cheques and three had now been cleared or presented. JF will check the situation of the fourth and if still uncleared, the payee will be chased.  | JF<br>RA          |
| 4    | <b>GER</b><br>AL reported that he had acquired a water tower at East Horsley. Clarification was sought over whether the two points and sidings on the outside curve were to be removed. We still have in mind a locomotive shed on one of the sidings.   | MC                |
| 5    | <b>Group Website</b><br>RA noted that the website had been updated with regard to committee meeting minutes, pictures of GER and the events page but some other sections required change. JF said that there are events page additions and provided a current list of garden meets to RA.<br>RA to advise MP of all changes<br>In discussion it was suggested that the Groups Journal entry and the Kent Newsletter be placed on the website. While all thought this to be a good idea AL wondered if this might be problematical for MP due to the way the site is constructed. | RA – MP<br><br>RA |
| 6    | <b>Newsletter</b><br>The latest edition is number 6, December 2018. JF is planning for the next edition in April.<br>JF has experienced some issues with the positioning of pictures following proofreading and asked that in proofing no change be made to positioning.   | JF-RA-AL          |
| 7    | <b>Possible formation of a Junior Section</b><br>As agreed at the last AGM, BT was invited to join this committee meeting to discuss the item which was raised at the AGM. After a brief introduction from BT, the following points were discussed and noted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Junior membership should be offered to children from 10 years old.</li> <li>• We have an existing family membership with a small group in this category.</li> </ul>   |                   |

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|   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The junior members are still family members supported/sponsored by parent/s</li> <li>• The existing family membership covers the junior membership.</li> <li>• Where appropriate local Kent group membership could be offered</li> <li>• Use of the Newsletter and website to communicate interest</li> <li>• To encourage junior members, Kent Group to provide a track for indoor Meetings. A loose lay arrangement will be trailed at Pratts Bottom</li> <li>• To promote and encourage parents of junior members to run a garden layout</li> <li>• To provide information on running stock that is available and aimed at kids.</li> <li>• To encourage simple engineering and modelling skills.</li> </ul> <p>It was agreed that to launch a Junior Group, we first need to gain interest from potential members. We need to as a group encourage and provide support with the parents of potential junior members to participate in this new venture.</p> <p>We would prepare an article for the next Kent Newsletter outlining the idea and the general aims and objectives of such a group, asking members to register their interest.</p> <p>To write individually to those family members whose children would fall into the Junior category so a core group could possibly be set-up</p> <p>As a postscript to the meeting JF said that he would check with an informed contact about whether there were any formalities to be observed before the proposed launch</p>               | <p>JF-RA-BT</p> <p>JF</p> |
| 8 | <p><b>Forthcoming Events</b></p> <p>a) Indoor</p> <p>The date of the Autumn meeting at Pratts Bottom was reviewed. Possible dates were 29/9 – felt too early; 20/10 – the day after the Solent group big event at Wickham; 27/10 – the ideal date but confirmation awaited from the Hall over availability; or 3/11 – need to check KGR availability</p> <p>The next Teynham will be on 26 January 2020. Trumpers Halt have been invited and we would like Glyn Allen to attend again with his Polish layout if available. AL said he understood that the Midlands based Hamptons End layout could be a possibility for a future Kent show but would require some expenses.</p> <p>Our participation at the ODMRS show in January was discussed and in principle the mood was that we do again if invited but not 2020.</p> <p>BT had previously suggested holding an indoor event in Birchington but it was felt that the hall hire costs were high compared to Teynham and Pratts Bottom. It was agreed that we should continue with two indoor events to cover the autumn/winter period when there were no garden meets. Consideration of the possibility of an additional event would be carried forward.</p> <p>b) Garden Meets</p> <p>JF confirmed the following dates had been arranged</p> <p>Hayes Valley – 20/4, 21/7 and 1/9. It was noted that there had been recent correspondence between MP and Jason which resulted in an amendment to the details given on the website. The original wording was not known by those</p> | <p>RA</p> <p>RA</p>       |

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|           | <p>present but the point made again that if for any event some form of donation was expected then this should be made clear.</p> <p>Maple Cross – 22/5 (Skivers Day) and 11/8</p> <p>Richard and Carol Riley – 14/7</p> <p>Other possible or probable meets could come from Martin Cook, Martin Piper, Alan Jones, Richard Dixon and Bern Taylor. Dates to be confirmed as known.</p> | JF |
| <b>9</b>  | <p><b>Membership matters</b></p> <p>AL reported Kent group member numbers as being fairly static after the annual renewal. We had lost 5 people through non-renewal but new members had offset this. Currently we have 64 fully paid up, plus 1 hoped for still to renew and 8 honorary members, totalling 73.</p>  |    |
| <b>10</b> | <p><b>GSS Garden Rail Show – 19 May</b></p> <p>RA reported that there had been no response from members to the request for volunteers for the National show. RA may attend dependent on availability. Also there had been no response from Kent members to the idea of arranging a coach with other local groups to visit the Show.</p>   | RA |
| <b>11</b> | <p><b>Any other business</b></p> <p>RA thanked BT for his attendance. BT confirmed he is happy to attend again on an “invited guest” basis to further the junior section.</p>   |    |
| <b>12</b> | <p><b>Next meeting</b></p> <p>RA suggested late June and would see if the meeting could be arranged for 16/6, 23/6 or 30/6.</p>   | RA |

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| 11 | <p><b>Any Other Business</b><br/> <b>(1) Charity related Open days</b><br/> 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.<br/> 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><b>(2) Promotional items</b><br/> We had received a circular from a company, which could produce mugs, at low quantities, with decorations promoting any group or association.<br/> Decided not to pursue.</p> | RA |
| 12 | <p><b>Date of next meeting</b><br/> To be decided although the aim would be December, or earlier, to consider any matters for Teynham and the AGM</p>   |    |

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