

Minutes of the G Scale Society Kent, Committee Meeting

Held on Thursday 3 September 2020 Online through Zoom Facility

Participants: Roger Allen (RA), Martin Piper (MP), John Morgan

Item	Detail	Action
1	Apologies – Andrew Lloyd (AL), Jeff Fray (JF)	
2	<p>Treasurers Report JF reported little had happened this year since Teynham with the Covid restrictions save for the cost of our annual insurance premium due in October 2020.</p> <p>JF has passed the insurance renewal papers to RA. It was felt that the sum insured for GER at £3000 was too low and would need checking, while the trailer cover at £1500 was about right.</p>	RA
3	<p>GER Glen Allen’s father-in-law had kindly offered to make a custom-built engine shed for the layout and Glenn had recently advised that it was nearing completion. Once that happened arrangements would need to be made to do a trial installation but with current restrictions we could not be sure of when that would be possible.</p> <p>Likewise consideration of any additional sidings or loops, as previously suggested would need to be put on hold until there was the opportunity to erect the layout.</p>	RA All
4	<p>Newsletter Three editions of the Newsletter have been published since April. This increased frequency being arranged to keep in contact with members on items of mutual interest in the absence of garden meets and the Autumn indoor meet. It was agreed that this had been very successful with a good collection of articles produced by members. Thanks were expressed to Jeff as editor and coordinator and to Andrew for arranging distribution.</p> <p>Subject to sufficient materiel being available and distribution being feasible, we felt that early October would be a good time for the next edition</p>	RA/JF/AL
5	<p>Group Website and National Journal MP has added copies of all Newsletters to the website. MP will consider adding an additional counter to see if we can register the numbers of “hits” for people viewing the Newsletters online.</p> <p>MP advised that the copy date for next Group report in the National Journal is 12th October. In the absence of any meets it was felt that we might include any appropriate items from our August Newsletter (no 13)</p>	MP MP

6	<p>Events</p> <p>a) Indoor</p> <p>The Autumn Indoor meet at Pratts Bottom, planned for 11th October has been cancelled due to current restrictions and members have been advised.</p> <p>We have a provisional booking for Teynham Village hall on Sunday 31st January 2021 for our usual Winter Indoor Meet. However we have already recognised that if the event were to go ahead then more than likely it would need to be in a reduced and restricted form.</p> <p>RA reported that he had been in touch with the Hall manager, Evelyn Winzar, but the Hall was not yet in a position to take bookings for larger gatherings. Small groups are being admitted but no parties, weddings or similar. The Hall would review their bookings position at their AGM in October and/or committee meeting in November. RA advised Evelyn of the likely restricted format of our event if it were to go ahead and the Hall available. Evelyn will advise RA of developments in due course.</p> <p>In discussing a possible Winter event it was felt that we should restrict entry to members only and then probably with a maximum number and some form of advance booking arrangement. Attractions would be probably limited to GER and one other layout and we would need to be mindful of current advice.</p> <p>We felt that a simple sounding of members was required to try and establish if we held an event we they wish to participate. Some questions will be drafted for the next Newsletter.</p> <p>b) Garden meets 2020 No Group events have been held</p>	<p>RA</p> <p>RA</p>
7	<p>Next meeting</p> <p>We felt we should aim for a further meeting in a couple of month's time in early November. This may need to be a "virtual" meeting once more and if so the date and time arranged to allow for more to participate</p>	<p>RA/MP</p>