



MINUTES OF THE G SCALE SOCIETY KENT COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON SUNDAY 18th March 2012 at 79 Borden Lane, Sittingbourne.

Present: Andrew Lloyd (Chairman). Roger Allen, Martin Cook, Martin Piper, John Spann
Julia Hudson-Morgan (Secretary)

Item	Detail	Action By
1	Apologies: None	
2	Minutes of the Last Meeting: 04/12/11 Minor changes requested: item 4 amounts paid £300. Numbering to be amended.	JH-M done
3	<p>Matters Arising: The committee detailed the events for the summer months. MP, MC and JS confirmed the dates for their own open days. A full schedule will be on the website and it was agreed that we should encourage the membership to access the website as the source of all Kent G Scale News etc.</p> <p>As a result of the very full programme, it was agreed that no further 'Meets' would be required for 2012/13. (Teynham 20/01/13 and Pratts Bottom 28/10/12) Discussion ensued regarding the publication of post codes/telephone numbers etc within the Newsletter. The committee all stated that they had no issue with phone numbers being produced in Group literature. Comment was made that we asked visitors/guests to events to ring in advance and advise the hosts of their proposed visit anyway. JS then made available to the meeting the latest 'Events' shown on our website. A very comprehensive list emerged and it was agreed that Charles would be advised accordingly.</p> <p><i>JH-M advised the group of the Railway Art Exhibition in the Historic Dockyard Chatham:-</i> <i>1st April to 14th May 2012 A collection of heritage and modern works of art from the hugely talented members of the Guild of Railway Artists, including leading railway and wildlife artist David Shepherd</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MP, MC,JS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ALL</p>
4	<p>Kent Group Web Site MC raised the issue of the outdated items on the website. He reminded the committee that it was our responsibility to ensure Charles was 'fed' regular information, photographs and snippets to ensure the website remained fresh and current. Several examples were discussed where dated articles/information remained. i.e. 2009 Newsletter! The old GER track was shown and JS agreed to produce a new article detailing the new GER II track. The Committee was asked to provide any photographs of the new track to John, if available. CD should have some from Teynham and the Dockyard event last year.</p> <p>MC gave the group an update of the working party efforts at the Bowls Club with the new GER. He explained that some additional work was still required</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">JS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ALL - Ongoing</p>

	which could be undertaken in his garden. Weather permitting.	
5	<p>Forthcoming Events</p> <p><u>Group Leaders Meeting/Anniversary Show: 21/22 Arpil</u> JH-M advised the meeting that she would be attending the Group Leaders meeting in Stafford on Saturday 21st April on behalf of the Kent Group. MP stated that he was proposing to attend the Anniversary event.</p> <p><u>Faversham Show – the Old Brewery Store : Saturday 12th May</u> JH-M and JKM would be attending with the Group Stand. Mark and Christopher Wanstall have kindly agreed to take CLR. We should have approx 20ft space and members were encouraged to attend and relieve the team if possible. JH-M to liaise with AL regarding display, literature, setting up arrangements etc.</p> <p><u>Bodiam : battery and live steam + Nursery</u> Opening details on their website, Open Every Day 10 00 – 17 00. It was agreed that MC would contact Charles and put a link on our website. All advised to check the website: www.bodiamnursery.co.uk</p> <p>MC advised that the garden railway would be available on the first Saturday of each month commencing May 2012. Please ring if intending to visit with stock.</p>	JH-M AL/JH-M MC
6	<p>Treasurers Report Attached as Appendix A</p>	Noted
7	Future Indoor Meets See <i>Item 3 para 2</i>	ALL
8	<p>Co-Opted Membership AL advised that he had received two offers to join the committee:- 1. Mr David Vannerley (3474) 2. Mr Jeff Fray (2628) The committee discussed both offers and it was agreed that Jeff should be co-opted for the remaining term and stand for election at the next AGM. JH-M to write to Jeff advising the next committee meeting.</p>	JH-M
9	<p>A.O.B</p> <p>(a) AL confirmed his intention to relinquish the Chairmanship of the Kent Group at the next AGM. He advised that consideration should be given to encouraging new committee members. However, it was felt that 6 was about right currently.</p> <p>(b) AL to send out email to Kent Membership regarding access and use of the website. It was agreed that we would try to 'phase out' documentation by post and fully utilise the website.</p> <p>(c) Discussion regarding the website: JS agreed to create a new email address for 'Contact Us' i.e info@.....done AL would ask Charles to upload the constitution under membership info.</p> <p>(d) MC produced a sample of green matting for proposed use on GER II Agreed. MC agreed to advise the committee when his gazebo was ready to undertake some further work on GER II.</p> <p>(e) Committee agreed a donation of £50.00 to the Bowls Club for allowing us the use and facilities to work on GER II.</p> <p>(f) RA suggested that when the outstanding works have been completed on GERII we should advertise/offer the layout for other exhibitions/events. Agreed for next year.</p> <p>(g) Pratts Bottom – Leaflet? JS agreed to produce something for both PB</p>	ALL AL MC Noted ALL JS

	<p>and Teynham.</p> <p>(h) MC advised that he had received an offer for £150 for the trailer. Group advised that a review needed to be undertaken regarding space in the second trailer or GERII. Committee advised that should insufficient space be available both trailers may have to be sold and a larger one purchase.</p> <p>(i) AL advised the committee of the list of membership non-renewals. It was agreed that Ross would remain on the mailing list.</p>	<p>MC/RA/MP</p> <p>Noted</p>
10	Date of Next Meeting: 24/06/12 at 1030 at 79 Borden Lane	