

Abingdon and District Model Railway Club

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 19th April 2022 @ 19.30 On Line.

1 Opening remarks

The Chairman welcomed the attendees and apologized for the slight problem re the Zoom link which meant the meeting did not commence until 19.52 and he briefly outlined the agenda.

2 Trustees present and apologies

Present: P. Hunt, B. Marnane, C. Nutman, A. Skinner, T. Slaughter

Apologies: E. Young

3 Committee Members present and apologies

Present: J. Barclay, D. Hardisty, M. Taylor

Apologies: F. Clarke

4 Minutes of previous meeting (19th January)

Were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

Matters Arising

- Action S2 – Postal address – **Action ongoing**
- Action O3 – The electrician had attended and repaired the lighting in the bunker room and rewired the outside security light. He also carried out the Pat testing on items to be used at the Abrail show - **Action closed**
- Action N5 – Alan Pierce has still to acquire a whiteboard for listing layouts due to go out to other Club shows – **Action ongoing**
- Action N6 – Club night events. This had been put on hold while the Abrail exhibition was being organised. Events are now being planned – **Action ongoing**

- Action J1 – Examination of accounts, this is now in hand and the examiner Mr M. Hayward has agreed to examine the accounts prior to the planned A.G.M. – **Action Closed**
- ABrail 22 – final analysis. The show went extremely well and a surplus of £2,600 was achieved.

5 External work proposal

- **Landscaping outside Pentre Rd** – It is proposed to commence this work May/June
- **Pentre Rd building Canopy and entry ramp** – A new maintenance schedule is being prepared by Chris Maycock.
- **New Security Gate** – We have been made aware that a new automatic gate is to be installed partway down the lane. A security code for entry will be provided on completion.

6 Treasurer's report

- Accounts Examination** – The accounts will be examined prior to the A.G.M. Chris Nutman is in contact with Rev M. Hayward who has agreed to carry out the examination.
- Accounts approval** – A draft statement of accounts was provided to the committee by the treasurer prior to the meeting. There were no issues re the accounts and they were approved unanimously by the committee. The Treasurer will now deliver the accounts to the examiner for examination. Chris Nutman will agree reimbursement with the examiner for his work and printing costs. – **Action M1- Chris Nutman/Treasurer**

7 Open day review

It was agreed that the day hadn't been as successful as previous ones, despite handing out a good many flyers re the event. The previous event was held on a Sunday and there was a thought that this might have something to do with it. Our first visitors did not show up until the afternoon. The only positive point was that our 2nd hand stall made over £100 on the day.

8 Date and venue for A.G.M.

After last year's successful trial, holding the AGM in a local hall rather than the club premises, it was agreed that we would do this again. Andrew Skinner was tasked with booking the hall, the provisional date being set as;

Friday 24th June. – **Action M2 Andrew Skinner**

In the absence of the Secretary, the Chairman will notify the members of this date when it has been confirmed. – **Action M3 - Chairman**

9 Proposals for *Abrail 23*

It was agreed this this would, once again be a one- day show, but Dominic will organise a time for a small group to visit the college.

Items to be discussed with the college are;

- Use of the Gym and the Art room.
- The possibility of the college hosting a two - day show
- **Date for *Abrail 23*** – In an attempt to stop clashing with the Alexandra Palace event it was decided to change our date to the first weekend in March (4th) this date was a clash with Leamington, but they have lost the use of their venue and are struggling to find another. – **Action M4 Dominic**

10 Proposals for *Abrail 24*

2024 will be the club's 50th year in existence. In the light of this it is hoped we can run a two day exhibition instead of our normal one day event. The committee are also considering a plan for further events throughout the year. We are also exploring the possibilities of joining with the Great Western Modellers group to partner our show. The proposal to host a two day exhibition in 2024, with the committee's recommendation, will be put the membership for a vote at the A.G.M.

11 A.O.B

- **First Aid kit renewal** -This has been installed and two members, James Barclay and Mike Taylor, have been certified as 1st Aiders.
- **Abingdon Jubilee celebrations** – The club had expressed an interest in participating in the town's event, but it is being held on a field and this has resulted in logistical problems that cannot be overcome, so we have reluctantly had to back out.
- **Support for the Oxford club's exhibition** – It was agreed that we will offer assistance with Stewarding at this event, we are also offering two of our layouts as exhibits and our Chairman will make contact with the Chairman of the Oxford Club to establish an informal working relationship – **Action M5 Chairman**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.37

Peter Hunt,
Secretary 19-04-22