

Abingdon and District Model Railway Club

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 24th January 2023 @ 19.30 On Line.

1 Opening remarks

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and requested that the meeting should be recorded for the Secretary's benefit. He gave a rundown of the agenda adding that the past few weeks had been particularly stressful while trying to get plumbing issues sorted out after the power failure and subsequent freeze.

Trustees present and apologies

Present: P. Hunt, B.Marnane, C.Nutman

Apologies: A. Skinner, T. Slaughter.

2 Committee Members present and apologies

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

Apologies: F. Clark, D. Hardisty

4 Minutes of the previous meeting (13th Dec)

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record.

Matters Arising: There were no matters arising

Actions

- Action N6 – Club night events – ongoing - Dominic
- Action July 1 Purchase and fitting of defibulator– ongoing - Secretary
- Action July 2 Private owner wagon– Closed
- Action July 3 Marketing of above – ongoing - Committee
- Action Dec 1 Annual Report to the Charity commissioners - Closed
- Action Dec 2 Members Stock on site inventory – ongoing - Treasurer
- Action Dec 3 Club wagon sales – ongoing

- Action Dec 4 Purchase of two new sum-up machines – ongoing - Treasurer
- Action Dec 5 Online storage of Exhibition details – In Hand - Closed
- Action Dec 6 Regular newsletter to Members in Hand - Closed
- Action Dec 7 Meeting Minutes accessible via website in Hand -closed

5 Treasurer's report

The Treasurer apologised for his absence citing pressure of work at the end of the financial year. He had previously contacted the secretary with the balances of the accounts.

Current Acc: £6,955.59 Premium Acc: £10,651.71 Total Balance: £17,607.30

6 Plumbing repairs and making good

The Chairman reported that he had been in touch with the insurers and plumbers and a quote of £2,100 had been received for the repair work to be carried out. Currently we have four dehumidifiers working full blast to dry out the building, but with a total of twenty-four splits in the pipes identified this was no small job. We have a team of local members going to the club on a regular basis to ensure the power is staying on and emptying the humidifiers. The kitchen units will have to be removed so that the plumbers can get to the pipes, but this is all being done by the repair team. He was hopeful that once the plumbing had been repaired and heating and water restored then we could reopen to members.

We have also been made aware of a plug- in device that will send a message to telephones when the electricity in the building fails. It was agreed to purchase one as a short - term measure, but it was acknowledged and agreed that we must make every effort to upgrade our electricity supply to ensure better reliability. [See Action Jan 5 in AOB below](#)

7 Exhibition Progress for *Abrail 23*

The exhibition manager Dominic was unable to attend this evening's meeting but had sent a report on progress. See *Attachment A*. The secretary reported that he had secured ten traders to attend plus three Societies, and Network Rail was also attending with their Information stand. See *attachment B*.

8 Exhibition progress for *Abrail 24*

Trevor, who had apologised for his absence said that everything was in hand for this show. He wanted at this time to concentrate all efforts on the *ABRAIL23* show and said he would give a full progress report after the *Abrail23* post show meeting. At that time, he intended to lay out his plans and ideas along with predicted costings.

9 Supporting Oxford Bus Museum "Models at the Museum" on Sunday 24 March.

James Barclay will be taking his 'King's Wharf' layout to the museum, but we agreed that we need volunteers to assist him and run the Club stand, which we will also be taking. [Action Jan 1 Chairman to call for volunteers to support this event](#)

10 AOB

- Weekend work day – dates for 2023

After discussion it was agreed that from March, every fourth Saturday would be deemed as a 'Club work day' through until September. It was also agreed that we should be better organised with work for these days, with work allocated and members asked to bring the necessary tools with them.

It was acknowledged that in the past we have lacked co-ordination and this would be addressed and members made aware of these dates and tasks to be completed well in advance. **Action Jan 2**

- **Tree Pollarding:** The secretary informed the meeting that he had been in touch with the company re the work that was unfinished. He is meeting the Tree surgeon on Saturday morning to refresh what is required and it is hoped that this work will be carried out early in March.
- **Millet's Farm visits:** The club have been asked to repeat the very successful visit to *Millet's Farm* next year, with a request that we do two weekend dates. One in the spring and another in the summer. It was agreed that we would do this and invite the *9mm club* to attend with us. Dominic will co-ordinate with the *Millet's* management and the *9mm club* to arrange dates for this to happen. **Action Jan 3 - Dominic**
- **Exhibition Plaques:** The Chairman will speak to Chris Maycock requesting that he cut the show plaques for us in Blue with white lettering. It was also agreed that we would ask one of our celebrity Guest speakers to choose 'Best in Show' and ask one of them to award the plaque. **Action Jan 4 Chairman**
- **Monitor for Electrics:** We have been made aware of a 'plug in' monitoring system which sends a text message to a telephone should the power supply in a building be disrupted. It was agreed that Fraser should look into this. It was felt that because of the unreliability of our current electrical system this would help to prevent any recurrence of the elongated 'power down' time which caused the pipes to freeze and damage our heating system. **Action Jan 5– Fraser Clark**
- **Before closing the meeting,** the Chairman offered his and the committee's congratulations to James Barclay on his engagement. The Secretary offered to organise that the 'Thomas' layout be up and running in the foyer of the reception during the wedding. He thought that there would be plenty volunteers for that particular Gig.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.45

Peter Hunt, Secretary

