

**Abingdon and District Model Railway Club
Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on
Wednesday 27th July 2016
in the Lecture Room at 19.30**

Those Present

Mike Ryder, Peter Hunt, Damien Dye, Chris Maycock, Mike Taylor, Eric Young.

Apologies

Andrew Skinner

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 3rd June 2016 were accepted as correct.

Matters Arising

The Chairman welcomed the new committee and said he hoped that it would be a progressive and innovative period for the club.

There are still some bits of the Maintenance work to be completed.

Outstanding are:

- A. Shed painting has to be finished as the preservative ran out.
- B. Bunker room door painting.
- C. Grills to be replaced on the outer windows.
- D. Small shed still to be tidied out.
- E. Panelling in the reception area to be repaired.

The Bunker room roof has been checked and potential leakage areas sealed.

Co-option of Mr D. Dye onto the committee

This was carried unanimously and Damien was welcomed onto the committee.

Charitable Status

After the discussion and vote at the AGM that the committee be given the go-ahead to progress the Charitable status it was agreed that Mr A. McMillan be asked to put in place a plan that the Club should become a charitable company before the end of 2016.

The Chairman said that as far as we understood it the club would become the limited company and the committee would be the trustees of the charity.

Exhibitions

The Club received a visit from Mr Bob Bunker who was previously a chairman of the club. He is now a member of Maidenhead M.R.C. and said that his club had a new layout for which they were looking for exhibition invitations. It was agreed in principle that this layout should be invited to *Abraill*, but it was decided to request that we would like a reciprocal invitation for *Belgrave Rd* to go the Maidenhead exhibition. Eric Young will make further contact with them to negotiate this arrangement.

Mike Taylor expressed concern about the lack of exhibits for the *Didcot* show at the end of September.

Exhibitions cont.

It was also brought to the notice of the committee that some traders were either slow to pay for their appearance at our show or 'forgot to pay'. It was suggested by the chairman that they should be billed prior to the event and offered a 10% discount for 'early' payment.

Exhibition preparations

Leaflets and advertising materials for *AbRail* to be prepared prior to the *Didcot* show. Also we need someone to organise catering, and someone to source the exhibitor badges for both *Didcot* and *AbRail*. It was suggested that a number of people doing little bits would make organisation less onerous.

There is also the possibility of a cheaper transport solution when taking layouts from the club to other exhibitions.

Website

Concern was expressed over the status of the ADMRC website. There was at present the option that any member could update the website as they so wished. It was agreed that this was not an ideal situation and Mr Dye offered to take control of the website and update it with information given to him by any of the modelling groups within the club.

Next meeting:

This will be held on Wednesday Sept 7th @ 20.00

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.20

Peter Hunt,
Secretary.