

Abingdon and District Model Railway Club

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 2nd August 2017 in the Library at 20.00

1. Those Present:

Peter Hunt, David Lloyd, Bill Marnane, Chris Maycock, Mike Taylor, Eric Young

Apologies; Fraser Clarke.

2. Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 28th June

The minutes of the meeting were accepted as a true record:

Prop D, Lloyd, 2nd A. Skinner

3. Matters Arising

Electrical refurbishment

The upgraded lighting for both the Modelling area/reception and rear work area has been carried out quickly and efficiently. The invoice was received and this has been paid.

Charities Application

The Treasurer said that he has penciled in time in August but he does want to have two or three clear days to work on it.

Clean - up day

This was a very successful day. The outside work re painting the doors, Workshop and ramp were all done and the reception area walls tidied up. The work benches were removed from the modelling area in preparation for a new plywood skin to be put in place. Chris and Mike will talk with Mark to source materials and see when this work can be carried out.

The Treasurer was complimented on the quality of the burgers and sausages and his cooking at the BBQ.

4. Membership on-line applications

Now that the Club web site has been sorted out and is working again Fraser has made a further appeal for photographs of Club members layouts as well as information re the club. An on-line application form was talked about, but this was discounted as we would rather meet and greet potential members with a tour of the premises and have the opportunity to talk to them first. Then we can hand them an 'application form' to take away and complete.

The Chairman will ask Andy Mac. To update the current form and make them readily available at the club. It was also decided to create a new '200 club' joining form. There are members at the club who want to join but can't because we do not have any forms. The Treasurer agreed to take this on board.

5. Club stand

The Chairman said that one of the problems is we do not push the club enough and to this end he would like to see a new 'Club stand' available at shows and event that we hold. This would comprise of a Pull-up screen with pictures and bullet points about the club and a new handout/leaflet promoting the positive aspects of the club to be given out at exhibitions and events.

Photographs of the club layouts and premises to be taken and Brian Denton will put the leaflet together. It was decided that it would be good to have this in place before the 15th September when we participate in the Abingdon College 'Fresher's Fayre'.

6. Fresher's day 13th Wednesday September

Abingdon College has asked us if it would be possible to exhibit some of the club's work at their 'Fresher's Fayre. It was agreed that this would be good publicity for the club and a Layout and modelling demonstration would be exhibited. Members to be asked to volunteer their time.

7. Exhibition Progress

Work is ongoing to finalise the new venue for Abrial18. The secretary has written to the national magazines re dates for Didcot show to be inserted in the 'events pages' He also reported that he has written to Modelling companies re prizes for the proposed tombola stall at both the Abrial and Didcot shows.

Bachmann, Dapol, Hattons, Hornby, Gaugemaster, Oxford diecast and Peco have all been approached.

So far the Hornby magazine and Peco have responded with generous offers of annual and six monthly subscriptions respectively.

Squires and Digitrains will also be approached.

Exhibitions cont.

The Secretary has also approached the new owner of 'Munchies' re the provision of catering for the Didcot exhibition. He is due to meet him and the Civic centre to view the kitchen area and discuss the catering. The Chairman also said he had become aware of another company who deals with catering at his bowls club and could be interested in doing the catering.

AOB — To be notified to Secretary before meeting starts

Membership Subscriptions

With the updated website now attracted potential members It was decided to review the membership policy. Concern was raised over the possible interest of youngsters under the age of 18. After much discussion, it was agreed that any Junior applicant MUST be accompanied on any visit to the club with a parent or Guardian and at no time should that Junior be allowed to attend without the. It was agreed that should a Junior member be accepted then they would, while in fulltime education be given free membership but the Parent or Guardian would be encouraged to join the 200 club. Thus, contributing in some way to the Club. After the age of 16 the junior member would be expected to pay £6 per month.

It was also agreed that should there be an application for 'Hardship membership' this would set at £6 per month and agreed at the discretion of the Chairman and Treasurer.

Workshop Tidy – up

Ted Carter who looks after the workshop has asked if he can dispose of tools that are no longer of any use, or damaged. This was agreed, but he is to be made aware of the 'Tool recycling' area at the Redbridge recycling unit where tools can be left to be repaired and passed on for possible distribution to third world countries.

Ltd Company winding -up

Since the A.G.M. when the winding up had been agreed no further action had taken place. The Treasurer and Chairman will discuss this with Andy Mac.

8. Date of Next Meeting

This was set for **Friday 29th September**

9. Meeting Closed at; 21.45

