

# Abingdon and District Model Railway Club

## Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2017 in the Library at 20.00

### 1. Those Present and Apologies

**Present:** David Lloyd, Chris Maycock, Mike Taylor, Bill Marnane, Andrew Skinner, Eric Young, Peter Hunt.

**Apologies:** Fraser Clarke

### 2. Introduction & Welcome

The new Chairman welcomed the members new to the committee and said that he was not the sort of person to rush through a meeting, He liked matters to be discussed properly and decisions to be made.

### 3. Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> May

The minutes of the previous committee meeting held on the 24<sup>th</sup> May were accepted as a true record.

### 4. Matters Arising

#### *Electrical refurbishment*

An estimate for the work to be carried out has been received from D.E. Electrical. There were 2 parts to the estimate. The first was for the work to be carried out using up to date strip light fittings this was £620.00 + vat.

The second part of the estimate was to carry out the required work fitting LED fittings this would cost an extra £180.00 +vat but would save on voltage and ultimately cost of electricity.

After discussion it was agreed that because the club wasn't used 24/7 it was not worth worrying about the extra cost of electricity. It was also questioned whether LED lighting was the best for model making and close work.

The Secretary was asked to contact D.E. Electrical and request them to carry out the work. Also to obtain a possible start date for the work so the affected areas could be cleared to allow access.

## *Charities Application*

A new application bid will be put together in July. The secretary will provide all the information re the previous bid that he has.

### 5. Clean - up day 8<sup>th</sup> July

This would be going ahead, Mark is currently getting the materials required and there will be a 9.00am start. The Secretary will e-mail all members asking for volunteers to come along and get numbers attending as there will be a BBQ.

The secretary will also contact '*Supreme Sausages*' on a local trading estate to provide the Burgers and Bangers.

### 6. Exhibition progress

**Didcot** - The Secretary reported that they currently has 10 layouts promised and that the Chairman was going to source another 4 layouts, - 14 being the optimum number for the venue, The Secretary will also start writing to companies re prizes for the tombola and informing the magazines of the date for their 'events diaries'.

**Abraill 18** – We are awaiting contact from the college to affirm the date and set up a meeting to discuss the venue and our requirements.

It was also agreed to hold the entry price and the Traders table costs for the present.

## AOB — To be notified to Secretary before meeting starts

### a. **Proposed new layout – *Carlisle Canal***

The committee was informed that the 'Belgrave Rd' team are looking to commence a new layout now that the above is virtually finished and on the exhibition circuit. The Layout will be a DCC model of Carlisle Canal steam shed in the 1930's LNER period.

### b. **Contact list & Members layout list for website**

Our new website coordinator would like to put Club members layouts that are available to exhibit to be added to the website. It was agreed that this should happen but to protect the members identity it was agreed that any request for these layouts to be exhibited should come through the current Contact that is on the website and then the request could be forwarded to the appropriate member.

### c. **Banking update**

The Treasurer said that he needed to update the signaturies on the club account. He proposed that they should be Peter Hunt ( Secretary) and Eric Young (Chairman). He provided them with paperwork to be taken to 'Barclay's Bank' for their identities to be verified.

He also informed the committee that he has made contact with the agents of the new site owners and we were going to set up a meeting with them to put faces to names. He was also setting up the new details of where he had to pay the rent.

**d. Club Keys**

Because of the change of tenants to a company that requires high site security it was felt that we should update the Key Holders list. It was agreed that the Secretary would send out an e-mail to all members requesting those holding keys to make themselves known to the Secretary.

7. Date of Next Meeting - **Will be 2<sup>nd</sup> August**

8. Meeting Closed – at 21.40

**Secretary**

**Peter Hunt.**