

Abingdon and District Model Railway Club

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 6th December 2017 in the Library at 20.00

1. Those Present

Peter Hunt, David Lloyd, Bill Marnane, Mike Taylor, Eric Young.

Apologies

Fraser Clark, Andrew Skinner

2. Minutes of the Committee Meeting

Held on 28th September

The minutes of the meeting held on the 28th September were accepted as a true record.

3. Matters Arising

Charities Application

After the successful application for the club to be recognized as a Charity the committee recognized that there are a number of changes to be put in place.

1. A standard Gift Aid form must be produced for members to 'gift aid' their subscriptions, it was recognized that there are a few people who are currently 'Non active' and it was felt that only active members should be given the form to complete.
2. It recognised that a new set of rules would have to be created to allow the club to work in harmony with the Charitable status. It was agreed that these rules should be drawn up by the current Trustees.
3. The Trustees could only stand for 2 years, but can be re-elected if they choose to stand and the members are in agreement.
4. It is believed that the club finances should now be audited annually.

4. Club publicity and stand

A new leaflet has been produced advertising the club and it's benefits and we are currently putting this into Libraries and information stands in places that have them. This will be followed up by a pull-up banner listing the benefits and merits

of the club. This banner will then be used at events where club layouts and members are involved. Peter to speak with Brian Denton and Mike Ryder re the production of this banner.

5. Exhibitions

- a. **Didcot de-brief** – A very successful show with a good profit of £745.25 was held. Number through the door rose and the Tombola raised a significant sum.
- b. **Abraile Progress** - There are currently 14 Layouts definitely booked with a further 6 possible. 14 traders have been invited to be there and the Pendon Museum and Didcot railway centre have also requested a presence.
- c. **Programme adverts** - The Secretary requested that we try to get one or two members willing to go around and ask companies to advertise in the programme. He suggested that we use the Oxford club programme as a template.

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It was proposed that a *Sales and Wants* sheet could be produced where members can offer items that they no longer require, or members that are looking for an item can put it on the list. The secretary said he would put out an email to all the members notifying them of this.

It was also proposed that there could be a club visit to the Pendon Museum, the Secretary will make enquiries and see how many members express an interest.

Date of Next Meeting – will be the 24th January

Meeting Closed at – 21.06