

Abingdon and District Model Railway Club

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 8th February 2017 in the Bowyer Arms in Radley at 20.35

On arrival at the main entry gate to the White Horse contractors, it was found that the lock had been changed and we could not gain entry to the club premises. After a brief discussion, it was agreed to move the meeting to the above public house. The meeting was convened at 20.35.

1. Those Present and Apologies

Present: Mike Ryder, Peter Hunt, A Skinner, Chris Maycock, Damien Dye.

Apologies: David Lloyd, Eric Young.

- 2. The Minutes** of the Committee Meeting held on 11th January 2017 were accepted as a true record. Prop: A. Skinner. 2nd Chris Maycock.

3. Matters Arising

The proposed upgrade of the lighting in both the corridor/work area next to the bunker room and the Long room. We have not yet received a quote from the electrician.

The application to turn the club into a CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organization) had been sent and returned as incomplete by the Charities commission.

It was agreed that the Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary would meet at a date to be determined to discuss the next step.

4. ABrail 2017

The ABrail exhibition has currently 22 layouts attending and 19 traders are also booked to attend and 4 are to be confirmed as yet.

Mike T. and Chris M. are working on the positioning of layouts and traders stands.

D. Morris will provide the PA system.

The date has been posted with all the Model Magazines, and the date will appear in the diary/event pages of the February / March issues.

Damien will put the show on U-tube and an advert for the Exhibition will appear in the Oxfordshire newspapers for 2 weeks before the show.

David Lloyd will be asked to run the sandwich and tea bar for the Exhibitors
The entry fee will be £8.00 with accompanied children free.

Andrew S. will speak with the companies beside the centre re use of Parking.

5. Didcot show

The dates of the Didcot show are now booked through until 2020 and progress is being made on the booking of Layouts and traders.

6. Membership Fees

It was brought to the committee's attention that a member had requested a reduction in fees due to current financial hardship. This was discussed and it was agreed to talk with the members re setting up a hardship grant whereby a member could apply formally for a grant from the club to pay their annual subscription.

7. Date of Next Meeting – Wednesday 1st March 2017

Meeting closed at 9.30