

Abingdon and District Model Railway Club

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 9th November 2016 in the Lecture Room at 20.00

1. Those Present and Apologies

Present: Mike Ryder, Eric Young, A Skinner, Mike Taylor, Chris Maycock, Damien Dye, Andy McMillan, David Lloyd.

Apologies: Peter Hunt

2. **The minutes** of the Committee Meeting held on 7th September 2016 were accepted as a true record. Prop: M. Taylor. 2nd E.Young

3. Matters Arising

It was agreed that the Maidenhead 00-gauge layout should appear at A-brail and Belgrave road would be exhibited at the Maidenhead Show. Mike Taylor agreed to contact Maidenhead.

The proposed move of Pentre Rd to the Bunker room was put on hold.

4. Resume of the Didcot 2016 exhibition

The show made a profit of £300 with 170 people attending.

The publicity for the show was not good because Mike Marshall who usually organizes it was unavailable.

The next Didcot show would be organized by Peter Hunt and Eric Young.

5. Lighting upgrade for the long room.

After the successful upgrade of the lighting in the bunker room it was agreed to go ahead with the upgrade for lighting in both the corridor/work area next to the bunker room and the Long room.

Andy McMillan agreed to contact the electrician.

6. Exhibitions

A. Abingdon 2017

The Abingdon exhibition has currently 14 layouts attending with a probable 5 more. 15 traders + 8 probables are also booked to attend.

Eric agreed to talk to someone re publicity co-ordination for local advertising.

It was suggested that we might be able to get a celebrity to open the show.

The entry fee will be £8.00 with accompanied children free.

B. Didcot 2017

The Didcot show will now be held on Saturday 21st October a week earlier than last year. Earlier weeks are currently unavailable.

Eric Young and Peter Hunt will organise this year.

7. Transport to Exhibitions

It was proposed that the club would subsidise transport for layouts to exhibitions should the offer of a cheap van fall through.

8. AOB

Charitable Status it was agreed that we should go ahead with the proposal to turn the Club into a charitable organisation. Andy McMillan to continue with the changeover.

There was a suggestion of a possible trip for members to the Bluebell Railway.

9. Date of Next Meeting – Wednesday 11th January 2017

10. Meeting Closed at 21.02