

Preston & District Model Railway Society

Committee Meeting Monday, 22nd July at 8:00pm

Present:

John Wilson	<i>Chairman</i>
Andy Joel	<i>Secretary</i>
John Farnden	<i>Treasurer</i>
Carl Bowden	Tom Springett
Dave Pallant	Andy Postlethwaite

1. Apologies for absence

None.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

Read and adopted.

3. Matters arising from the minutes

- The chairman is still awaiting progress with the bank.
- Updating the notice board was further discussed, and is on-going.
- Carpet tiles have been laid around Tellum Summit and downstairs. The cost of £180 was charged to the exhibition account.
- Items from the disposal of a OO layout in Fulwood are being sold, money going to both the club account (as “donations”) and the exhibition account. Any unsold will go to the second-hand stall.
- With regards to Neville’s estate, the will requires that we take 10% of the proceeds of the sale; we had previously considered the various tools, etc. to be enough. An award at the exhibition was suggested – to be discussed with Les..

4. Accidents recorded since the last meeting

- None.

5. Finance

- The accounts from 01/Sep/23 to 30/Jun/24 were reviewed. We have 45 paid members.
- The ca. £2k deficit was as expected, and we will likely need to raise subs again. This is as was discussed at the AGM last year.
- It was noted that one member has still to pay. **Action:** JF to pursue.

6. Correspondence

- We had an enquiry from a solicitors company asking for a valuation of model railway items. Tom replied on behalf of the society saying this is not something we are willing to do, and recommending alternatives.

7. Membership

- None.

8. Future programme

- The AGM is set for 07/Oct/24, at the same venue as last year.

9. Layouts

- Restoration of Chelthwaite Mills is progressing nicely.
- The new N gauge layout is progressing in the work room; it now has a name Conderbridge.
- Work has started on the baseboards for Coniston.

10. Exhibition

- Nothing to note.

11. Any other business

- It was noted with sadness that Peter, the landlord's handyman, has passed away. It is unclear who the landlord will now use.

12. Date of the next meeting

09/Sep/24 at 8 pm

Meeting finished at 8:45 pm