

Preston & District Model Railway Society

Committee Meeting Monday, 9th September 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

- Updating the notice board was further discussed. To be delayed until the new N gauge layout is moved, as that would be the best time to do it.
- Items from the disposal of a OO layout in Fulwood are still being sold.
- With regards to Neville's estate, we have received £333 from the proceeds of the auction. A trophy has been purchased from the exhibition account for £120 to be awarded to best layout at the exhibition.
- Related to above, it was noted that one trophy has gone missing. In future layouts will be posed with trophies for photographs, but given a 3d printed plaque to keep, rather than a trophy for a year.
- It was noted that the landlord has appointed a new handyman.

4. Accidents recorded since the last meeting

- None.

5. Finance

- It was suggested that the society move their account to Lloyds as they offer better support to clubs. They would need signed copies of the rules and AGM minutes, so investigate further after the AGM. RBS and Virgin might be options too.
- The accounts for the year are now settled, and will be audited before AGM.
- Have been warned that water rates are increasing. It was noted that the meter has not been read for years. Our water usage is minimal, so worth getting it read.
- All members have now paid.

6. Correspondence

- None.

7. Membership

- None.

8. Future programme

- The AGM is set for 07/Oct/24.

9. Layouts

- Restoration of Chelthwaite Mills is progressing nicely. On-going.
- The new N gauge layout is progressing. On-going. It was noted that Les has asked for a revised budget. **Action:** AKJ.
- Work continues on Coniston. On-going.

10. Exhibition

- It was noted that the exhibition will be £9 to enter, rather than £8. This is significantly more than Leigh, which is only £6, and not much smaller. *Secretaries note:* Subsequently discovered Leigh will be £8 next year.

11. Any other business

- Tom will put up a list for clothing orders. It was noted the minimum order is now 10, rather than 12. Les has said he will order some items from stock – he will finance himself..

12. Date of the next meeting

18/Nov/24 at 8 pm

Meeting finished at 8:40 pm