

Minutes of St Neots Model Railway Club
Annual General Meeting Minutes

Held at Buckden Village Hall on Wednesday 28th August 2019

Item	Details	Action
1	<p>Apologises 32 members attended. Mark Campbell, Sebastian Street, Roger Lloyd and Peter Dillingham sent their apologies.</p>	
2	<p>Minutes of the previous committee None</p>	
3	<p>Matters arising that are not already on the agenda Club member's layouts, social events and modelling days were added to the agenda.</p>	
4	<p>Chairman's report Caroline reflected on the club outings to Loughborough, Ferry Meadows and Bowling. She reminded members of the future trips to Barrow Hill on the 12th October and St Neots community day on 19th October. She sadly reported that we had lost 2 layouts and 1 member, Alan Mott having past away. The club had being extending the test track, a new junior layout was in the planning stage, Ashfield had been dismantled and the boards used for a new layout Burbury End. Bowater was progressing well. Everyone had enjoyed the Exhibition. The club had had many varied enquires via the website such as offering items and even a visitor from Australia.</p>	
5	<p>Secretary's report It was reported that the club had 42 adult and 3 junior members, believed to be the highest membership numbers yet.</p>	
6	<p>Treasurer's report Keith explained that monies had been contributed to the Ferry Meadows trip (£50), Annual dinner (£48) and Beconscot trip (£291). After the club deciding not to pursue finding its own premises the frequency of modelling days had increased to a total of 5 since the decision, currently costing £86.10 per hire. The rent for the club nights had increased by 2.75% to £112 per month. The club now has 4 subscription Domain names: stneotsmrc.co.uk, stneotsmrc.com, stneotsmrc.org.uk and stneotsmrc.uk We had received £5400 in insurance monies after the Stamford incident (£5000 for the O gauge layout and £400 for the OO gauge layout). The NS & I interest rate was now 0.8% up from 0.7% last year. We had received £2535.00 in subscriptions and he proposed not to increase subscriptions. See attached financial statement for full details.</p>	

7	<p>Exhibition manager's report for 2019</p> <p>Jackie reported 40 layouts, 30 traders, 6 demonstrators and 11 societies / clubs attended the exhibition this year. Attendance figures had been lower than expected at just over 2000. Feedback had generally been positive. A deficit of £1514.38 was reported. £7000 had been transferred from the club as a start up fund for the 2020 exhibition. Sandy and Caroline had joined the SNEL Group of Directors and Chris had stood down. Jackie had decided to stand down as Exhibition manager and Charlotte Saunderson decided to stand for the position.</p> <p>Jackie thanked everyone for their hard work and support. Caroline then thanked her on behalf of everyone and Thomas presented her with flowers.</p> <p>See attached statement for full details.</p>	
8	<p>Election of Officers</p> <p>The following people were elected</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Chairman - Caroline Hoy b. Vice Chairman - Thomas Hoy c. Treasurer - Keith Titmuss d. Secretary - Samantha Clemens e. Other committee members : f. Member representatives - Jackie Kneeshaw & Sandy Sparks g. Web master - Ian Cody was co-opted h. Exhibition manager - Charlotte Saunderson addressed the members stating that if elected she would want to look at making savings/cuts but retain the quality of the exhibition. She had approached a team comprising of Robert, Thomas Hoy, Keith, Caroline, Sandy, Will Heath and that Jackie was happy to advise/support if required. After all members present voted Charlotte was duly elected. It was then asked if she would be organising open days, Charlotte confirmed that she would only by helping were needed. The Council funded open day was in 2020 and costings had been submitted. 	
9	<p>Club Layout Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Burbury End - The baseboards surfaces were being prepared and track should start to be laid shortly. Transverser had been made and was working well. Roger thanked Peter for his carpentry work and Andy for his help developing the plan on Anyrail. See attached sheet for full details. b) Bowaters Paper Railway - After a year the boards were largely built and Thomas had been working on 3D printing stock. Will estimated that it would take at least another year to build and was happy for more members to get involved. Adam offered additional 3D printing services. c) Test Track - The additions were nearly complete with the final track being laid and hopefully be finished in the next couple of weeks. d) Junior layout - Caroline had been discussing with Toby and 	

	<p>others, and they had decided for it to be based on the Railway children. Toby was busy planning the layout.</p> <p>b) Members layouts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bankfield Road - Currently has 5 bookings • Priory Lane - Currently has 3 bookings • Fenmoor - Now moth balled and Colin is working on a new layout. • Crocklemonth - There had been interest from Wellingborough, Stowmarket and Brambleton for 2020 • Never Done - is fixed in Rogers Plummer's shed. • Spirit of Swindon - Will has been improving the layout and it has bookings. Will thanked Peter for his help with the trees and Jackie for her knowledge and exhibition contacts. • Passage Lane- A fiddle yard was under construction and it has lots of bookings. • Whaplode - Most of the senics were complete and he was working on the lights. It has a booking at the O Gauge Guild in Kettering 2020. • Scarborough - Harold was working on the electrics, trees and shed. He had been running trains on it and posting the videos on U-tube. • Oakwood Lane - Adam asked for help with the scenic's, he plans to show it early next year. • Kimbolton - Andrew is currently extending it. • "Unnamed"- Sam is currently at the planning stage of a 00 Live steam layout. 	
10	<p>Website</p> <p>Ian said that he was not getting the information on member's layouts going to exhibitions so needs everyone to forward details to him so he can update the website.</p>	All
11	<p>AOB</p> <p><u>Social events</u> - Charlotte confirmed 19 people had booked the Barrow Hill trip on the 12th October and the bus was full, however if more people wanted to go car sharing would be an option. She asked for the money to be paid by mid September. She also asked for ideas for future outings.</p> <p><u>Annual Meal</u> - Jackie volunteered to organise.</p> <p><u>Modelling days</u> - It was asked if the money should be spent on other events instead but it was noted that club events are already subsidised. A number of suggestions/comments were made including that there should be less modelling days, more regular timings, none during the summer holiday season and that they had been very useful. Jackie said the attendance rate had been good. Caroline suggested we could try every 6 to 8 weeks. Sam to check available dates for October/November on the website and discuss</p>	<p>All on trip</p> <p>JK</p> <p>SC</p>

with Caroline next Wednesday.

Tea & Coffee - Sam confirmed that it had been agreed at committee that the club would pay for the tea/coffee and that no further money would be collected and that Sam would continue to organise the supplies.

Subscriptions - It was agreed that prices would remain the same, £60 per adult/£18 per junior/£65 per family. Keith reminded everyone that the subs need to be paid by the 30th September otherwise they would have to re-apply for membership. Adam suggested using Pay pal but it was deemed not suitable due to the costs incurred.

Colchester Health & Safety paperwork - Steve had come across interesting papers regarding Health & Safety issues involving Deltic accidents. Anyone interested in the subject is welcome to see them.

Tools - Chris stated that tools for the club had been purchased and available for all members to use. Charlotte requested that everyone keeps the drill charged.

Newsletter - Jackie asked if everyone found it useful. It was agreed that it was. Jackie also reminded everyone that there was now a library in the first cupboard on the shelf.

Exhibition venue - Colin asked if we incurred a penalty for cancelling the Kettering venue. Jackie confirmed we did not.

Meeting closed at 9.10pm.