

Minutes of the St Neots MRC Committee Meeting Buckden Village Club, Tuesday 13th September 2022 at 7.30pm

Attendees: Caroline Hoy, Thomas Hoy, Will Heath, John Kneeshaw, Jackie Kneeshaw, Harold Thompson

Item	Details	Action						
1	Apologies Chris Langdon sent his apologies.							
2	Minutes of previous committee meeting No comments or amendments, and agreed as a true record.							
3	Matters arising Recruitment and retention to be discussed under AOB.							
4	<p>Treasurer's Report Chris Langdon submitted a written report in his absence. "I have requested the closure of our NS&I investment account and the transfer of all funds to our current account with National Westminster Bank. Cash Held at 31st August as per the AGM £15,447.76 The only expected outgoings for September up to the 13th are as follows</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 70%;">August hall hire</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£155.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Storage</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 45.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>NS&I recorded postage</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 2.35</td> </tr> </table> <p>Income status will be unclear, but you can monitor subscriptions as they are paid" Nine subscriptions had been paid up to 3pm on Tuesday 13th September. It appeared that one member had paid twice, and Caroline will investigate.</p>	August hall hire	£155.00	Storage	£ 45.00	NS&I recorded postage	£ 2.35	CL
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5	<p>Exhibition Manager's Report The exhibition status is as reported at the AGM. However, Jackie has now established that Hobby Holidays and Totem Signs are unable to attend. The available space may be taken by Squires. If not, Jackie will canvass traders at the Bury St Edmunds show next weekend. Caroline and Jackie will visit Bookers this week to check on food prices for the exhibitors' lunches. Exhibitor numbers will be checked. Marketing on social media is underway, and Jackie is looking to get an 'advertorial' in the national magazines. John asked if the show details were up to date on the UK Model Shops database; Jackie will check. Thomas asked for a map of St Neots for the website; Will asked that more biscuits be purchased at Bookers.</p>	<p>JaK</p> <p>JaK</p> <p>JaK</p> <p>JaK</p> <p>JaK/CH</p>						
6	<p>Top Hat Storage price rise The storage cost is to incur 20% VAT from 1st October, taking the monthly cost from £45 to £54</p>							

7	<p>Test track proposal A detailed proposal was submitted by Roger Jubb to upgrade the connectors on the test track, as the existing ones are too difficult to use. The cost of new connectors would be £87.07, but the proposal did not include the cost of cable and screws. The committee agreed that Roger should go ahead, but submit a costing for the cable and screws. Caroline will email him.</p>	CH
8	<p>Club leaflet After some discussion, it was agreed to order 2,000 copies of the leaflet, printed on 115gsm paper at a cost of £104. John will advise Sandy Spark.</p>	JoK
9	<p>AGM Minutes actions Will identified 6 actions from the AGM minutes that needed reviewing.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will to email copies of minutes to all members 2. The effect of rising energy costs on next year's rent is impossible to predict. We will respond at the April review. 3. The discussion on next year's subscription rates was deferred to the next meeting when the treasurer is present, and we have data on membership numbers for 2022/23. 4. The members page on the website is discussed under AOB 5. The 2024 calendar will be considered after Christmas. 6. The Kimbolton layout was discussed and it was agreed that the club would <u>not</u> adopt it as a club layout. However, it was also agreed that 2 trolleys would be made available, whilst they are unused for club layouts, to store sections that could be worked on as projects at club nights by members interested in helping Andrew Moore. Caroline will let Andrew know by email as he will not be at club tomorrow. 	<p>WH</p> <p>CH</p>
10	<p>Any Other Business</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Recruitment and retention</u> Caroline had drawn up a list of 12 past members who had left the club, to try to establish why. Most were from 2016 plus a few during the pandemic. She has already contacted a number of them - each had their own reasons for leaving. The committee felt that the few left on the list could be emailed or approached face to face with details of what is now happening in the club, personalised for each past member. It was suggested that the email could invite them to get involved in the forthcoming exhibition as a way of bringing them up-to-date. It was also suggested that the Bowaters layout be put up in its entirety on a date to be agreed, to show members who have not seen it and to create some variety on club nights. It was agreed that progress had been made on the subject, but that it should be kept under review. 2. <u>Website</u> Thomas reported that the members area of the website is progressing, and asked what should be published on it. Currently, it has: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Club constitution - AGM 2021 minutes - Layout proposal form The committee suggested the following additions: 	<p>WH</p> <p>CH/WH</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- newsletters- committee meeting minutes from October 2021- the 2022/23 members list- safeguarding policy- image release policy <p>This additional content would be provided by Will and Jackie</p>	WH/JaK
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The next committee meeting will be held at Buckden Village Club on Tuesday 1st November 2022 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.