

Minutes of the G Scale Society Kent, Committee Meeting

Held on Saturday, 12 October at Pinewood Avenue, Sevenoaks

Present : Andrew Lloyd (AL), Martin Cook (MC), Jeff Fray (JF), Roy Lloyd (RL)
and Roger Allen (RA)

Item	Detail	Action
1	Apologies – Martin Piper (MP)	
2	Minutes of last meeting – 21 May 2014 Agreed as a true record	
3	Matters Arising : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ G Rail 2015 – RA reported that he had contacted the organisers and had received an entry form. For reasons of works still to do on GER and logistics decided not to apply for 2015 but to say we would wish to be considered for 2016. ➤ Surrey Group March Indoor meet – RA reported that he had contacted the Group to express our interest in taking GER to the event. No reply yet but RA would ask Andy when he sees him next month. 	RA RA
4	Treasurers Report – Financial Statement as at 10 October presented by Martin Cook. Copy attached. It was noted that expenditure included our website renewal and the Pratts Bottom hire charge. MC reported that annual insurance renewal forms had been received, completed and returned to Walker Midgely with payment. No acknowledgement to date. Value had been increased to reflect the cost of MTS system. A certificate of insurance would be required before Pratts Bottom on 8 November. MC will chase.	MC
5	GER Upgrade The 4 items of work to be carried-out that were listed at the last meeting remain outstanding. MP has advised that he intends to complete the wiring tasks between Pratts Bottom and Teynham by taking some boards home with him after Pratts Bottom. AL produced a sample piece of embossed plasticard for possible use in dressing the parapets either side of the two bridges. Seems suitable but we will try at Pratts Bottom. Roger has yet to produce the garage. Numbering of points would carried out at PB	MP AL RA All
6	Responsibilities of the Committee Following the last meeting Roger was due to update the matrix of responsibilities and circulate. However with certain restrictions imposed on members due to personal reasons Roger had decided not to update at this point. The matrix will now be reviewed after the AGM.	

	<p>A number of specific tasks were confirmed as follows :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Roger will provide Andrew with details of the Pratts Bottom meet and Andrew will circulate to members ➤ Roger reported he had advised National of the Pratts Bottom meet for the Diary and will do so for the Teynham event. ➤ Jeff is the group photographer ➤ Roy will act as “front of house” for the two indoor events subject to availability <p>At the last meeting the names of John Dean and John Bullimore had been mentioned as individuals who may be prepared to help with/be on the committee. With the AGM approaching no further action had been taken at this stage.</p>	<p>RA/AL</p> <p>RA</p> <p>RL</p>
7	<p>Annual General Meeting, 25 January 2015</p> <p>Andrew agreed to produce the Notice of the meeting and invitations for nominations to the committee. He will draft and circulate for comment and approval.</p> <p>The agreed Notice will be circulated in early December by e-mail (or mail where necessary) with the Annual Report and Accounts being circulated in early January</p> <p>The AGM will commence at 2.30pm rather than 10.30am as in past years.</p> <p>All committee members present are prepared to stand again if so confirmed at the AGM. However it was felt that we should be in a position whereby a proportion of our number is replaced by other Kent Group members as many on the committee had been in place since the committee’s formation in 2006. New ideas and input are good for the Group.</p> <p>One item for the agenda should be members open days to hopefully spark more offers</p>	<p>AL</p> <p>AL/MC/RA</p>
8	<p>Group Website</p> <p>Roger had already reported to committee members that Charles Darley has had to scale back his group activities due to personal circumstances. Charles had however agreed to continue with website updates but on a controlled basis.</p> <p>Following the last meeting Roger had provided Charles with a list of updates required and these had all been put in place. For the present Roger will act as conduit to Charles.</p> <p>We do however need to update the “latest news” section, which is currently featuring Teynham 2014. Jeff will take pictures at the Pratts Bottom event.</p> <p>Roy has pictures of John Span’s track and will supply to Roger</p>	<p>JF/RA</p> <p>RL</p>

9	<p>Forthcoming events –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 8 November – Pratts Bottom – GER, John Morgan’s looselay track, an O gauge UPS working display from John Hickinbottom and Kleinbach will be present together with Chalk Garden, Pendlebury Models and Martin P’s DCC corner Elizabeth Cook will kindly be in charge of catering, while Sue Fray and Gill Allen will assist. Thank you. We will probably need to recruit a Raffle manager. Roger will open the Hall at 8.00am ➤ 25 January 2015 – Teynham Definites are GER, CLR (Wanstalls), Frank Oakes , DCC corner, Kent Garden and Pendlebury. Roger has invited the West London Group to attend but a firm response is awaited. ➤ 26 April 2015 – Bredgar Andrew is confirm our attendance with GER and will liase with Martin C ➤ Brief discussion over Pratts Bottom 2015. Roger to get available dates and circulate. It was felt that it would be nice to have an indoor meet in the Maidstone area. 	AL/MC RA
10	<p>Any Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Roger advised that he would be attending a meeting with other Group leaders from Surrey, Sussex, Solent and Middlesex/West London on 5 November. One item would be to try and schedule event dates for 2015 so as to avoid clashes. ➤ Concern was expressed about the actions from National in changing the title of the Journal from the G Scale Journal to the Garden Railway Journal. Andrew mentioned the letter from member Alan Carney in the current Journal focus of the Society and there was general support for the view that there should have been consultation with the membership at large. ➤ Andrew has extracted a list of members from National ➤ In the current Journal there is a request from the G Rail organiser for groups to consider having a free table at the event “to promote their local group”. Given the venue of G rail decided not required. ➤ GER is stored at Jeff’s daughter’s home for which we are very thankful. Decided to mark this again with a token of appreciation. Martin C to arrange. 	RA MC
	Date of next meeting – To be decided	

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Financial Statement 10th October 2014.

	Income	Expenditure	
Teynham		GER storage	£50.00
Donations	£114.00	GER Parts (MC)	14.00
Raffle	141.00	GER Parts (RA)	21.47
Refreshments	157.74	MTS System (JF)	530.00
2nd hand stall	211.55	Pratts B. Hall Hire 2014	96.00
		Postage (AL)	17.28
		Teynham Hall Hire	95.00
		“ Refreshments	10.00 (cash)
		GER Parts (MC)	5.00 (cash)
		Web site	50.04
		Insurance	55.16
TOTAL	£624.29		£943.95
Bank Balance 31/10/13	£2939.00		
Total 10/01/14	£2619.34		

Martin Cook
10th October 2014