

Minutes of the G Scale Society Kent, Committee Meeting.
Held on Saturday 14th September 2024 at Stocks Retreat, Wittersham.

Present: Richard Barton (RB), Wayne Evans-Addy (WE), Jeff Fray (JF), Alan Jones (AJ), Jude Maskell (JM), Phil Maskell (PM).

1. Apologies: John Dean (JD), and John Morgan (JMo).

2. Minutes of last meeting: 19th July 2024 Extraordinary meeting. Agreed as a true record.

3. Treasurers Report: AJ is still awaiting authorisation from the bank to act as named treasurer. In the meantime, AJ has identified some small accounts where receipts are not given in cases of; for example, venue hire etc. AJ has created a document that will show all relevant information and be signed by all necessary persons to ensure transparency. JF is to send AJ a transaction list from the bank. To date: Current Account balance stands at £1426.38 and Savings Account balance stands at £1071.59.

4. GER: JF reports that updated Electrical Wiring Diagrams for the GER have been received from Martin Piper. No other reports or issues with the GER. All is well.

5. Website: WE reports that he has updated the content on the website and that all current flyers for future exhibitions are now showing. Also, the current committee members listed on the G Scale Society website, has been updated too. Once finalised, the floor plan for the Luton Chatham show in October, will be uploaded to the website.

6. Newsletter updates and plans: WE is currently working on the October Newsletter. A donation has been made for the flyers for the Teynham Model Railway Show & G Scale Society AGM on 26th January 2025. Discussions for leaflet distribution are on-going.

7. Forthcoming Events (a) Indoor Kent Group Autumn meeting at Chatham Luton will take place on the 19th of October 2024 and the hall floor plan is currently on version no 3. * Chalk Garden Railways and Kent Garden Railways are the two main traders that will be attending. All current events for the G Scale Society Kent Group, are listed on the G Scale Society Website and are updated as and when appropriate.*It is noted that the GER is not wanted as too big to return for a repeat visit to attend the Ashford International Model Railway Show in 2025, as there are restrictions on space at the venue for 2025. **Garden meets for 2025:** JF wants to increase the amounts of garden meets as he feels the numbers are still quite low. He thinks this is possibly due to Covid. Also, the subject of holding a second-hand sales stand by members at events has been discussed and decided against, due to both Chalk Garden Railways and Kent Garden Railways already having second hand sales items available and we would prefer not to encroach on their sales.

8. Membership and National /Area Matters: A) What is the group going to do to control what stock runs on GER when she is out at exhibitions. As the GER has an expensive control system that is not easily replaced, it has been agreed that other

members may run their stock on a circular Battery/RC track that will be available at the Luton Chatham event and in addition, the LB&L Line will be available for members to use on the outer oval as long as they supervise their own stock. **B, Insurance Cover:** The renewal for insurance for the trailer and the GER layout is £138.78. The trailer is covered at AJs residence and in transit, plus, parked away from AJs residence, providing it is attached to a vehicle, or has the hitch lock fitted, (or both wheels are removed) when detached. Cover for the layout and digital system is £7,000 and the Trailer is £1,500. Public indemnity is through the G Scale Society.

9. Preparation for AGM - 26th January 2025: The AGM will take place as usual at the Teynham Model Railway Show in January and an agenda will be created in due course.

10. Any Other Business: None.

11. Date of next meeting: TBC.