

# WARRINGTON AND DISTRICT MODEL ENGINEERING SOCIETY

Registered Friendly Society No.27218

## Minutes of committee meeting held on 9th. October 2018

1. Apologies.....None

2. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were proposed as a true record by B.Renton, seconded by R Allen and agreed.

3. Matters arising

Brian made reference to the proposed Family Fun Day which did not take place this being due to other activities and running out of time.

4. Treasurer's Report

\*\*\* Full Report can be requested by Members of WDMES \*\*\*

Frank said he had spoken with Karina with regards to how he was recording and presenting the information, this she was happy with.

5. Secretary's Report

Brian said he had not a lot to say other than he was very pleased how things had gone this year.

6. Site Work

1) Fencing

Steve Hudson reported that he had most of the materials on site for this work to start, he is looking for help to cut the palings and paint them prior to being fixed. He had looked around for the best price and found Savoy Timber at Wigan the cheapest.

2) Paving at Steaming Bays/ Toilets

We require a further 12 2ft x 2ft flags and sand to allow his work to go ahead. For the drain from the Toilet wash basin it was thought that either a soak away or pipe to the ditch would be acceptable.

3) Completion of Tunnel Exit

There was a number of ideas being talked about to complete the exit, from Galvanised half round sheeting ( to possibly extend it further ) to a bricked facing like the entrance. It was agreed that this would be put to the members on a Wednesday to see what the general feeling was before making a decision. Steve agreed to look at purchasing some Black Masonry Paint to paint the inside. Graig Scarisbrick is looking to produce a Report / Spec. on the curvature of the entrance arch to put some minds at rest on its safety.

4) Buildings /road maintenance

With regards to painting of the Container, it was thought that this will need to be left until next year when the weather will be more suitable. As to the road ways, most of these are in a reasonable state apart from the second field run left from the middle gate which ideally needs planning to remove the deep rutting before covering with ashes.

#### 7. Track Maintenance

It was reported that the problem with track levels at beam no.524 have now been sorted. To try and resolve the problem with tree roots on the up-line a suggestion had been put forward to use a 12ft.long beam to span the roots area. This would need to be looked into as the section would need to be increased and it would not be easy to handle this length of beam.

#### 8. Frequency of meeting nights

It was the general feeling that we should look at reducing the meetings during the summer period due to lack of support, with this in mind it was agreed that we just have the first Thursday in June, July and August and make these a combined natter/bits and pieces night.

#### 9. Four Wheel Trucks. Do we sell two.

After some discussion on the whys and wherefores, it was agreed that these were not presenting any problems on storage so it was agreed that we do not sell any of the small trucks.

A letter had been received from Duncan (see attached) informing us that all 6 of the newer big trucks now have front couplings at the correct height.

The Chairman also received a letter from Duncan with regards to doing some modifications to the signalling system, it was thought that this would only complicate what is already a good system. The Chairman asked Roy to have a word with Duncan and find out what is involved.

#### 10. Events.

It was the general feeling that we should not arrange any further events this year.

#### 11. Night Run

This was again a great success and enjoyed by all concerned. A letter of thanks will be sent to Judy Marsh for providing refreshments not forgetting Pat with his hot sausages and Barrie Purslow for organising the event.

#### 12. Web Site Review

A big thank you to Tom Taylor for looking after and updating our Web Site, the new format is brilliant. It was suggested that we ask him to take off the Driver Training Experience.

#### 13. H.S.Matters

It was noted that the swinging link signal is not always being put out on Wednesdays when locos are on the track. It is important that this is put out every time a loco goes onto the track, this will be emphasised again on Wednesday.

#### 14. Any other business

- 1) Compressor It was the general feeling that we have no use for compressed air at the track that could justify buying a compressor.
- 2) Printing of Programmes Etc. Once a draft programme has been sorted, then it was agreed that we have the printing done professionally.
- 3) Xmas Lunch The feeling of the meeting based on what started to happen with the Hot Pot was that we should not hold a Xmas Lunch.
- 4) Max. spend limit for Committee Members without permission. After giving this some thought, it was with the Treasurer's agreement that this is not necessary as long as the person wanting to spend the money speaks to other committee members and the Treasurer to get final permission.

Vernon Gee was asking what would be the chance of speaking to other members with regards to running at the track on say Thursdays or Fridays. It was the feeling that he should speak to other members and arrange this between themselves.

With reference to a concern by Bob Lang on the issue of what may happen to our Track Site should Richard be no longer around. Pat had put this very tactfully to Richard, his answer being that should anything happen to him, then the Farm / Estate will pass onto his family and his son is very keen on the railway track, so he cannot foresee a problem for us to remain.

NAME Exhibition At this point in time, no particular interest has been raised with regards to helping out with the running of this Exhibition based on what was experienced by our Club Members last time this was held.

With no further business to discuss, the Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 9-05pm. the next meeting being arranged for 12th. February 2019.