

Northern Association of Model Engineers

Minutes of Delegates Meeting
held on Saturday November 1st 2014
in the Royal Oak public house
at Ockbrook, Derbyshire

ABRIDGEMENT

Apologies

Peterborough
West Cumbria Guild of Model Engineers
Wirral
Poly Owners Group
Pimlico Light Railway
Halton Miniature Railway
Lincolnshire Model Engineers Traction Engine Club
Lancaster & Morecambe
Rugby
Hatfield & District
City of Oxford
Amalgamated Miniature Traction Engine Club

Minutes of Last Meeting

Sheffield noted that the apology they had tendered for the April meeting was not listed, with this amendment the minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record.

Prop Scunthorpe
Sec Birmingham
Unanimous

Affiliation Applications

Stockholes Farm Miniature Railway
Porthcawl Railway Club
Chester Model Engineering Society

Prop Manx
Sec Mid Wales
Unanimous

Finance & Loans

Finance

The income for the year to date has not increased, and the expenditure is slightly lower than expected. The net result is an increasing net balance. Although there will be some expense arising from the Young Model Engineer award and the Perth boiler seminar, this will be offset by further loan repayments. I am pleased to advise that all due loan repayments are up to date.

Loans

From the last meeting in April, there is still a loan in principle to Peterborough which has not yet been drawn down. Peterborough has advised that their plans are proceeding satisfactorily. Also at the last meeting was a request from West Huntspill in Somerset for new passenger trolleys. I issued the cheque but within a couple of months received the first repayment because they had decided to do a lot of the work themselves. Within the last month I received a further payment, this will be the shortest loan that NAME has made whilst I have been treasurer.

I have received a request for a loan 'in principle' from Grimsby and Cleethorpes for a track extension. I have had quite a lot of correspondence with the Grimsby Society particularly because their description of the project includes upgrading the station for disabled use; extending the existing tunnel; providing CCTV facilities to cover the hidden area of track; providing an additional locomotive and constructing a permanent garden gauge railway.

This seems to me to be considerably more expensive than the request will cover. However I have been advised that they are using professional experts to obtain funding elsewhere. They also advise that in previous years they have completed various projects in similar cost range and that they forecast increased passenger revenue

The loan in principle application from Grimsby & Cleethorpes was placed before the Delegates and after a full discussion and explanations from the Grimsby & Cleethorpes representatives the application was carried by a majority, there being 31 for with 5 abstentions

Prop Scunthorpe
Sec Joys of Life

Constitution

There was a short discussion following a number of very constructive statements concerning minor alterations to the wording in some sections, the amended version will be sent out with the minutes.

Legislation & Safety

There has been a number of enquiries concerning First Aid cover at model engineering sites, these concerns are being looked at along with other areas of legislation and safety but there is no specific requirement to have a trained first-aider attend a miniature railway or any other model engineering site, however it is good practise to have a first aid box available which of course must be kept in date.

Where societies deal with the general public or have visitors, although it appears that there is no legal requirement to provide first aid facilities, (unless organising an exhibition or event in which case trained first aid cover must be provided), it is recommended that the minimum requirement for small employers is followed which is. An appointed person and a fully stocked first aid box, the appointed person can be any available individual eg the person in charge on the day and only needs to be able to get the first aid box to where it is needed and call for qualified help i.e. ambulance if required this person should not undertake any first aid duty other than for which they have been trained. As regards the first aid box there is no stated legal content, which is subject to your first aid risk assessment however the H.S.E. recommended basic content is as follows

general guidance leaflet eg HSE's leaflet, Basic advice on first Aid at Work.

20 individually wrapped sterile plasters (assorted sizes) appropriate to type of work.

two sterile eye pads,

two individually wrapped triangular bandages, preferably sterile.

two large sterile individually wrapped non-medicated wound dressings.

six medium sterile individually wrapped non-medicated wound dressings.

at least three pairs of disposable gloves (see HSE's leaflet latex and you).

two safety pins

The above is quoted from HSE publications, but if you are going to have a first aid box I would recommend that you double up on all the above with the exception of medium dressings

Please be aware that the Revision of the Food Hygiene Regulations will take effect on December 14th these will affect all clubs that provide catering facilities, it is therefore recommended that all clubs involved in this activity contact their local Environmental Health Department (Food Hygiene section) for advice on their requirements. Please be mindful of the fact that as these Regulations are being enforced by the Local Authorities there could be differences in interpretation of the Regulations between one Authority and another.

Young Model Engineer Awards

The Birkett Trophy and cheque for £100 for Young Engineer was awarded to Tim Jenkins of Southport M.E.S

The N.A.M.E Trophy and cheque for £100 for Junior Engineer was awarded to Billy Stock of Urmston & District M.E.S.

The awards to be presented on November 15th at the N.R.M.

Narrow Gauge I.M.L.E.C.

A request had been made for clubs to host the event for 2015 and 2016, by the October meeting none had responded, however since the meeting Birmingham has offered to host the event on Sunday 7th June 2015 we are still looking for a host club for 2016.

Northern Rally

Host clubs are still required for both 2015 and 2016, by the October meeting none had responded however since the meeting Wirral has offered to host the event on 15th August 2015. we are still looking for a host club for 2016.

M.E.L.G.

In the absence of Frank Stephens, Tony Wood Chairman of the MELG stated that work was progressing on the merging of the Green Book and the Supplement.

Boiler Matters

Currently there are 7560 (7321 last year) boilers recorded on file of which 1433 (1664 last year) have a current boiler certificate. There are 1683 (1655 last year) boilers which are no longer connected to any NAME society.

Reporting hydraulic test results.

I am still receiving the pink copies of WSoE certificates from clubs – please note that NAME does NOT require these certificates to be sent in as the requirement, as the note inside the front cover of the WSoE pad, states that this is a Southern Federation requirement only.

If any club wishes to start reporting hydraulic test results by e-mail then they should make such a request to me at ar.xrfl@virgin.net. I will then reply with the blank spreadsheet used to report the results.

When reporting new hydraulic test results by e-mail can clubs please ensure they do not include results already sent. NOTE the requirement is for HYDRAULIC test results only, therefore please do not send results of the annual steam tests.

Reminders:

As the cost of postage can be quite high when sending out extra supplies of certificates etc., clubs are requested to anticipate their needs for the next six or twelve months and get supplies of certificates and cards at each meeting of the delegates. Alternatively they may be obtained at exhibitions at which NAME is exhibiting, by prior arrangement. In my absence Alan Budd has supplies of these certificates.

Boiler seminar.

Last week a seminar for boiler testers was held in Perth, Scotland, and was well attended. Comments received at the end shewed that it was much appreciated by the participants. Questions were many shewing that there was a need for the seminar. If any club wishes to send any of their boiler testers, established or prospective, to a seminar then please write to Alan Budd so that he can collate all such requests. Any club with meeting room facilities, and catering facilities for a light lunch, who would be willing to host a seminar should also contact Alan Budd.

Exhibitions

We will be attending the following exhibitions

Alexandra Palace	16 th - 18 th January
Shepton Mallet	2 nd - 3 rd May
Harrogate	7 th - 9 th May
Bristol	14 th - 16 th August
Leamington	15 th - 18 th October

Date & Place of next meeting

Saturday 11th April at the Royal Oak at Ockbrook