

Minutes of AGM

Association of 16mm Narrow Gauge Modellers Minutes of the 2024 Annual General Meeting held at the Stoneleigh Park Arena on 27th April 2024



Attendees

The Board was represented by the Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, SMT Editor, Membership Secretary.

62 Members were in attendance

1	Welcome and Introductions The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, noted that 62 members attending, and asked the Board members to introduce themselves. The Secretary reported that 6 members had registered postal or proxy votes and all had voted for the resolutions. The minutes of the previous AGM were accepted. Proposed: Gary Smith Seconded: Mike Docker. Carried unanimously.
2	Chairman's Report The Chairman reported on the highlights over the last year.
3	Annual Accounts The Chairman reported on the accounts for the year ending 31st December 2023: - Income was marginally higher than the previous year, with an inflation-related increase in costs, particularly postage, printing and packaging. - The deficit was caused primarily due to a loss of approximately GBP 3K related to the show of that year. - Reserves has decreased correspondingly due to show loss, but the financial position of the Association remains healthy. Proposed that the Annual Report and Accounts be accepted. Proposed: Mike Docker, Seconded: Gary Smith: Carried unanimously.
4	Election of Directors Mike Riley stood down as Company Secretary, and Andrew Mountfield offered himself for election as Company Secretary. Proposed Mike Docker, Seconded Gary Smith. Carried unanimously.
5	Change of registered office: 45, Hollow Wood, Olney, MK46 4LZ Proposed: Mark Rennie, Seconded: Gary Smith: Carried unanimously.
6	Appeals Panel The members of the panel were re-approved. Proposed: Mark Rennie, Seconded: Gary Smith: Carried unanimously.
7	The appointment of the Accountants: Maynard Johns, 37 Mill Street, Bideford, Devon EX39 2JJ Proposed: Mike Docker, Seconded: Gary Smith: Carried unanimously.
8	Any Other Business MOTY: This year's MOTY has been highly successful with a large number of entrants. However, if no one comes forward to run this for 2025, the Association will be unable to offer this at the Show to the membership. Lamb Trophy was awarded to Mike Riley for more than 10 years of service to the Association Subscription rates: Any decision will be taken by the Board in September 2024 Membership: After a surge during COVID, there was a small decrease in membership numbers to around 3800, and the Membership Secretary expects that will remain stable during the next year SMT: The handover of SMT has now been completed and with the May 2024 edition the editor believes that both the quality of the magazine and the quantity of material required will meet the membership's expectations. Special Publication "Modelling the Talyllyn Railway": Proofreading will start after the Show and publication will follow soon afterwards Show: As members will know, the preparation and delivery of the National Garden Railway Show requires an enormous amount of work. Alan Regan deserves special thanks for leading this as Show Director 2024. Strategy: The D&O will form a task force to address the future direction of the Association and will report back to the membership. There being no further questions the Chairman closed the meeting at 14:30 reminding everyone that next year the show would also be at Stoneleigh.

Chairman

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