

Association of 16mm Narrow Gauge Modellers
Minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting held
at the Cambridge Suite, of the Peterborough Arena
on 9th April 2016.



Attendees

The full Board and Officers were in attendance with the exception of Richard Huss who was busy with MOTY. A further 78 Members were present.

Minute No.	
1	The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained how he intended to conduct the meeting, particularly in respect of the special resolution. There were no apologies for absence notified.
2	The Chairman reported on the highlights of the year; • Growth to 4500 members • Festiniog Guide published • Web traffic up 30% • Board meetings using Skype for Business • Increased presence at exhibitions • Move to Warner's for Subscription Management • Revised Articles of Association • Subscription fees maintained
3	The Chairman reported on the accounts for the year ending 31 st December 2015: • 2014 higher than expected profit • 2015 expected loss, due to carry over of costs for November mailing, increased travel expenses, increased bank charges, and hand back of 'Victory' excess. Reserves remain healthy sufficient to cover show costs if disaster befell us. Andy Cooper 4393 asked for a list of the Debtors in Note 5, the Treasurer would provide this following the meeting. Tim Stephens 5578 asked about show profitability. 2015 profit was £3000 on a turnover of £30k plus. The Treasurer would confirm the figures and those for 2016 following the meeting.
	Proposed that the Annual Report and Accounts be accepted. Proposed: Mike Docker 3552, Seconded: Keith Bucklitch 0709 Carried with only a single postal vote against.
4	Election of Directors: Alan Regan: Proposed Ian Shields 4997, Seconded Geoff Lumsdon 2810 Carried with no dissention. Brian Dominic: Proposed F. Feast 2506, Seconded Tim Bridge 4400 Carried with no dissention. Laurence Smith Proposed Peter Ivens 2908, Seconded Mike Docker 3552 Carried with no dissention. Mark Rennie: Proposed David Rhodes 1213, Seconded Tag Gorton 1352 Carried with no dissention.
5	Election of Company Secretary Mike Riley: Proposed Geoff Lumsdon 2810, Seconded Peter Adams 8292 Carried with no dissention.
6	Appointment of Directors by nomination - There were no nominations from the floor.
7	Special Resolution – That the revised Articles of Association be Approved. The Chairman outlined a small number of small grammatical and other minor errors which he proposed to accept. Proposed Mike Pinder 8594 Seconded Mike Docker 3552 Carried 76 for with None against.

8	Any other Business • Lamb Trophy – Awarded to Andrew Charman for his long term support to the Association and its publications in particular. • Tag Gorton was created an Honorary Member in recognition for his long term support of the Association and the hobby in general. • John Wenlock 0003 Is writing a history of the Association and asked for pictures, stories to be sent to him. • Mike Docker 3552 suggested that a windscreen sticker be produced. • Tag Gorton 1352 is collating a collection of pictures, catalogues and old magazines which will be available to all. He appealed for further relevant material. • Geoff Lumsdon 2810 asked for nominations for the new appeals panel, the following offered themselves: David Rhodes 1213 Tag Gorton 1352 Ray Castle 2496 John Orson 3355 Andrew Walker 5411 John Walker-Smith 9523 The Secretary would appeal for further offers via the Bulletin. • Edward Hodson 0748 asked about Boiler Testing – The Technical Director reported that the Common Test Code was in draft form and under review. Keith Bucklitch expressed some concern at the circulation of the early draft, the Technical Director would have a further conversation with Keith.
	There being no further Business the Chairman closed the formal meeting at 15:05
	Informal Discussion
	Subscription Management – The Chairman outlined the following: • Membership applications running at one per day • In absence of any offer of help for membership outsourcing was only viable option • Renewal rates in 2016 are comparable with previous years • 20% take up in Direct Debit • Major use of phone renewal facility • Next year's process will be improved and simplified • Warner's will increase server capacity and staffing for next year. • New Members packs now despatched in 2/3 days rather than weeks. • Where there are problems please pick up the phone and talk to Warner's or Alan Regan. Some Members had commented on Warner's poor responsiveness, we were aware and Warner's have taken steps to improve. Back Numbers can now be ordered online via Warner's for the current year. If copies are required for Marketing purposes members should contact Alan Regan.
	Alternative Show Venues – Brian Dominic outlined to work undertaken: • Stafford Show Ground – Dates too close to GScale show • Three Counties Show Ground – Not big enough • Excel Docklands, London – Not seen as viable with parking and access particularly for traders and layouts. • NEC – have no hall available for the dates required and were not keen to host another model railway show. The Carpark is £12 per day! • Manchester Central – good space, but car parking an issue. Venue hire very expensive • Ricoh Coventry – Good location and pace but insufficient car parking Therefore Peterborough is seen as our best current option. Members suggested a return to Stoneleigh, but this was no longer big enough. Doncaster Racecourse was suggested, but again it's not large enough.



..... Chairman

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