

Association of 16mm Narrow Gauge Modellers

Minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting held at the Cambridge Suite, of the Peterborough Arena on 8th April 2017.



Attendees

The full Board and Officers were in attendance with the exception of Richard Huss who was busy with MOTY. A further 63 Members were present.

Minute No.	
1	The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were no apologies for absence notified.
2	The Chairman reported on the highlights of the year; • Membership increased again – 10 consecutive years of growth. • We finished the year with 4555 members, an all-time high. • NGRS again successful with a 9% increase in visitors. • Completely refreshed web site and a massive 61% increase in web traffic. • Increased presence at exhibitions • Streamlined and simplified on-line renewal process. • Consolidation of subscription management via Warners Group. • Annual Subscription fees increased by a modest £1 for the first time in many years.
3	The Chairman reported on the accounts for the year ending 31 st December 2016: • 2015 accounts restated. ◦ Payment and income related to NGRS, which should have been carried forward to 2016, was applied to 2015 accounts. ◦ Originally reported £12.8K loss ◦ These changes reduced the loss to £9.1K ◦ The delta (3.7K) now correctly applied to the 2016 accounts. • Turnover up due to increased number of members (subscriptions) and increased National Show income. • Cost of sales down because 2015 included printing and distributing the Ffestiniog Guide. • Administrative expense up for a variety of reasons, the most significant being increased depreciation on assets, mostly computer, purchased in previous years. • The result is a small profit for 2016, but note that we will probably report a loss for 2017 due to printing and distributing the history of the Association which is being prepared by John Wenlock.
	Proposed that the Annual Report and Accounts be accepted. Proposed: Mike Docker 3552, Seconded: S Riley 06541 Carried unanimously.
4	Election of Directors: Carol Regan: Proposed David Rhodes 1213, Seconded David George 4251 Carried unanimously. Alan Finch: Proposed Mike Docker 3552, Seconded Alan Denny 6868 Carried unanimously.
5	Any other Business Celebrating 40 Years of the Association ◦ Biggest annual prize draw ever ◦ Landmarks display using custom made staging which is now an Association asset for use at future shows

	○ 100 page May edition of SMT ○ History of the Association being edited by John Wenlock and planned for publication towards the end of this year ○ Anniversary private charter special trains on Talylyn and Welshpool & Llanfair Lamb Trophy Awarded jointly to Richard Huss for his outstanding work on the refreshing of the Web site, and Rod Nipper for his continued dedication to the association's publicity. Prize Draw Team Bob Newton, Ian Shields and Nigel Town were standing down after many years' service. Laurence Smith had taken Board responsibility for the prize draw but additional volunteers were required.
	Informal Discussion - Questions from the floor • What was our comparative size to G1MRA and GScale? ○ G1MRA were circa 3K and GScale circa 2K members. • What was the detail of the big increase in debtors? ○ Details were provided, with most relating to income prior to NGRS and advanced membership fees. • One bus departure was timed at 11:15 just as a London train was arriving. Could this be put back to 11:30? ○ Timetable to be reviewed for next year. • An update was requested on insurance and boiler testing. ○ It was explained that we were now full members of the Model Engineering Liaison Group (MELG) and with G1MRA were working on a revised test code for small boilers and gas tanks. This was expected to be published later in the year. There would be no change in our insurance requirements. Keith Bucklitch was thanked for his work on the test code.
	Brian Dominic talked briefly on the website questions and answered.
	There being no further Business the Chairman closed the formal meeting at 14.47

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Date:.....

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