

Association of 16mm Narrow Gauge Modellers

Minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting held at the Cambridge Suite, of the Peterborough Arena on 7th April 2018.



Attendees

The full Board and Officers were in attendance with the exception of Richard Huss who was busy with MOTY. A further 71 Members were present.

Minute No.	
1	The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. The Board introduced themselves. Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Messrs Hodson and Roberts. The Secretary reported that nine members had registered postal or proxy votes.
2	The Chairman reported on the highlights of the year; • Membership all but static – we ended 2017 100 paying members lower than 2016 • Bigger than ever 40th Anniversary National Garden Railway Show • Significant enhancement to on-line renewal process, allowing members securely to maintain their own data for the first time • Three Anniversary Specials Trains on Talylyn and Welshpool & Llanfair • Additional benefits to members • The History of Sixteen Mil and the Association • Sticker sheets, Association merchandise (with more to follow in 2018) • Working as a full member of MELG, completion of the revised Small Boiler and LPG tank test codes, with publication 3rd April for 1st May start • No change to subscription fees
3	The Chairman reported on the accounts for the year ending 31 st December 2017: • Turnover up due to increased subscriptions fees, offset by slightly lower net income from National Show • Cost of sales up due primarily to increased publication costs and increased 40th Anniversary National Show costs • Administrative expense significantly down • The result is a small loss for 2017, but had we not published the History we'd be reporting a small surplus • Supply of the refreshed and revised Handbook to all members in 2018 will probably result in a small loss again.
	Proposed that the Annual Report and Accounts be accepted. Proposed: R Kirchner, Seconded: David Rhodes. Carried unanimously.
4	Election of Directors: Gareth Jones: Proposed A H Belcher, Seconded D George. Carried unanimously. Suzanne Bradley: Proposed J Wilson, Seconded M Docker. Carried unanimously. Colin Slight: Proposed 333820 (data withheld), Seconded T P Bridge. Carried with one postal vote against. Mike Riley: Proposed A J Winterson, Seconded C M E Riley. Carried unanimously Laurence Smith would be standing down as Show Director at the end of the show after five years in the role. Mick Blowfield has agreed to join the board as Show Director and will be co-opted onto the board at its next meeting and will offer himself for election at the next AGM.

5	Any other Business Lamb Trophy Awarded jointly to Roger and Christine Loxley of Roundhouse for their outstanding contribution to the hobby. The meeting endorsed the decision by acclamation. Member 2 Member Sales Martin and Liz Shrubsole have indicated they wish to retire from organising the M2M sales following the show in 2019. The Chairman appealed for someone to come forward to take over the role. Honorary Members Awards The Honorary memberships previously awarded to Tag Gorton, and Nigel Town were recognised by the presentation of small plaques A further Honorary membership was awarded to Geoff Lumsdon, which was also marked with the presentation of small plaque The meeting showed its approval with a round of applause
	Letter of Thanks A letter of thanks to the board for its organisation and efforts on behalf of the membership was tabled. Boiler Test Code Tag Gorton moved a vote of thanks to those who had written the new Boiler Test Code this was seconded by 5397 and received unanimous support from the meeting. Magazine Sizes and Postage Costs Mike Docker asked about SMT and Bulletin size, paper quality and postage costs, another member suggested online publishing. The Chairman explained that this had been discussed at length at the last board meeting and would be kept under review. Average Age Chris Riley asked about the average age of the membership. The Chairman explained that with the imminent introduction of the General Data Protection Regulations we no longer recorded members' year of birth, but when he had last looked some 40% were over 65. The reality is that if we want more junior members to join then we need to make ourselves friendlier to juniors and at Area Group and garden meets in particular. There being no further questions the Chairman closed the meeting at 14.52.
	Informal Discussion - Questions from the floor • What had happened to the promised Brass fret? The prices had increased 100% over the initial estimates, so the board took the decision that it no longer offered value for money. • Annual DVD and its presentation in the postal pack? The Chairman explained the logistics and the problems experienced the previous year. • General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR). The chairman briefly explained that the board had approved our policy on this at its last meeting and it would be published on the website shortly.

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