

Association of 16mm Narrow Gauge Modellers

Minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting held at the Cambridge Suite, of the Peterborough Arena on 6th April 2019.



Attendees

The full Board and Officers were in attendance with the exception of Richard Huss who was busy with MOTY. A further 62 Members were present. Apologies were received from Richard Hay and Gordon Gill.

Minute No.	
1	Welcome and Introductions The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. The Board introduced themselves. The Secretary reported that six members had registered postal or proxy votes.
2	Chairman's Report The Chairman reported on the highlights of the year; • Membership all but static – we ended 2018 13 paying members lower than 2017 • Successful 41st National Garden Railway Show • Issued Association's first Data Protection policy • Further increase in use of Direct Debit for subscription – 40% by end of year • As a full member of MELG, published the revised Small Boiler and LPG tank test codes • Modest £1 increase to most subscription fees
3	Annual Accounts The Chairman reported on the accounts for the year ending 31st December 2018: • Turnover flat year on year • Increase in cash surplus • Cost of sales down due primarily to deferred publication of Guide to 16mm Scale Modelling • Administrative expense significantly down • The result is a small surplus for 2018, but had we published the 16mm Guide we'd be reporting a small loss – Supply of the 16mm Guide to all members in 2019 will probably result in a small loss. Proposed that the Annual Report and Accounts be accepted. Proposed: Mike Docker 3552, Seconded: Keith Bucklitch 709. Carried unanimously.
4	Election of Directors Brian Dominic: Proposed J Wilson 4941, Seconded Tag Gorton 1352. Carried unanimously. Mick Blowfield: Proposed Mike Docker 3552, Seconded Brian Dominic 1535. Carried unanimously. Dave Gordon: Proposed Tag Gorton 1352, Seconded Suzanne Bradley 5155. Carried unanimously. Chris Trotman Proposed Alan Finch 7097, Seconded Keith Bucklitch 709. Carried unanimously. The Retiring Board Members Suzanne Bradley and Mark Rennie were thanked in the customary manner. In response to a question from the floor, Chris Trotman give a brief run down on his experience.
5	Any other Business Subscription Mailing New Royal Mail service for subscription oriented mailing available for UK addresses Has the potential to reduce mailing costs – Requires very accurate addressing, which we believe we have – Requires use of a generic address carrier sheet – Bespoke carrier

	sheets will need to cease after May, except for February 2020 (renewals) and possibly 2019 November mailings Will be evaluated with the 16mm Guide and August SMT and if saving is worthwhile, implemented also for November mailing Members who wish to review/change personal data can do so online or by making a request to Warners – Not providing an annual paper snapshot doesn't breach GDPR. Agreed to proceed Digital SMT • We have full digital, hi-resolution OCR (text searchable) copies of SMT from issue 124 • Issues 81-123 have been commercially OCR scanned to a lower level of resolution • We plan to make these available as an additional benefit to all members during 2019 • Once in place, we will change the arrangements for provision of digital colour copies of SMT • We intend also to make SMT & Bulletin available online via a secure member's only area. Keith Bucklitch said he would be pleased to make his SMT index available to the association. Agreed to proceed Membership Lists • Distribution via DVD is becoming problematical – Increasing number of members can't play a DVD – Adding suitable video content is an annual challenge • Lists reflect membership at a single point in the year before renewals have occurred • We intend in the future to provide these online via the secure member's only area – Lists will be secured as today – Can be refreshed once a quarter better to reflect current membership position – Members can still withhold visibility in the lists Agreed to proceed Lamb Trophy Awarded jointly to The Prize Draw Team outstanding organisation of the Prize Draw for many years. The meeting endorsed the decision by acclamation. Mike Dockery moved a vote of thank to Mick Blowfield and the team for an excellent show. The meeting showed its agreement with hearty applause.
	There being no further questions the Chairman closed the meeting at 14.48.
	Informal Discussion - Questions from the floor There was no informal discussion, possibly as most members wished to go and see the new Roundhouse Double Fairlie running on the Modular Layout.

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Date:.....

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