**SOUTH COAST MODEL RAILWAY CLUB LIMITED**

**DIRECTORS MEETING**

**Date: 1st May 2024**

**Executive Summary**

**Charitable Status:** Frank Price is pursuing the pro’s and con’s of seeking Charitable status & possibly applying to the Charity Commission if it is thought appropriate.

Julian Tominey to assist Frank Price.

David Wicks invited Frank Price to become a Director. All agreed & accepted. Companies House to be informed.

**Chairman’s View:** David Wicks listed some areas that need to be looked at throughout the year to ensure that the Club is moving forward.

Further details to follow.

**Treasurers Report:** All information as per the Treasurers previous report agreed. The Club is in a healthy financial position.

David Wicks & Martin White to discuss a budget plan for the Club.

Agreed for the Club to buy the O Gauge Test track & reimburse those who initially paid for it.

A budget plan to be drawn up to ensure that sufficient funds are available to cover the exhibition costs. i.e. Catering, advertising etc.

**Exhibition Update:** Steve Mosedale confirmed 20 traders will attend.

Management of layouts was discussed. Other Members will also be required to help those personnel shown below.

Layouts to be managed are:- Test track – Alan Middleton & Bill Crocket | U Shunt - Richard Adams & Mrs Adams | Stephen’s Lane – David Wicks + A.N Other

Visiting layouts confirmed. Visiting layout owners to be requested to provide web details to the Club. These to appear on the Club media channels.

Traders confirmed. Traders to be requested to provide web details to the Club. These will appear on the Club media channels.

Geoff Taylor will be asked to provide additional signage, if needed, to indicate the location of the toilet facilities. (Numerous complaints last year)

During the exhibition, Martin White & Joe Holmes will be monitors throughout the weekend to help ensure the smooth running of the exhibition.

Catering arrangements: Personnel qualified and holders of Food Hygiene certificates.

The above, & Steve Mosedale, to meet and discuss all requirements for food and drinks. Other personnel to be in the kitchen during the exhibition will be required. Volunteers needed.

1st Aid qualified personnel are David Webb and Robert Ward and will assist Lesley, if required.

Advertising pull-up banners to be designed and obtained for the exhibition.

Assistance required to distribute the Exhibition flyers when they are printed.

Adverts have now been placed in national Model Railway magazines.

**Club Website:** Progress is now being made.

A draft website will be produced soon and shown to all Members for comment and suggestions.

**Club Newsletter:** Members are encouraged to submit articles or ideas to Julian Tominey for future editions.

**WhatsApp Discussion.** Following some discussion regarding ideas for various skills sharing ideas on this group, it was decided to ask Members what they would like to take part in, be prepared to demonstrate, etc.

Suggested were:- Soldering, weathering, DCC conversion of older loco’s, landscaping. There are obviously many more areas that can be added to the list.

Joe Holmes to ask Members for their views & suggestions. A suitable venue may be required.

**Club layouts:** Copies of these reports have previously been circulated via email to all Club Members.

**Secretary’s Update:**

* + - Membership Update. Current membership is 72. 1 x new Junior member joined this month.
    - Installation of secondary door at the main entrance to go ahead.
    - The Sales table in the Club room needs to have labels, showing names, costs, date placed on the table & brief description attached to the them.
    - Members are asked to remove any surplus damaged, redundant or unused electrical items. These can be placed adjacent to the Sales Table until suitable storage is found.
    - Welfare: Richard Adams incapacitated due to a broken hip.
    - New “Fault Boards” for each layout have been provided adjacent to each layout.

**A.O.B.** A vote of thanks was given to Alan Middleton for his leadership and hard work during his tenure of office as the Club Chairman.

**The meeting closed at 13:55.**