

SOUTH COAST MODEL RAILWAY CLUB LIMITED

DIRECTORS MEETING

Date: 12th June 2024

Executive Summary

Charity Status: A recently distributed document was discussed & agreed.

Yeovil MRC had assisted in giving advice to the Club on applying for the status.

A Board will need to be established to oversee the Club's status if granted by the Charity Commission.

To ensure complete financial probity the Club will need to have a specialist accountant available to ensure probity.

An approach to NFDC to regarding Business Rate Assessment is to be made.

Treasurers Report: The Club's finance are in a good position to meet all future commitments.

The Club Room Insurance is due for renewal very soon.

It has been agreed to buy back the O Gauge Test Track from those who initially paid for it. It is now a fully integrated Club asset.

Exhibition Update: Everything is progressing well, advertising has been sent out to various outlets. Traders and Layouts are all booked and confirmed.

Members are asked to ensure they are free to assist from the Friday to the Sunday during the weekend of the exhibition.

Assistance will be needed in setting up, helping on Club stands, assisting in the kitchen, & various other tasks.

Please see Steve Mosedale for further information.

The Club will hire a van for the weekend to transport numerous items to, and from, the exhibition venue.

A question was raised regarding Club Members having their own sales tables at the exhibition.

- Following discussions, it was agreed that they will not be allowed in the main exhibition halls.
- They will be allocated space in the Club Sales Area.
- If they need to use the Club Card Machine, to complete a transaction, then they will need to pay the commission on that & every subsequent transaction.
- They will also pay a table fee to be agreed with the Exhibition Manager.

Catering arrangements will be discussed by Steve Mosedale and others in the very near future.

There are now four Members who have achieved the Food Hygiene Certificate.

John Sharpe Collection: Club Member John Sharpe, (Professor John), is moving away to Somerset.

He has very kindly “loaned” some of his large collection of Gauge 1 loco’s & rolling stock to the Club.

These will all be catalogued & added to the Club Inventory.

They will also be displayed on a separate page on the revised website.

The Directors, on behalf of all Club Members, have sent the grateful thanks to John for this very generous loan, & wish him and his wife very best wishes in their new home.

Website & Comms Update: The revised website should go live this week.

It was stated that it will not be 100% completed but will give the opportunity for all Members to see what is actually coming.

At the moment there will not be an Email facility. But should be added quite soon.

If it is not possible to add this facility then other utilities will be looked into, i.e. Google or Whatsapp Groups.

It is intended that as much of the Club administration will be added to the website over time.

It is important to understand that the revised website is now fully controlled and owned by the Club.

The Club now has three roller banners.

2 x 850mm x 2000mm and 1 x 1200mm x 2000mm

These are currently on display in the Club for all to see.

The Club Newsletter, compiled by Julian, has received excellent feedback and is obviously a great success & is enjoyed by many.

Please keep supplying stories, photos, etc to Julian for future copies.

Club Inventory & PAT Testing: Good progress is being made in turning all the information into a useable and working document.

The Inventory will include a cross reference to the PAT Test ID's for items of electrical equipment.

This will be added to the website once completed.

Secretaries Update: There are now 72 members of SCMRC. Liam Harverson being our newest member, (OO & N Gauges).

Both Richard Adams & Mark Turner are making good progress with their recovery.

A.O.B: The Directors would like to see "Skills Sessions" being organised around the Club.

Skills could include:- Soldering; Weathering; Loco maintenance; or other topics that Members would like to know. Speak to any of the Directors if you have a suggestion.

It was decided to ask Members if there is any interest in organising Days Out.

These could include visits to other MRC, Preserved Railways, Existing railways, or any other venue. Suggestions to a Club Director please.

Transport for these trips could be made by the Club.

An invitation to the Club's Life President is to be made for him to attend a Directors Meeting in the near future.

The meeting closed.