

SOUTH COAST MODEL RAILWAY CLUB LIMITED

DIRECTORS MEETING

Date: 27th November 2024

Executive Summary

Charity Status: The application to the Charity Commission has now been submitted.

It is anticipated that a reply from them will be in approx. 6 – 8 weeks.

Treasurers Report: The Club's finances continue to be in a good position to meet our future commitments. i.e. Rent, rates, electricity, etc.

The Club currently has £8779.00 in the bank and £57.00 in Petty Cash

A cloud-based accounts package, (Clubtreasurer.com) which is specifically for clubs and small charities, has been identified by DMc as a useful programme for the Club Treasurer to maintain the accounts for auditing by the Charity Commission, if necessary.

Secretaries Update:

Membership update:- There are now 72 members of SCMRC.

It was explained that two members have stopped their membership owing to continued ill-health. Another member has not attended the Club for more than 6 months and not paid his subscription for that period. Despite repeated contact being made he has not responded.

Skills Sessions:

JH/DMc reported that the 2nd Skills Session took place in the Club room on Sunday 3rd November.

5 Members attended and were helped to understand the principles of simple soldering techniques by David McClory.

Those who attended said that they found it very useful and now feel more confident to have a go at simple soldering.

The next Skills Session will be held in January 2025 and will be led by Bill Salter, covering assembly of card kits. (Cardboard Carpentry !).

Further Skills Sessions are planned, and these will be advertised on the Club website and the Club Notice Board.

Suggestions for future topics can be made to any of the Club Directors.

JT asked if a time could be arranged for a talk to all Members regarding fire safety and general H&S.

It was felt that many Club Members were possibly not aware of the various procedures and a reminder session could be arranged.

Club Members will be asked if they would like something of this nature to be arranged, perhaps involving a practical extinguisher session as well.

Club Extension Area:

Following a discussion regarding possible uses of this area of the Club.

It was stated that only one written suggestion had been submitted, but up to 14 Members had spoken to JH about the proposal to create a dedicated area for the power tools to be housed in. Plus possible additional work space or storage.

The issue of allowing Members to bring in their own layouts to work on was also raised. However, currently there is a ban on this which was voted in at the last Club AGM. But this can be discussed and voted on again at the next AGM.

If this area is created, it is further proposed that the Club's Sales Table will be relocated into the area vacated by the power tools.

Estimates for the above work are to be obtained.

Invitation from Tesco Stores:

JH informed the meeting that the necessary requirements are in place and everything is virtually ready.

Dave Keeling will transport the Club items to and from the Store in Caird Avenue.

Rob Harris has prepared the "Children's Layout" for the day.

Tables from the Club, (Approx. 5), are needed to lay the above layout on.

The G1 group will display some of their loco's, along with other Gauge loco's on the tiered display stands.

Club roller banners and at least two extension leads will be needed.

JH to produce A6 size leaflets as hand-outs.

Volunteers are still required to assist in setting up, running the stand, and removing everything at the end of the day. Names to be added to the list on the "Signing In" table please.

Date is the 11th December. From 09:30 through to approx. 17:30.

Unfortunately, JH will not necessarily be able to take part in this now as he will just be within his first week of convalescence following his hip replacement operation. If anyone can step up to simply ensure that everything is achieved, please let JH know asap.

Friends of New Milton Railway Station Associated with SCMRC:

JH informed the meeting that next year is designated "Railway 200" and is supported nationally by HM Government, Network Rail, South West Train, etc.

Locally, the above group has come together and are busy doing voluntary work at New Milton station.

To help them raise some funds, they have been invited to join with SCMRC at the Tesco Store on the 11th December.

Additionally, some Club Members have volunteered to build a layout representing New Milton station in the late 1950's. This is under construction using as much material and track as can be rounded up from donations and Club sources.

Once the layout is complete it will be presented to the FNMRS to be displayed by them. A suitable plaque will be fixed to the layout naming the Club.

This layout is a Community Project and not a Members private project.

Further information, or assistance from all Members is invited to complete the layout, can be received from David Webb who is leading the project.

A.O.B:

Christmas Meal:

Members are reminded that the Club Christmas Meal is on the 18th December at 19:00.

Everyone is reminded that payment is **cash only** for the Carvery meal.

MW to send out an email to all Members attending.

Club Newsletter:

JT explained that he has all the material he needs to start producing the next edition.

This will be available before in a few weeks' time, in time for everyone's Christmas reading !

Damage to Club Layouts:

DMc raised the issue of continual damage being made to the Club layouts. Items such as signal, scenery & figurines are being damaged, or broken, and not being reported. All Members are asked to ensure that any damage is reported to the Gauge Reps so that it can be repaired/replaced.

Club Exhibition 2025:

Steve Mosedale had previously informed the Directors that progress for next years exhibition are well under way and good progress is being made.

The flyers are being produced and will be delivered to the Club in the not-too-distant future.

A meeting is to be held with Steve Mosedale in January to discuss any help and assistance he requires.

SM will be invited to attend the Directors Meeting in January to advise on areas of work that need to be arranged or completed.

Other MRC Exhibitions:

FP asked if our Club could provide a layout at NFMRC in Brockenhurst in the New Year.

It was stated that our Club had done this in the past and an enquiry could be made to the NFMRC for future involvement.

The meeting closed at 1355hrs.

It is proposed to hold the next meeting in January 2025, date to be arranged.