

NORTH WALES MODEL ENGINEERING SOCIETY

Minutes of the Committee meeting held at West Shore on 17 May 2023.

Present:-

Gary Lewis. Chairperson	*	Frank Simpson. Special Events	*
Keith Jones. Vice Chairperson	*	Harold Jones. Newsletter Editor	*
Phil Roberts. Treasurer	*	Mike Brown. Committee Member	*
Tony Graham. Secretary	*	Paul Gennoe. Committee Member	A
Jim Payne. Membership Sec	*	Idris Barker. Committee Member	A
Martin Hebenstreit. Boiler Insp	*	Shaun Shepard.	O
Brian Hessler	O	Trevor Butterworth	O

A – Absent

C - Co-opted Member.

O - Observer

1. Apologies for Absence

Paul Gennoe,. Idris Barker

2 Approval of Minute of Last Meeting. Mike Brown, Martin Hebenstreit

3. Matters Arising. – Included in minutes

4 Correspondence. – Included n minutes

.5 Directors Reports.

a. Chairperson..

Chairman's Report May 2023

Two months has now passed since we recommenced public running and I thank those members who have helped out over that period.

I would like to extend my sincerest thanks to Harold for his hard work in compiling the club's latest newsletter. The newsletter is a vital part of our club's communication, and as Harold states he is always on the lookout for fresh material, if any member would like to make a contribution, it would be gratefully received.

We have a new member lfor Glyn Jones, he is a very keen engineer and will be a valued member of our society, I'm sure that you will all make him very welcome.

We have received a positive response from the council regarding our land lease extension request and this will be discussed in detail during the course of our meeting.

Since our last meeting numerous jobs have been undertaken by the members, and my thanks go out to all those who have given up their precious free time, as this is the only way we can function as a society so my thanks go out to all of those volunteers.

A number of track repairs have been completed and as the weather continues to improve we will be undertaking driver training, those of you who wish to take advantage of this offer please email myself or Tony so that a list of names can be compiled.

b. Vice Chairperson. Nothing to add.

c. Treasurers Report.

Treasurers report for the 17th May 2023 Committee Meeting

So far the money taken from public running for 2023 from the 7th April to 13th May is £830.66.

Last Year for the same (equivalent) period 12th April to 14th May it was £1192.24 Therefore we have taken £361.58 less than last year and we have had an extra bank holiday– Disappointing to say the least.

If we have to paid Conway Council for the new lease £500 (which is very likely) and a possible another £500 for their legal expenses. Which will be a total of £1000, then so far we have not yet earned enough from public running to pay this.

It's looking likely we will have volunteer to work for 10+ running days, just to give it to the Council!! This is approximately 30% of our seasons running days – Makes you think doesn't it.

In view of This I suggest we ask for a cap of £250 for legal fee's

I must say that West Shore does seem to have been very quiet, which makes you wonder why?

Please see the Balance Statement Sheet for the up-to-date information on our financial situation up the 15th May 2023 (Appendix A)

At this committee meeting we need to approve the accounts for last year to enable Dave Davies to submit them to Companies House, which is a legal requirement. To do this we need to first approve the Profit and Loss Accounts for Financial year 2022 – 2023 and then affirm the “Fixed Assets” in the Accounts for Financial year 2022 – 2023 submitting to Companies House.
(Item 7 on the Agenda)

d. Secretary report.

Paul Gennoe has expressed the wish to stand down from the committee at the next AGM. However he would be interested in continuing with the maintenance of the track wall is this is agreeable. The committee agreed and are grateful for the offer.

David Davies has asked if members could send any good public running photos to him for inclusion on the web site.

6 Discussion on Land Lease Agreement.

Following the email from Jason regarding the new lease, Gary has agreed to discuss opening days and times. Even though our public running income is lower than it has been in other years the committee felt we should not push the council hard for a rent reduction, perhaps a gentle hint would be better.

7. Approval of clubs Profit and Loss accounts and assets.

Phil presented these and after a short discussion on a couple of the fixed assets they were unanimously agreed. Proposed by Gary, seconded by Keith

See Appendix B and C

- 8. Update on progress of engine shed turntable and fittings.** The material to complete the outer tracks from the engine shed to the turntable has now arrived. Gary will arrange to pick it up.

9. Update on new fittings in electric locos and painting.

Frank has finished the fitting of the switch to enable charging without removal of the large batteries, He was thanked by the committee for the work he has put in on this job. Mike is the laminate the instructions which will be available in the engine shed detailing instructions for connecting the batteries.

Paint has been bought to change the livery on the class 37. Martin has offered to do this. Mention was made that another class 37 body, painted in another livery would a cheap way of enhancing our fleet. Mike has offered to see what is available.

- 10. Strategy to increase club membership** We should always try to encourage new members. Our youngest member Archie, is looking at developing our Facebook page. It is also possible he has a friend who would be interested in joining.

- 11. Proposed future enhancements.-** The number one priority is a Club House and a way forward for the funding of grants.

- 12. Achieving Charitable Status.-** Still looking though the old documents also Tony to check with the National Mens Shed Association to find out the current position of the Llandudno group.

- 13. Update on Ty Gobaith Charity event.** – Frank has now confirmed the date for this event will be Saturday 6th August 2023. He has produced an extremely good sample flyer. It was decided that we should follow the same as last year. Marques, food, model displays invite local dignitaries etc.

14. A.O.B. -

1, It was agreed that we have our usual Christmas Dinner. Frank will try to book the last Friday in November at the Conwy Golf Club..

2. Friends of West Shore have been in touch with Frank regarding the possible purchase of a mini digger to clear sand from local paths. They were asking that if they bought one would it be possible to store on our site. Following discussion it was decided that we did not have any room in our current storage facilities and would therefore require further discussion with FOWS.

3. Llandudno Bowling club have asked if we could produce 'tines' for their bowling green 'pricker'. A member of the bowling club is going to bring samples to show what is required a decision will then be made.

4. Large canvas club sign. Gary to approach Brookes Tarpaulin for costs.

5. Harold raise the subject of Honorary Members. Jim to supply a list.

Date and time of next meeting - 19 July 2023 at 10.00 in the Site Hut.

Bank Balances as at 16th May 2023 (Appendix A)	
Current Account	£ 5,839.08
Savings Account	£ 15,843.84

To pay out (Cheques issued to be confirmed by Bank Statement)	
E.on Electric Bill to be paid on 24th May 2023	£ 34.73
Total to be confirmed	£ 34.73

To Pay In (To be confirmed by Bank Statement)	
Public Running for Saturday 13th May	£ 73.76
Total to be confirmed	£ 73.76

Cash Account: Total Income (from Cash Donations & Money Carried Over from Previous Year £47.63)	£ 47.63
Cash Account Expenditure	
Float for public running (To be paid back in cash Account))	£ 20.00
Balance Left	£ 27.63

Society Money as of the March Committee Meeting (Including Outstanding Expenditure)	
Current Account	£ 5,839.08
Savings Account	£ 15,843.84
Cash Account	£ 27.63
Outstanding income and Expenditure	£ 39.03
Grand Total	£ 21,749.58

Estimated Up Coming Expenditure	
Estimated total costs for turntable	£ 1,000.00
	£ 1,000.00

Total Left after upcoming Estimated Expenditure	£ 20,749.58
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APPENDIX 'B'

North Wales Model Engineering Society

Accounts for Financial Year 2022 - 2023 (01/04/22 to 31/03/23)

Bank Balances as at 31/03/2022		Bank Balances as at 01/04/2023	
Current Account	£ 14,717.76	Current Account	£ 5,325.31
Savings Account	£ 3,822.04	Savings Account	£15,843.84
Cash Account	£ 57.63	Cash Account	£ 47.63
Total <u>£18,597.43</u>		Total <u>£21,216.78</u>	

Fixed Assets - End of Financial Year 2023 (see note)	£15,900.00
Current Liabilities	£0.00

Total Assets less Current Liabilities £37,116.78

Fixed Assets	
R2R A.M.E Electric Locomotive & Batteries	£1,800.00
Compass Electric Locomotive with Batteries, charger & Sound Unit	£1,800.00
6 x A.M.E Riding Trolleys (4 braked)	£3,000.00
Stga Garden Tractor	£2,000.00
MTD Sprinto Ride On Mower	£500.00
2 x Shipping Containers	£3,000.00
5'3.5" Railway Track, Traverser, Steaming Bays	£3,000.00
Ancillary Tools & Equipment	£800.00
Total Fixed Assets	£15,900.00

APPENDIX 'C'

North Wales Model Engineering Society

NWMES Profit and Loss Accounts for Financial Year 2022 - 2023 (01/04/22 to 31/03/23)

INCOME

Track Running	£ 3,582.88
Donations	£ 531.00
Grants	£ -
Membership	£ 2,310.00
Sale of Society Equipment	£ 244.00
Charity Fund Raising (Ty Gobaith)	£ 544.44
Christmas Dinner	£ 999.00

Business Saving Account Interest	£ 21.80
Total	£ 8,233.12

Includes £213.63 Cash from Donations (Cash Account)	£ 8,233.12
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EXPENDITURE

Petrol for Mowers	£ 100.79
Grass Cutting	£ 34.32
Electric Consumption	£ 326.23
Site Maintenance	£ 308.72
Insurance	£ 1,854.26
Tools	£ -
Portaloos Hire & Cleaning	£ 104.50
Donations	£ 30.60
Land Lease	£ -
Track & Rolling Stock	£ 590.84
Craig-y-Don Room Hire	£ 192.00
Coffee, Tea & Sugar	£ -
Water	£ 49.16
Administration Costs	£ 215.17
Secretaries Expenses	£ 32.69
Public Running	£ 8.45
Charity Donations	£ 600.00
Social Events (Christmas Dinner)	£ 922.30
New Equipment	£ 229.99
Northern Association of Model Engineers	£ 13.75
Total	£ 5,613.77

Profit

Over Loss	£ 2,619.35
	£ 5,613.77

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Balances as at 31/03/2022

Current Account	£ 14,717.76
Savings Account	£ 3,822.04
Cash Account	£ 57.63
	£ 18,597.43

Excess Profit

Over Loss	£ 2,619.35
	£ 21,216.78

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