

## **Minutes of the 55<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the 2mm Scale Association**

(Held at The St Barnabas Church Hall, Rose Crescent Bournmoor on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2015)

### **1 Chairman's Welcome**

The meeting commenced at 2:04pm; the Chairman welcomed everyone present and introduced Pete Waterman who was to be our Competition Judge.

### **2 Apologies for Absence**

42 members had signed the attendance register. Apologies were received from: Bill Blackburn, Nigel Cliffe, Don Willsmer, Bob Williams, Ian Collins, Alex Duckworth, Rowland Lewis, Edward Sissling, Roy Marshall, Stuart Barnes, Steve Sykes, Andrew Cox, Simon Almond, Keith Gloster, Geoff Hall, Pete Matcham, Steve Dunkeyson, and Julia Adams

### **3 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The Minutes of the 2014 AGM were accepted as a correct record – proposed by Paula Martin and seconded by Laurie Adams. The minutes were signed.

### **4 Matters arising (not covered in Officers Reports)**

Noel reported that the question of backup for the Website was raised at the last AGM and the Committee had spoken to Nigel Cliffe about this. There is backup in place including another member (Mike Taylor) with access to the site and good knowledge of how it works.

There had been some discussion regarding discrepancies in the product listings and numbering on the website. David Long reported that he had been working through the wagon kits and underframes but it was an ongoing task.

Pete Thorpe reported that his friend who had had an unfriendly reception at the 2mm Roadshow at the 2014 Alexandra Palace Exhibition had since joined at the 2015 show.

Alan Pearson raised some concerns about how the new Mk5 driving wheels were to be produced. Jim assured him that the design would take these concerns into account but that little work had been done due to priority being given to the pegged chair Easitrac points and the new wagon wheel mouldings.

### **5 Officers' Annual Reports**

**Chairman's Report** - submitted in writing with no questions from the floor.

**Products Report** - submitted in writing with no questions from the floor.

**Sales Officers Report** – submitted in writing

David Short updated his report by introducing Gareth McEnery as the new shopkeeper for Shop 1 replacing Philip Stead who he thanked for his work over the past few months.

In general shop stocks are healthy with one or two exceptions which are being addressed.

Keith Armes – referred to the shop accounts and enquired about the £3000 loan from the main accounts. Noel Leaver confirmed that this had been repaid.

**Publicity Report** – submitted in writing with no questions from the floor.

Jim asked if anyone had queried why we don't advertise in the monthly magazines and went on to say that he felt it was more productive to use the Roadshows to get the message across.

**Magazine Editor** - submitted in writing with no questions from the floor.

Anthony Yeates reiterated the continuing need for more articles and photos.

**Events Officer** - submitted in writing with no questions from the floor but, as Nick was standing down the post, the meeting showed its appreciation for his efforts in the usual manner.

**Publications Officer** – although this position is vacant at present David Short and Alan Smith have been collating the various pieces of information for the Handbook and identifying what can be used and what needs updating before use.

**Treasurers Report** - submitted in writing with no questions from the floor.

Noel Leaver updated those present on the proposal to drop the PayPal surcharge as more and more members were using this method of payment. It was also easier for the Shopkeepers and other Committee members in processing.

The other imminent change was to offer overseas members the option of receiving the magazine on-line only to avoid the additional postal charges that they currently pay. Noel emphasised that there was no intension to offer this to UK members at present.

The reports were accepted en bloc - proposed by Mick Simpson, seconded by Nigel Hunt.

## **6 Election of Committee**

There were eight nominations for the ten available places on the committee

Andy Hanson (Chairman); Brian Hume (Secretary); Noel Leaver (Treasurer); Julia Adams; John Aldrick; David Long; David Short; Alan Smith.

The candidates were duly elected en-bloc, proposed by Jim Watt and seconded by Alan Whitehouse.

## **7 Appointment of Independent Examiners**

Nominations were received for Bob Williams (General Account) and Paula Martin (Shop Account). The independent examiners were duly elected, proposed by Keith Armes and seconded by Pete Thorpe.

## **8 Any Other Business**

Jim Watt reported that we now have 863 members, up from 833 at this time last year. There have been 98 new members in the year to date.

Andy Carlson asked how long do people stay in the Association and what reasons do they give for leaving. Jim Watt replied that a number of people who had left the Association had been changing scales, but were very complimentary about the Association.

David Long mentioned the presence of a number of our members on RMWeb was a good point of contact to attract new members.

Laurie Adams asked “Where did new members come from”. The response was that at present we do not analyse this (we have done this in the past but it is quite time-consuming). Andy Carson said that if they came via our website the webmaster could use the referrer feature to find out which site had directed them to us.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2:39pm. Judging and awarding of the competition trophies by Pete Waterman followed.

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Brian Hume - Secretary  
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