

Risborough & District Model Railway Club

Trustees' meeting 4 August 2023

Trustees present - Paul Wright, Roy Norton, Mick Moignard, Richard Neil and Tim Peacock
Apologies: James Aitken, Gary Day, Rob Thompson (President)

1. Future Club premises update

Tweaking of the draft lease documentation continues – comments are being batted backwards and forwards between QRS, their solicitor and us. Progress has not been helped by holidays but there is no disagreement on key points, just how they are expressed to everyone's satisfaction.

2. Exhibitions

Railex 2024 –The stadium at Stoke Mandeville will not be available (it's already booked for a disabled event) and we have been offered the bowls hall again. Tim had explored other venues but there is nothing of a suitable size at an affordable cost so, although not ideal, it was agreed that we would go ahead using the bowls hall. As this is smaller than the stadium there will be slightly fewer layouts. It was also agreed that costs would need to be carefully managed as, despite very positive feedback, Railex 2023 attendance had been low and door receipts had been disappointing. It's not clear if falling attendance at exhibitions is going to be a continuing trend and the possibility of asking the EMGS and/or Scale4 Society to work with us on Railex 2025 will be considered.

Haddenham (Saturday 30 September 2023) - is on track with seven layouts confirmed. There will be the usual call for volunteers to help with stewarding etc.

Risex – Wades Centre booked for Saturday 17 February 2024.

3. Other business

a) **Club equipment** – Paul confirmed that repairs and safety checks had all been completed.

b) **Test track** – this will be set up on 18 August. A modelling Saturday will be held in August or September – date TBC.

c) **Club insurance** – **Richard** confirmed this had been renewed.

d) **Finances/membership** – We have about £79K in the bank and 48 paid-up members.

Next meeting

6 October 2023

Roy Norton

Club Secretary