

RADMEC 2024 AGM MINUTES
Held at the Café in Ellington Park
On the 25th October 2024

Meeting Opened: 19:30

Members Present:

Darren Argyle, Jane Clements, Duncan Edwards, Peter Wilson, Kevin Bullions, Alan Gibbs
Scott Davis, Martin Davis, Adam Jaques, Gerry Kirkland, Ed Homersham, Roger Holebrook

Opening of the Meeting:

Darren welcomed everyone to our AGM and thanked us for attending.

Apologies for Absence:

Amy Thackery,
Dave and Faye Tweedale.

Bob and Rosemary Barwick have resigned from the Club, as Bob's health isn't good.

Unknown Status:

Ed Homersham
Alex Cave
Dave Leahy

Acceptance of Minutes of the Spring Meeting (2024):

The minutes of the 2024 Spring Meeting were accepted.

Proposed by: Peter Wilson
Seconded by: Kevin Bullions

Treasurers Report:

Jane explained the accounts, showing that, despite not running for several weeks, we only made a small loss...

Acceptance of the accounts:

Proposed by: Scott Davis
Seconded by: Peter Wilson

Chairpersons Report:

Darren thanked the members that helped run trains and paint the track in the park this year. We now have a strong core team of members who regularly attend on running days and work days!

Please also refer to Any Other Business...

Park and Locomotives:

Following a very wet winter, several of the concrete track support beams had deteriorated and a decision was made just prior to the May Fayre that three curves needed replacing prior to running, so there was a break in our running schedule, whilst beams were cast, allowed to cure, then fitted in place. These have been cast in Scott's garage and we owe him a debt of gratitude for the use of his facilities. Several more beams are required and as of now there is a curve and a straight waiting to be removed from the moulds, before casting some more... Several more beams require replacement before we start the 2025 running season!

Ajax requires a steam test and President require hydraulic and steam tests, before they can be used. Several member's steam locomotives also require boiler tests.

The Club House

Another panel in the outside wall has had the concrete blocks removed and flint set in place. This leaves 2 more panels to complete the task.

The door into Hector's House is badly rusted and requires a section replacing at the base of the door. It seems that the concrete has lifted causing the door to catch on it, so this needs remedial work carrying out. The remedial work needs to be done as the door looks awful and doesn't give a good impression. The window shutters could do with a coat of paint too and this can be done when the repaired door is painted...

There is still some of the track that requires a coat of paint. Some of this has been done, but there is a lot more waiting to be repainted, but that's a job for warmer weather...

Correspondence:

Invitations received from Tonbridge, Canterbury and Maidstone to visit their tracks – a number of members took them up on their invitations and all that attended enjoyed the visits!

Election of Committee:

All the current Committee members are happy to stand again, with the exception that Duncan is passing the Secretary role to Kevin and is reprising the role of Safety Officer.

The Committee is now:

Chairman: Darren Argyle.
Treasurer: Jane Clements.
Secretary: Kevin Bullions.
Safety Officer: Duncan Edwards.

This was unanimously agreed.

Proposed by: Peter Wilson.

Seconded by: Adam Jaques.

Any Other Business:

Following an application for funds from the Ramsgate Town Council, we were awarded £1,000. Some of this has been used on materials for casting new beams and for the purchase of protective footwear for those members that are regulars on running days. Also, a new passenger carrying wagon is to be purchased – Duncan is dealing with this.

It was agreed that an ongoing recruitment drive is necessary to ensure continuity of the club – We currently have sufficient regular members to allow us to run safely, but in the event of holidays, or sickness, there are insufficient regular reliable members to cover, so more members are needed.

Adam informed us that his girlfriend is interested in creating and maintaining alternative social media sites. It was felt that this would be a good idea, but that she should become a club member.

Peter suggested that there should be an asset register of all the Club's possessions. This to be created to list all assets together with a value and, should it occur, the reason for disposal and any cost involved, whether it be income or expenditure.

It was also suggested that a list of keyholders and the keys they hold be created and maintained.

In recognition of her efforts over the many years she has been Treasurer, it was suggested that Jane should be made an Honorary Member, thus not requiring her to pay a membership fee. This was unanimously accepted.

Proposed: Kevin Bullions
Seconded: Alan Gibbs

Meeting Closed: 20:04

Followed by Cakes.