

RUGELEY POWER STATIONS

MODEL ENGINEERING SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE 1ST MEETING HELD IN THE SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB
ON WEDNESDAY, 20TH MAY, 1987.

Dereck Moore welcomed 26 prospective members of the Society to the first meeting.

Following exploratory meetings, indication was that sufficient interest existed in order to form a group to build and operate a steam railway on site and generally pursue model engineering activities.

Those present proposed and seconded the following Committee Members to serve for the first twelve months:-

CHAIRMAN	:	D. Moore	MMD 'A'	(Shackleton/Powers)
SECRETARY	:	G. Shackleton	OPS 'B'	(Till/Jenkins)
TREASURER	:	K. Heathcote	OPS 'B'	(Moore/Davies).
ORDINARY MEMBERS	:	H. Jenkins		(Shackleton/Louch)
		R. Daniels		(Bagnall/Moore)
		D. Dutton		(Daniels/Jenkins)

Subscriptions

Following discussion, rates of £5 (members) and £7.50 (Associates) was agreed. Membership application forms were distributed and membership cards would be issued on receipt of subscription.

Summer Programme

Was distributed.

Weekend working parties commence at 10.00 a.m. - meet at the Club House Car Park.

Wednesday evening meetings commence at 19.30 hours in the Club House Lounge.

The Summer Programme concentrates on track construction work parties - the priority being to open a working section of track.

It was suggested that the Winter Programme would contain items of wider interest - slide/film shows and talks related to Model Engineering and Steam Power.

Proposed Track

The Station Manager had approved the proposed track route subject to not cutting down any large established trees, although some bushes required pruning and undergrowth clearing.

Ted Smith was thanked for surveying the track site and producing a drawing showing levels etc.

The following prospective members volunteered to sit on a Track Design and Construction Committee:-

M. Powers	B. Bagnall	D. Dutton
T. Smith	D. Davies	J. Ward.
A. Shaw	D. Davies	
R. Clift	R. Daniels.	

It was agreed that the Sunday 7th of June Working Party would mark out the track route and the 17th June meeting would finalise track design.

Derek Moore would liaise with Security staff regarding access to site of associates, particularly for the first few meetings.

A shed is required in which to store track building equipment. The provision of an electrical supply would be investigated. In the longer term it was hoped to provide more permanent facilities. The siting of any such building on site must be agreed with Power Station Management.

The proposed curve at the Fire Ground end of the track will be subject of further discussion - it may have to be relocated.

The Secretary undertook to make enquiries with British Railways Board regarding the availability of point rodding.

Insurance

It was emphasised that until such time that the Society joined the Southern Federation of Societies and had the benefit of group insurance that no locomotive steaming was permitted on a portable track or partially erected track section other than by members who were also members of Cannock Chase Model Engineering Society, hence, having valid boiler test certificates and insurance.

The Secretary undertook to make enquiries with the Station Sports & Social Club regarding Personal Accident Insurance for Club Members whilst track building was in progress.

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Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th June - Track Working Party 10.00 hrs.

Wednesday 17th June - Track Design Meeting 19.30 hrs.

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