

## MINUTES of the DELEGATES MEETING

Held on Saturday 13th April 2013  
at the Royal Oak at Ockbrook

### Minutes of Last Meeting

Approved as a true and accurate record

All in favour

Matters Arising      None

### Affiliation Applications

Have been received from the following twelve societies

Joys of Life Model Railway Club  
Roots Railway  
Birmingham Society of Model Engineers Ltd  
St Teath Society of Model Engineers  
Pembrokeshire Model Engineers  
Andover & District Model Engineering Society  
Lincolnshire Model Engineers Traction Engine Club  
City of Newport Model Engineering Society  
Winchester Model & Model Engineering Society  
North West Leicestershire Society of Model Engineers Ltd  
Bridgend & District Model Engineering Society  
Scale Steam Society

All in favour

### Finance & Loans

See Report      Prop Joys of Life      Sec Scunthorpe      All in favour

### Insurance

See Report      Prop Mid Cheshire      Sec Scunthorpe      All in favour

### Legislation & Safety

There has been very little brought forward in the form of regulation to affect the hobby in the past year, except the Protection of Freedoms Act which is in effect deregulation affecting a number of Acts but with particular reference to Protection of Vulnerable Groups and Data Protection further information will be provided later as it becomes available.

### Young Engineer Award

Owing to the fact that on a number of occasions where a very young teenager has been competing against a young adult which we feel puts the younger one at a disadvantage, where this happens we would like to be able to put the younger ones into a different category for an award of Junior Engineer the award being £100 Please forward applications for the Young/Junior Engineer Awards to arrive no later than 10th June 2013. Simply write giving as much detail as possible to either the Chairman or the Secretary.

All in favour

### Narrow Gauge I.M.L.E.C.

South Cheshire 15th & 16th June. Host required for 2014

Northern Rally

Scunthorpe 29th & 30th June

Host required for 2014

#### Boiler Matters / MELG

1) During the last few years NAME societies have had access to a supplement to the guidelines booklet to cover LPG tanks, NAME boiler identity convention and also a ready-reckoner table for calculating bar-litres. The Southern Federation have taken this supplement and updated the text to conform with the latest guidelines (the Green Book) but have limited it to the code of practise for LPG tanks for use within Southern Federation.

Therefore do delegates Accept this limitation or do we keep the extended version we have always had.

2) SF are using the old steam test certificates till the end of this year whereas we have been saying use them until the next hydraulic test MELG need guidance what name wishes to do about this mismatch

3) It was suggested that Hydraulic and annual Steam tests are reported on separate certificates even if the tests have been done at the same time whereas I have had a relaxed attitude to reporting both tests on the same certificate. What do the Delegates recommend.

It was decided that the Northern Association should retain the ready reckoner and existing boiler identification convention as part of the supplement and to continue using the red LPG certificates. The Delegates re-affirmed the position that the introduction can start from the next hydraulic test, but there is nothing to prevent the owner brining this forward if he or she so wishes. As regards the Certificates there is nothing to prevent using the same certificate where its use is appropriate for both hydraulic and steam tests.

#### Very small boilers

Recently a professional boiler builder complained that a boiler tester had refused to test one of his boilers which had been made after 2002 because it did not have a CE mark, this particular boiler has a capacity of less than 2 litres. Boilers up to and including 2 litres volume (no upper pressure limit) or Less than 0.5 bar operating pressure (no upper volume limit) are constructed to sound engineering practise SEP and therefore must NOT be CE marked, they are however subject to our test procedure for small boilers and require to have all specified markings other than CE . I enclose with these minutes a re-issue of Safe Operation of Pressure Systems for the Model Engineer, for further information please consult dti Product Standards, Pressure Equipment, guidance notes on the uk regulations, April 2005, URN 05/1074.

#### Exhibitions

We attended Alexandra Palace and Manchester, both were successful and produced a number of serious enquiries about NAME. unfortunately the Manchester Exhibition will not be continued owing to a reduced number of visitors, in spite of increased advertising of the event and the lack of attendance by trade.

#### Date of Next Meeting

26th October 2013