

NORTHERN ASSOCIATION OF MODEL ENGINEERS

MINUTES OF THE DELEGATES MEETING

ABRIDGED

Held on Saturday April 11th 2015

At the Royal Oak, at Ockbrook

Apologies were received from

West Cumbria Guild of Model Engineers
Baltana
Polly Owners Group
North Nott's Preservation
Lincolnshire Model Engineers Traction Engine Group
Lorn Model Engineering Club
Amalgamated Miniature Traction Engine Club
Wakefield Society of Model Engineers
Miniature Steam Road Vehicle Society
Tony Wood
Alan Reid

Minutes of the Last Meeting

Approved as true and accurate

Prop Scunthorpe
Sec Avonvale
All in Favour

Matters Arising None

Affiliation Applications

Steam Traction Enthusiasts & Modellers (S.T.E.A.M.)	N 225
St Albans & District Model Engineering Society	N226
Havering Miniature Railway Club	N227
North Bay Model & Experimental Engineers	N228
	Prop G.E.C. Coventry
	Sec Mid Wales
	All in Favour

Finance & Loans

Finance

The Treasurer gave a report of the Northern Association's finances which showed them to be in a healthy position
A good state of affairs to be able to report..

NAME Loans

There are no current requests for loans.

Legislation & Safety

There is nothing of any significance to report at the moment, and what minor changes there has been amount to de-regulation so keep to the advice already issued.

Young Model Engineer Award

The nominations for the 2015 Award will now be passed to the Officers the names of the successful candidates will be released later

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

Birmingham to host Sunday 7th June 2015. Host required for 2016.

Northern Rally

Wirral to host Saturday 15th August 2015. Host required for 2016.

M.E.L.G.

Report to delegates on the Meeting of the Model Engineering Liaison Group on 26th March 2015

Small boilers

A discussion was held to ascertain the problems arising over small boilers. It seems that within the NAME and the 7 1/4" G Society problems had not been reported.

Within the Southern federation issues with the smaller gauge Societies had arisen with particular emphasis that PSSR does not apply.

The MELG restate that the boiler test code is not mandatory and sound judgement and common sense has to be applied within the hobby.

Other organisations are free to develop their own procedures. However, if the test procedures are not PSSR compliant, as far as reasonably practical, certificates issued by these bodies may not be accepted at MELG associated societies.

It is intended that the boiler test code will be updated as necessary and input to the MELG will be appreciated.

Small gas tanks and gas firing of larger locomotives

The Southern Federation and NAME have produced documentation for the small gas tanks jointly.

It is anticipated that the final version of the small gas tank code would be incorporated into the BTC when next published.

Dead weight testers

The technical note issued by the Southern Federation was welcomed. There is no requirement to make dead weight testers compulsory! However if a society has the dead weight testing equipment the technical note offers guidance on their use.

Application of the BTC to commercially repaired models

Any boiler test is the responsibility of the boiler owner who, in conjunction with the society boiler inspector, will determine the test required based upon the repairs or modifications.

The BTC specifically excludes commercial boiler testing.

WSOE section 3

For example, if there are two injectors and one feed pump installed, but at the steam test one injector does not work, this should be noted on the steam test certificate. A new WSOE would not be required to cover this situation.

A paper presented to the MELG was considered. The paper covered a number of issues and the meeting considered the full content. Consult the full MELG minutes on the NAME website for details.

PER and PSSR, small boiler exclusion

Comments raised during the meeting included the matter of 'exclusions' listed in PER. It is not clear whether the exclusions apply to PSSR and boilers with a capacity less than 2 litre. The MELG understanding was that PSSR includes steam at any pressure or capacity. The exclusions in PER require further clarification. Tony Wood offered to check with RSA whether small boilers were excluded from PSSR.

For your information:

The RSA confirmed that PSSR2000 applies to steam at any pressure and regardless of the size of boiler.

Boiler Matters

Reporting hydraulic test results.

I am still receiving the pink copies of WSoE certificates from clubs – please note that NAME does NOT require these certificates to be sent in as the requirement, as the note inside the front cover of the WSoE pad, states that this is a Southern Federation requirement only.

If any club wishes to start reporting hydraulic test results by e-mail then they should make such a request to me at ar.xrfl@talktalk.net. I will then reply with the blank spreadsheet used to report the results. Please note that this is a **change of email address** so would club secretaries please advise those within their club who report to me about this change.

When reporting new hydraulic test results by e-mail can clubs please ensure they do not include results already sent. NOTE the requirement is for HYDRAULIC test results only, therefore please do not send results of the annual steam tests.

Boiler Seminar

On Saturday, 28 March 2015, another seminar was held at the Hereford society's well appointed premises. Over fifty boiler testers and prospective boiler testers attended and we, the presenters, hope they all went away more knowledgeable than when they came. The numbers present shewed that there is still a need for seminars although I personally think the numbers attending each event should be limited to say 30, for preference, with an absolute maximum of 40. Any club wishing to send one or more of their members to a seminar should tell Alan Budd of their requirements.

Exhibitions

We will be attending the following Exhibitions

Shepton Mallet	May 2 nd - 3 rd
Harrogate	May 8 th - 10 th
Bristol	Aug 14 th -16 th
Leamington	Oct 14 th -18 th
Alexandra Palace	Jan 15 th -17 th

N.A.M.E. Exhibition

The Treasurer reported that the arrangements for the N.A.M.E. Exhibition to be held at Manchester in 2016 were proceeding well.

Date and Place of Next Meeting

October 24th 2015 at the Royal Oak, at Ockbrook