



Minutes of Meeting October 2024

1. Telford

Steve Bailey updated the members on the upcoming IPMS Telford Show. The setup team for Friday is confirmed as Steve, James Cater, and Ken O'Brien, who will also be on the Club stand for both days of the show. From the discussion, additional members confirmed their attendance at the show:

Both days: Brian Thomas, Dave While, Josh Burrows

Saturday only: Phil Llyod-Worth, Stephen Snares, Pete Wooton, Graham Wright

Steve asked that any members attending bring quality models to help fill out the club display, and put out the offer that should any members unable to attend the show wish to have models on display, these could be passed to Steve, James, or Ken in advance. Ian & Callum Andrews stated that they will both be at Telford with other groups, but may have spare models for the Southend stand.

2. Themed Competition Nights

Steve Bailey reminded the members that our next themed competition night is the November 19th meeting, with a theme of the 1980's. Any subject is eligible, as long as it is modelled as it appeared in the 80's. Steve has attempted to get a representative from the Southend Echo to attend, without success. Adam Lyle may have a contact at the paper, which will be followed up on.

The February 2025 meeting will feature the second instalment of the "Beer Mat Challenge". As per 2024, this will be held as an additional element to the regular competition. The rules remain the same with a maximum base size of 4 inches x 4 inches, or 10 x 10cm, and no element of the model allowed to overhang the base. Maximum height is 16 inches/40cm.

The March meeting will be a fully themed night, with the theme being "Nose Art". This naturally applies to aircraft, but also extends to any military/non-military vehicle or vessel sporting equivalent personalisation artwork by the crew.

In June we will be having a theme of the Napoleonic War to commemorate the 210th anniversary of the battle of Waterloo.



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3. Club Presentations

Steve Bailey updated the members on the schedule for Club Presentations. He thanked Graham Wright and James Cater for their presentation on using metallic paints at this meeting. Upcoming presentations are as follows:

- November 19th – “3D Printing”, delivered by Stephen Snares and James Cater
- Dates TBC: Fillers & Sanding and Welding Techniques – Phil Lloyd-Worth, Airfix 1/24 Hellcat kit and Build review – Steve Bailey

There will not be a presentation for the December meeting as this evening is reserved for our Christmas Social. It was agreed that the Club will be providing some buffet food for this meeting.

4. Show Attendance

Steve Bailey updated the members on the plans for 2025. The Club is now confirmed to have space booked at the Key Model World show at the NEC in April, and the Brampton show in September. Other shows that we know we will be attending for 2025 include the Essex Modellers Show and Telford.

Steve also drew the member’s attention to the show questionnaire that was available at the meeting, to give the Committee a general view of the shows the members would like to support/attend. The results of this are currently being reviewed and we will update further at the November meeting.



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5. Awards for the Finals Night

Andy Wright had raised the suggestion of having a trophy/shield for each of the 12 classes for our finals night in May, with the idea being that these are something the winner retains for one year and brings back for the following year's finals night. Each trophy would have space for the names of winners to be recorded. Steve Bailey had done some initial research on this and come up with the following guide costs:

- Wooden shields with engravable winners shields circa £120 each
- Fully metal cups circa £70 each
- Part metal/part plastic cups circa £15 each.

If purchasing 10 or more, a discount of approx. 25% could be obtained. We would qualify for this as there are 12 classes.

Some discussion on the matter was undertaken, though generally favourable. Steve Lester raised the possibility of members sponsoring the trophies. Jim Smith raised the question regarding having some award to keep after the trophy is handed back, as well as what the position was regarding the existing specialised trophies, such as the Ted Woods cup for the best rigged model. A suggestion was also raised to have the Club logo on the centres of the medals that are given out as well.

The Committee is currently looking into this in more detail and will report back at the November meeting.

6. Club Trips

Steve Bailey updated the members that the next Club trip will be to HMS Victory in 2025, exact date TBC.

7. 2025 Club Calendar

Steve Bailey updated the membership on the Club calendar, which is going ahead with a print run of 50 calendars, with an aim to sell these for £5 each. Stephen Snares will be designing this.



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8. Public Liability Insurance

Steve Bailey informed the membership that the Public Liability insurance had been purchased, coming into effect before the Brampton show. This will cover all members, including non-IPMS members, at any show that the Club is exhibiting at. An additional add-on was purchased to provide additional coverage for the Committee members for any tasks undertaken to fulfil their roles within the Club.

9. Any Other Business

Gary Daisley congratulated the members on the exceptionally high level of builds on display at the meeting.

Gary went on to give a brief update on the club merchandise. Sweatshirts, hoodies, and fleeces are now available with the club branding on them. Gary will attempt to get any orders made at the meeting back in time for Telford, but could not guarantee this.

James Cater

Club Secretary and Membership Secretary

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