



IPMS Southend Model Club Minutes of Meeting

18th June 2024

1. Membership (update)

The Membership Secretary (James Cater) reported that the confirmed Club Membership now stands at 35 (including 1 x junior member). There are a number of individuals who are currently attending the Club under the 3 x free attendance policy and it is hoped that these potential new members will formally join the Club in the near future thus increasing the membership. James reminded all members of the need to complete a new “Membership Application Form”.

2. New Bank Account

The President informed the members that a new Bank Account known as a (Treasurer’s Account) has been set up to replace the Clubs existing account (which has now been closed). The new account will allow the Club to manage its funds more efficiently and take advantage of modern Banking facilities which it is hoped will benefit members in due course.

3. Liaison Officer (Role)

The Liaison Officer (Christian Richards) briefed the Membership on his new role, the collation of a contacts portfolio and his progress to date in establishing communications with neighbouring Clubs with whom we engage. Christian also outlined his intentions concerning future shows and our potential involvement in them. Members were asked to go through Christian for all formal

communications with other Clubs going forward to ensure continuity and consistency in our engagements.

4. Club Night Presentations

The President was pleased to announce that at the next meeting (16th July) the Club would be hosting its 1st “Club Night Presentation”. This would be a talk on “Airbrushing Techniques” given by Phil Lloyd-Worth & Andy Wright. Members were invited to suggest other subjects of interest for future events and during the evenings socialising another potential subject was proposed which the President agreed to consider.

- Sea Scape tutorial and techniques

5. Essex Modellers Show 28th July 2024

The Membership Secretary (James Cater) gave an update on preparations for the Clubs involvement in the “Essex Modellers Show” 28th July 2024. James expressed the need for the Club to provide support in the form of (at least) 6 volunteers from amongst the Membership to assist in the Kitchen (for 1 hour each) throughout the day. A show of hands indicated that the majority of members intended to visit the show so the President made a personal request to those present to support their Club by offering their names to James in advance of the event.

6. Honorary Life Membership

The President informed the Membership that the Committee had decided to recognise the services of a certain long standing member by presenting them with an “Honorary Life Membership”. Unfortunately the Individual’s current state of health had precluded them from attending recent meetings. However having spoken with individual concerned the President agreed to withhold the presentation of the award until they were well enough to attend a future Club night and receive their award in person.

7. Club Merchandise

Having already done an excellent job in regards the creation and production of Club Merchandise, Gary Daisley gave a short report on the success of sales to date. Members who had previously placed orders received their purchases whilst Gary went on to inform the Membership of his current initiatives in the

design and provision of a “Club Business Card” along with research into other merchandise ideas currently being explored.

8. 2025 D Day Landings 5 Day Club Tour (£789)

As the evening’s competition was in recognition of the 80th D Day landings, the President invited the Membership to consider and express their interest as to the possibility of the Club organising a 5 day coach trip to France in 2025 to visit the Normandy D Day Beaches. To obtain an indication as to whether or not there was genuine interest towards the proposal the President emphasised that the cost of such a trip would likely be in the region of £780 per person (plus spending money). The President stated that whilst there was no minimum limit on numbers required for the event to be arranged, he felt that 6 or more members would be desirable for the social aspect of the outing to be beneficial. During the evenings socialising (in addition to the President) 2 members expressed a potential interest in supporting the idea making it worthy of further consideration.

9. Any Other Business

There was no Other Business

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President

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