



Minutes of Meeting November 2025

1. Scale Model World Show Report – Steve Bailey

Steve Bailey addressed the members regarding our recent attendance at Scale Model World at Telford. The first point raised was that the Club had had some success in the competition held at the show, which is one of the most important competitions in the scale modelling community. Steve Peglitsis won both a gold medal in Class 57 Mounted Figures and a bronze medal in Class 59 Vingettes, James Cater won gold medal in Class 69 Sci-Fi & Fantasy, and Callum Andrews took gold in Class 1 Aircraft 1/144 and Smaller.

As for the show itself, everybody had a great weekend. A large number of members attended the show and assisted on the stand, and the Club's display was very impressive and attracted a lot of attention at the show. Members attending also had two very enjoyable meals out in the evenings, bringing an additional social aspect to the weekend.

2. 2026 Show Questionnaire – Steve Bailey

Steve Bailey thanked all the members who have filled out the questionnaire so far, as this will allow us to decide which shows we will be attending for 2026. For anyone who has yet to complete a questionnaire, please do so ASAP.



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3. Standing Order Option for Subs – Steve Bailey

Steve Bailey spoke to members about the new option to pay their monthly subs via standing order, for the benefit of those members who were not in attendance when it was announced last month. Up to now we have operated mainly on cash payments, but banking regulation changes mean that the Club now must have a business account, which charges £5 per £100 (or part thereof) deposited as cash into the Club account. We have therefore decided that offering the option of paying by standing order is worthwhile as a cost-savings measure. As an incentive, any member signing up to payment via standing order will only have to pay £4 per month subs. This allows for a member to miss two meetings a year and still be better off than if they had paid cash.

Standing order forms are now available with the details for the Club account, and where possible, we would appreciate the standing orders to go through on the 1st of the month. Paying by standing order is of course optional, we will still accept payment of £5 per meeting in cash for anyone still wishing to do so. For anyone wishing to pay their subs by card on the night, this will now unfortunately incur an additional charge of £1 to cover the fees charged by the provider of the card payment facility.

4. Themed Competition Nights – Steve Bailey

Steve Bailey spoke to members about our themed competitions. Steve keeps a list of suggestions received and welcomes suggestions. Please speak to Steve if you have a suggestion to make. He also updated the members that the upcoming themes are:

- December – Red Theme. All models must be at least 50% red to be eligible.
- February – Beer Mat Challenge. As previously, models must fit entirely within the footprint of a “beer mat” (4 inches/100mm square) but can be any theme. As a challenge, this will run alongside the standard competition for the evening.
- April – Sand, Desert, Snow & Ice. All models must be related in some way to sand, deserts, snow, or Ice.



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5. Presentations – Steve Bailey

Steve Bailey thanked Ken O'Brien for his excellent presentation this evening, and updated the members on forthcoming presentations:

- January – Scratch building Spacecraft, Terry Regan (guest speaker from the Chelmsford club)
- February – "On the Busses", Lloyd Ramsey
- March – Hard Hat Diving, Tony Cater

6. Club Discount at John Dutfield Models – Steve Bailey

Steve Bailey informed the members that thanks to Steve Ramsey members can now get a discount of 10% on all purchases on production of their membership card. John Dutfield Models is located in Chelmsford.

7. Club Merchandise – Tony Cater

Tony Cater updated the members regarding our new supplier for Club merchandise. As well as continuing with the current range mostly at lower prices than previously, we now have beany hats available in black with yellow stitching for £9. As announced last month, we now have a range of t-shirts available in white, yellow, or blue, with the Club logo on the front, with a selection of slogans or a larger version of the Club logo that can be added to the rear for no extra charge. These are priced at £10 for sizes S to 2XL, and 3xXL to 5XL at £12 each

Anyone wishing to purchase merchandise, please speak to Tony.

Steve Bailey added that as members may have noticed, he was wearing a formal shirt with the Club logo on, which is a prototype. We can add this to the range if people are interested, and are always happy to receive suggestions for additional product lines.



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8. Christmas Social – Steve Bailey

Steve Bailey reminded the members that, as agreed at the previous meeting, partners would be welcome to attend the December meeting if they wished and would be free to enjoy the buffet.

9. Any Other Business

None.

James Cater

Club Secretary and Membership Secretary

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