

British Federation of Pedal Car Racing

AGM Agenda

31st October 2010

Venue: Coffee Revolution (Sheffield University Union of Students branch)

1	Attendees and Apologies	
2	Minutes of 2009 AGM - Matters arising	
3	Chairman's report on 2010	Simon Gare
4	Treasurer's report on 2010	Mark Williams
5	Proposals for 2011 (detailed on following sheets) 5.1 Proposal for a 2-driver class 5.2 Proposal to change rule 4.1.a 5.3 Proposal to change the PC2 class age limit 5.4 Proposal to create a scout/guide event/class within the 24 hour race event 5.5 Proposal to change rule 13c 5.6 Proposal to exclude the 24 hour race from the PC0 championship	
6	Nominations for and election to the 2011 Committee	
7	Presentation of 2011 calendar - BPCC events - Other domestic events - European Championships	
8	Any Other Business	
9	Date of 2011 AGM	

Immediately after the AGM, the newly-elected committee will meet for its first committee meeting, in the same venue.

AGM Proposals for 2011

5.1. Proposal for a racing class comprising 2 drivers per team.

From Alan Goodman (Goodmaniacs, BFPCR Vice-Chairman):

"This is to accommodate those that have trouble getting 4 drivers to commit to a season of racing but prefer not to race solo.

"I think entries in this class would be likely from at least ourselves (Goodmaniacs) and Revolution next year if approved."

5.2. Proposal to change rule 4.1.a

From Phil Griffiths-Owens (Lap counting):

From:

"4.1. Race Protocol

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a) All cars must conform to the pedal car specifications defined in the BPCS and have submitted to the Race Official(s) a correctly filled in Team Sheet."

Reasons:

Twofold: One to ensure that the BPCS insurance is not invalidated and second to assist Race Official(s) in the smooth running of the race(s).

(Editor's note: Phil's had a number of issues this year with not having a team sheet - and thus a tag number - for every car at the start of some races. This means we start with a number of "unknown car with tag XXX" on the lap counting which Phil has to then figure out and correct in the opening laps, when he really needs to be concentrating on other stuff, i.e. making sure every car is being counted)

5.3. Proposal to change the PC2 class age limit

From Gary Hollingsworth (105th Manchester Scouts)

"A question for the AGM is what is the key factor in PC 2 being under 16 years, as once they are above the age on the given date they are deemed as PC1. There is a massive step up in ability between a 16 year old who has not fully developed to someone over 18 years who should have stopped growing by then.

"As there are more Scout/ Explorer teams taking part would it not be an option to categorise as follows, PC2 14-18 years as they are in Explorers, PC3 under 14 as they are already.

"Just pondering on this would bring the PC2 class closer in the races and as they are under 18 years old they are still covered under the child protection act.

“Just a suggestion as being new to the racing over the last 3-4 years I did not know what and how the PC Classes had been decided.”

5.4. Proposal to create a scout/guide event/class within the 24-hour race event

From Steven Popple (Dringhouses PC Scout Group)

“Hi,

“I am a Scout leader from Dringhouses PC Scout Group, I entered 2 teams of scouts and explorer scouts and we all thoroughly enjoyed the Shenington event this year.

“As the information is sent out to scouts and we are actively encouraged to join in would it be possible to create a Scouting/Guide event within the structure of this event?

“Having been and seen the event I think that the scout, and probably guide, teams would benefit from being incorporated in the main event and also being able to compete against each other within that event, so that they can compare their performance against their peers rather than the very fast and dedicated regular racers.

“I know that the scout / explorer scout age ranges don't fall in with your usual age ranges, but I think that scouts are less interested in where they came in the overall race, and more interested in where they came in relation to their peers, I think that they are very well aware that they are unlikely to pose any real opposition to the fastest of your racers, and therefore less interested in where they came in relation to them.”

5.5. Proposal to remove the requirement for front lights to be "purpose built bicycle lights" from rule 13c.

From Antony Hawkins (Apollo Racing; BFPCR Secretary)

Reasons:

Technology (and possibly just as much, marketing) has out-evolved our wording, rendering it obsolete and meaningless. LED torches and LED bike lights use identical technology and often design also; frequently the only difference between a "torch" and a "bike light" is a cheap plastic or rubber clip that allows you to mount the light to bicycle handlebars. This can be (a) made by a third party company, (b) not integral to the light unit itself, and (c) entirely useless for mounting lights to pedal cars.

5.6. Proposal that the 24 hour race is excluded from the PC0 championship for 2011. (i.e: PC0 is decided over rounds 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, and 7).

From Jeremy Featherstone (Apollo Racing, Shenington Race Organiser)

Reasons:

- A. Shenington was fully subscribed last year so it would have been a shame if a single driver denied a place to a team of drivers. (In fact, last year Nigel Kirk graciously agreed not to enter - and to loan his car to a team - for this very reason).

- B. If teams are struggling for drivers, it would seem a shame if available drivers were racing solo with no opposition.
- C. Given the imposed 6 hour break, calling it a 24 hour race is meaningless for adults in this class when 24 hour cycle races and running races are just that. But conversely, you cannot have a situation where a younger driver was expected to race solo for 24 hours obtain, say, 2nd in PC0 class.
- D. If people still want to race solo, of course, there is nothing stopping them. There will just be no championship points on offer.