



BRITISH FEDERATION OF PEDAL CAR RACING

MINUTES

Of the **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** of the
British Federation of Pedal Car Racing
held on Sunday 15th November 2015 at 11am
at the Coventry Motor Museum

1. Attendance and Apologies for absence

The record of those attending and presenting their apologies for absence is recorded as follows:

Attending were	Apologies received from
Alan Goodman Chair	Darren Carter
Robert Robinson Secretary Cromwell Racing	Barry Dyer
Mark Williams Treasurer	Hannah Dyer
Jes Featherstone Swabbelli Racing	Gareth Lloyd
Chris Featherstone Apollo Racing	Jacob Spencer
Phil Owens	Neil Carter
Gary Hollingsworth Team 105 Manchester	Graham Barton
Ian McWilliam Team Titanic	
Jean McWilliam Team Titanic	
Graeme Myers	
Kieran Pratt	
James Bentham	
Jonny Bentham	
Eule Dickinson	
Dominic Mahon	
David Ralphs Falcon Racing	
Kevin Heydon	

There were 21 full paying teams registered for 2015 requiring at least 5 teams to be represented at the AGM. There were 6 teams present.

2. Minutes of last year's Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the 2014 Annual General Meeting were approved as a correct record.

3. Actions taken since last year's Annual General Meeting

The Secretary reported that all of the actions recorded in the AGM Minutes 2014 have been carried out.

4. Chairman's Report for the 2015 season

The Chair Alan Goodman gave his annual report. It had been a good year of racing with no issues of any note during the year.

5. Financial Report

5.1 Annual Accounts

The Meeting accepted and approved the financial report and accounts.

5.2 Independent examiner

The Meeting agreed that only if necessary would there be an appointment of an independent examiner and if so needed that the accountants for Welshpool Town Council be used via the Secretary. The meeting did not see a need for an independent examiner for the accounts.

5.3 Recommendations from the Treasurer

To Meeting considered recommendations from the treasurer as follows:

(ii) BFPCR Membership Fees for 2016

The Meeting approved an annual membership fee of £30 for the ensuing year. The basis for the increase was to ensure that current policy of the fees covering at least the insurance cost each year was met.

(ii) Race entry fees for 2016

The Meeting approved NO increase in the race fees for the 2016 season.

The race fees for each event in 2016 will be:

Round 1	6 hours	£15
Round 2	9 hours	£15
Round 3	24 hours	£45
Round 4	6 hours	£15
Round 5	6 hours	£15
Round 6	5 hours	£15
Round 7	7 hours	£15

The multi discount policy will apply in the 2016 season with one car entry being free for each 4 cars entered on a race by race basis.

(iii) Asset list for 2016

To Meeting agreed the asset register of the Federation as follows:

- Mats and counting loops
- Counting cables
- Counting unit
- Flags
- Bells
- Web domain
- Megaphone
- 2 Batteries
- White cones

The meeting was made aware that there was no laptop owned by the BFPCR. Robert Robinson is to try and source one from his stock at no cost. Dave Ralphs to let Robert Robinson know the spec needed.

6. Communications

To Meeting consider a report from Chris Featherstone who is seeking to step down from this role.

No person came forward to take on this role so the matter was referred to the Committee for resolution.

7. Constitutional matters

There were no constitutional matters considered at the Annual Meeting.

8. Elections:

The Meeting elected the following to serve on the Committee for the ensuing year:

Alan Goodman	Jacob Spencer	Robert Robinson
Mark Williams	Dave Ralphs	Gareth Lloyd
Jeremy Featherstone	Chris Featherstone	Mark Hollingsworth
Graham Barton		

Race organisers and the scrutiniser also may attend Committee Meetings.

9. Handbook

To consider any changes to the handbook published in 2015 as follows:

The Proposal to consider the banning of all calliper brakes (old style) from the 2017 season was **REJECTED** by the Meeting.

10. Members agenda items

The Meeting considered the following changes as proposed by various members for the ensuing season:

(i) PC0 and PCD Stickers

The Stickers for identification on cars shall be as follows for the ensuing year:

PC0	Z
PCD	D
PCF	F
Rookie	X

(ii) PC0 Clarification

The Meeting confirmed for the record clarification of PC0 drivers as follows: 'Entries in PC0 relate to the driver and not the car'.

(iii) Funding

The Meeting considered if we could use crowd funding to introduce newbies to our races? £1 from each driver registered would equal enough money to fund the winners of say the Ringwood / New Milton Race to enter Blackbushe. The Meeting **REJECTED** this idea.

(iv) Tag positions on cars

The Meeting considered issues with tags not recording due to their position on cars. Dave Ralphs is to prepare a diagram for teams to use when fixing their tags.

(v) Youth Council

The Meeting considered a "Youth Council" to put ideas forward for the younger competitors of the BPCC

The Meeting **AGREED** that a book for ideas should be purchased to be passed along the teams when in the pits at races. All can then make comment including youngsters.

The Meeting **AGREED** that a meeting of the youth could take place to gain ideas if someone was willing to come forward to do this.

(vi) Joker Laps

The Meeting considered the idea of a "Joker lap" at some of the circuits to spice things up. It is used in Rally cross races to great effect to mix things up. Would work at only some of the circuits, you basically have a longer section of the circuit (normally a corner) that has to be used just once in the race by each car, when the driver wants...there are probably lots of logistics that need to be thought about but it could be fun with the short sprint races.

The Meeting **REJECTED** this proposal.

vii) Trikes Invitation

The Meeting considered after seeing the BHPC race after Curborough, the Swebbelli car had a great race with one of the trikes...very evenly matched. I still think it would be good to have a one off invitation race that would include some trikes or three wheelers.

The Meeting **REJECTED** this proposal.

viii) Sponsorship

The Meeting considered if the BPCC sponsor an entry or two into the Ringwood Grand Prix for 2016 and if the BPCC sponsor an entry or two into the St Etienne 24 hour race for 2016

The Meeting **REJECTED** this proposal for the time being as the BFPCR has no sponsor at this time.

ix) Markers

The Meeting considered the proposal to purchase marker lamps for marking pit entry/exit and timing mat for night races as mentioned at Curborough.

The Meeting **AGREED** to proceed with the purchase of such lighting.

x) Cancellation of races and return of fees

The Meeting considered the position with regard to our rules/constitution referring to a policy to cover refunds etc should we have to cancel a race?

The Meeting **AGREED** that where the race is cancelled because of matters within its control that a refund shall take place in full.

11. Race Programme for 2016

The Meeting received a draft programme for the race calendar for the 2016 season as below and this was **AGREED**

Sunday, March 20th

Shrewsbury Sprints (3 * 2 hour)

Organiser – Admin Chris Featherstone – On the day Robert Robinson

Controller team – Robert Robinson and Phil Owens

Saturday, 23rd April

Bruntingthorpe 6 hour

Organiser – Mark Williams

Controller team – Mark Williams and Phil Owens.

Saturday 25th June

Sunday 26th June - Shenington 24 hour

Organiser – Jes Featherstone

Controller team – Mark Williams, Robert Robinson, Phil Owens.

Sunday, July 24th

Solihull Sprints (3hr + 2hr + 1hr)

Organiser – Dave Ralphs

Controller team – Robert Robinson and Phil Owens.

Saturday, September 3rd

Blackbushe Sprints (4 * 45min + 3 hour)

Organisers – Dave Ralphs

Controller team – Dave Ralphs with Phil Owens.

Sunday, September 4th

Blackbushe 100

Organisers – Dave Ralphs

Controller team – Dave Ralphs with Phil Owens.

Saturday, 24th September

Curborough 7 hour (day / night)

Organiser – Jes Featherstone

Controller team – Mark Williams, Robert Robinson and Phil Owens

End of year trophies – Robert Robinson

12. Any other business

There was no other business.

13. Date of the 2016 Annual General Meeting

To Meeting confirmed the date for the Annual General Meeting as 20thh November 2016. Venue to be decided.