

# BRITISH FEDERATION OF PEDAL CAR RACING



## BRITISH PEDAL CAR CHAMPIONSHIP

### Minutes for BFPCR Annual General Meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> October 2003.

**TEAM REPRESENTATIVES:** Neil Carter (Barlestone), Jeremy Featherstone (GCR), Coleen James (Swebbelli), Adam Steadaman (Jupiter), Geoff Brown (Yello Velo), Tom Murphy (South Berks), Bob Budge (PTO).

**OFFICERS:** Dave Relton (Chair), Antony Hawkins (Treasurer), Chris Featherstone (Secretary).

**APPOLOGIES:** Bob Robinson (South Berks), Bill Gratrix, Jim Robinson, Roland Jones (Swansea), Gavin (BSE Racing), Simon Gare.

1. Due to the uncertainty over the time of the last AGM and the unofficial nature of such a meeting. No minutes were read from 2002.

2. Chairman's Report:

A full copy of this will be posted on the website and published in due course. Dave thanked especially race organisers, all participants and the committee for help in making 2003 the best year so far for the Championship.

3. Treasurer's Report:

The BFPCR is in a relatively healthy state with the end of year balance expected to be around £600 (details also to be published elsewhere). This is a useful sum to maintain security in the year to come and assist in the financing of the special "European" weekend. Insurance has been paid for 2004 (£525) which was matched by this year's "profits".

The AGM unanimously accepted and approved the financial report.

4. Changes to the Constitution.

Neil Carter outlined the reasons and details for the changes to the constitution. Gratitude was expressed to Bob Robinson for putting the first constitution together quickly to allow us to obtain insurance for 2003. Changes mainly focussed on the details of protocol for any EGM, the committee membership, rights of BPCC membership and executive positions.

The AGM agreed to introduce an "Associate Member" status for anyone wanting to support the sport and receive information but who is outside a team. Associate members will have no AGM voting rights and must become full members in order to race and be covered by our insurance.

This was proposed by Jeremy Featherstone, seconded by Geoff Brown.

It was also clarified that some executive positions (such as Race Controller and Scrutineer) do not have to be committee members to carry out these tasks.

The changes to the constitution were summarised again by Neil Carter. It was proposed (Adrian Toms) that all changes be adopted including that concerning Associate Member status (seconded by Bob Budge).

The AGM voted unanimously to adopt the changes. The new constitution will be posted on the internet as soon as possible.

5. Nominations to the 2004 Committee.

Race Organisers with automatic committee status:

Bob Robinson (South Berks), Neil Carter (Leicester), Jim Robinson/Bill Gratrix (Margam), Antony Hawkins (Preston), Jeremy Featherstone (Curborough).

Further Nominations (upto seven permitted);

Tom Murphy (South Berks), Adrian Toms (TOG), Bob Budge (PTO), Dave Relton (Yello Velo), Chris Featherstone (GCR), Simon Gare (unaffiliated).

As this was one less than the permitted number it was proposed (Neil Carter) that the entire committee should be voted in "en mass" (seconded by Jeremy Featherstone).

The AGM voted unanimously to vote in the new committee for 2004.

6. Due to the change allowing only members over 18 yrs and over to join the committee it was proposed to set up a junior discussion group probably to take place at the weekend events in 2004 to ensure the committee get feedback from the younger races.

The AGM agreed that:

"Junior representation should occur through facilitated meetings to take place at events during the year. This will be run by the junior members with one representative from the committee in attendance to moderate, answer any technical questions and feedback comments to the committee."

Simon Partridge will facilitate the first of these meetings.

Proposed: Tom Murphy. Seconded: Adrian Toms.

The AGM voted unanimously to adopt this idea, stressing the desire to encourage junior involvement at all levels of the sport.

7. Following the successful trip to France in August, it was felt necessary to have a clear standpoint on future European Integration.

"The BPFRCR would be keen to be represented by and have representatives in an overall European Group (the European Federation of Pedal Cars) on the understanding that the BFPCR retains full control of any races run as part of the British Pedal Car Championship and the BPCC as a whole."

Proposed: Tom Murphy. Seconded: Neil Carter.

The AGM voted unanimously to adopt this standpoint.

Dave Relton thanked everyone from attending and the meeting was concluded.