



BRITISH FEDERATION OF PEDAL CAR RACING  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2017

MINUTES

19<sup>TH</sup> November 2017

National Museum of Computing  
Bletchley Park

- 1 Attendees

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| Steph Mills        | Royce     |
| Alan Crane         | Royce Too |
| Rose Ralphs        |           |
| Dave Ralphs        |           |
| Alan Goodman       | Apollo    |
| Mark Williams      |           |
| James Hamilton     | Swebbelli |
| Ben Taylor         | Swebbelli |
| Chris Featherstone | Apollo    |
| Gary Hollingsworth | Team 105  |
| Zack Kennedy       | Team 105  |
| Joe Powell (snr)   | Team 105  |
| Joe Powell         | Team 105  |
| Thomas Scarsbrook  |           |
| Jes Featherstone   | Apollo    |
  
- 2 Apologies

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| Gary Richards | Scrutineers |
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- 3 Minutes of last year's AGM were recorded as correct.  
Proposed by Mark Williams, Seconded by Gary Hollingsworth.  
No actions to be taken.
  
- 4 Chairman's Report.

Alan started by thanking everyone for their time and effort in making it a successful season again. Particularly those who gave up the extra time at the start and end of each race to set up and clear away race equipment. Thomas was also thanked for taking on the timing at all races.

Alan brought up the subject of youth and it was agreed that more should be done to encourage the younger team members and that their voice should be heard.

5 Financial report.

Mark handed around the provisional accounts for the past year.

It shows a profit of £808.09 for the year, this included sponsorship of £600, making a bank balance of £2,539.28.

It was agreed that the joining of Federation and Race Fee was a success and to be carried on in 2018.

Proposed by Mark Williams, Seconded by Jes Featherstone

Buy 3 get 1 free – this was discussed at length, it was felt that even though it can be an issue for online bookings, it would be difficult to abolish it as it would have an impact on some teams that use it and would then not be able to fund the entry for 4 or more cars. Those who use it will pay by cheque for ease of administration.

6 Elections of Committee.

The following were elected unopposed to the 2018 committee of the British Federation of Pedal Car Racing.

Alan Goodman, Mark Williams, Jes Featherstone, Gary Hollingsworth, Dave Ralphs, Chris Featherstone, Gary Richards & Alan Crane.

Ben Taylor to be appointed as Youth Representative

7 Handbook & Rules Amendments.

Proposed by David Ralphs

1. Rule 16.2.b, d. - to read At an event requiring lights, defective front and rear lights.

2. To scrap the different colour numbers, all to be white on a black background. On each car to be place a 20cm x 2cm strip of the relevant class colour under the number.
3. Is there any reason we ask for D.O.B. It was discussed and agreed that all racers under the age of 18 must have D.O.B. on form, this is to for safeguarding reasons. Forms to be kept until the end of the season and then destroyed.
4. Can we make the duration of each race more explicit? It was agreed that this is down to the race organiser to ensure they pass any details and updates to the teams at each race.
5. Marshalling – It was agreed that along with PC0, PCD do not have to provide marshals. Each entry should provide a marshal, if a team has entered more than 1 car and put the same name for each car, they will be expected to undertake a marshalling spot for each car.
6. Gary Hollingsworth asked for age ranges to be moved in line with the age groups of Scouts (10 – 14) and Explorers (14 – 18). There was much discussion about all the classes. It was felt that to move PC2 to 14 – 18 would not be beneficial to the 14/15 year olds, as they would then compete against the 16/17 year olds are generally more competitive. The motion to change age groups in classes was defeated. It was also decided to re-visit the subject of PC4 before the next AGM as to whether it is required.
7. Jes Featherstone proposed that teams can only be awarded the status of British Champions if they scored points in a minimum of 2 events.  
Carried unanimously.
8. Rob Fulford (not present) asked that we should explore the possibility of e-participation in the AGM. It was agreed that this would not be

feasible. It was agreed that there is better discussion with face to face meetings and e-participation would not be beneficial.

8 Race Programme 2018

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| Wombwell       | Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> March                                |
| Bruntingthorpe | Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> April                              |
| Shenington     | Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> June – Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> July |
| Blackbushe     | Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> September                           |
| Blackbushe 100 | Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September                             |
| Curborough     | Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> October                             |

9 AOB

Thomas Scarsbrook

Asked whose responsibility is it to ensure any laps dropped are adjusted onto the system. It was stated that it is the Managers responsibility to notify RC. There was then some discussion on why laps are dropped. It was reported that when cars switched on their lights, it interfered with software. The position of transponder on each car to be investigated and checked at scrutineering, including with lights switched on. It was also discussed if we should retire any transponders over a certain age. It was agreed that as some are still working well, they should be testing at scrutineering as the control box emits a long beep if the battery is low.

Thomas reported at in Race Control there always has to be 2 people, one of which is trained in the use of the computer system. He asked if we could purchase a DashCam to be place on the start line to record the cars and can then be replayed to catch any cars going over during any period that the system going down. It was reported that it would cost approximately £50. It was agreed.

Traffic Control Lights – at the moment the system required up to 6 resets to return the lights from red to green. Thomas would like to work on a single point control, this would mean only 1 press of a button to change status of lights. It was proposed by Alan Goodman and Seconded by Dave Ralphs that Thomas could look at and purchase where necessary being given a

budget of £350, carried unanimously. Jes Featherstone praised both Dave Ralphs and Thomas for the work they have done with the lights.

Thomas reported that the lap counting system is out of date, and would like to work on re-writing the programme. It would still be on free software and uploaded to the website. The benefits would be:-

- Detection if car is input, off track etc.
- Clear estimation of last lap
- At end identifies lead car, then only counts 1 more lap for all others
- Can be tied into lighting control
- Calculates winners in each class
- Adds buffer in lap counter box.

It was agreed with testing to be carried out during the 1<sup>st</sup> half of the season.

Steff Mills asked if there could be some regulations on the brightness of rear lights as some are so bright that they ruin night vision. It was agreed that at scrutineering rear lights position to be checked including angle of beam.

10 The Championship trophies were then presented to those present.

PC0 Steff Mills

PCD Royce (9)

PCF Royce (9)

PC3 Team 105

PC2 1<sup>st</sup> Swebelli 2<sup>nd</sup> Swebelli

PC1 1<sup>st</sup> Apollo 1<sup>st</sup> Apollo

A new trophy for Team points, donated by Dave & Rose Ralphs was presented to Apollo.

Alan thanked Alastair Brown for providing all the lights for Shenington and Curborough.

Meeting closed at 1.00pm