

**BRITISH FEDERATION OF PEDAL CAR RACING**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> JANUARY 2006**  
**MINUTES**

Meeting opened 11.05am

Present: Neil Carter (Vice Chairman)  
Jes Featherstone (Secretary)  
Antony Hawkins (Treasurer)  
Rachael Carter (Publicity)  
Simon Gare (Race Controller)  
Chris Featherstone  
Mark Williams

1: Apologies Received:

Bill Gratrix, Roland Jones, Gary Richards

2: Minutes of last meeting

Minutes were accepted as a true record of the previous meeting.

Proposed: NC; Seconded: AH. Unopposed

3: Matters Arising

3.1:

After consultation with Bill Gratrix, it was agreed that the same scale of charges and discounts for all other races would also apply to the Welsh 24 hour.

So, for this race, the fees will be:

Standard Entry: £25 per car with a 30% discount for teams of 4 or more cars.

Solo Entries: £12.50 per car

Late Entries: £30

On the day Entries: £40

(All 1-day races are half these costs)

3.2:

The changes in wording of the rules regarding lights and brake mountings will be decided on the committee forum and posted to team managers as soon as possible.

4: Election of committee members

Bob Robinson was duly elected onto the committee.

Proposed: CF; Seconded: SG. Unopposed

5: Status of all events

5.1: Castle Combe:

(9/4/2006)

Confirmed as a 100 mile / 6 hour race.

OK. Everything is in hand.

We are awaiting an invoice from the venue.

So far, the BHPC are still using the "main" circuit on the same day and we are sharing the costs.

Comments made on the pit lane have been taken on board and this will be put right for this years race.

5.2: Shenington:

(7/5/2006)

Confirmed as a 6 hour race.

OK. Everything is in hand.

6 members of the committee visited the venue 21/1/06 and the facilities are ideal for pedal car racing.

The circuit is likely to utilise the "return loop" and be around 600m long.

Mark Williams agreed to be race organiser.

5.3: Welsh '24 hour:

(24/6/2006 – 25/6/2006)

No problems reported.

5.4: Preston:

(22/7/2006 – 23/7/2006)

No problems reported.

5.5: Blackbushe:

(2/9/2006 – 3/9/2006)

No problems reported.

- 5.6: Curborough: (23/9/2006)  
Confirmed as a 1 hour + 2 hour + 3 hour event.  
Event will start early afternoon and run into darkness, with the racing finishing at 8pm.  
Teams will then be able to camp overnight and have barbeques etc.  
The circuit will be lit at either end of the pit lane with spot lights and around the rest of the track using glow sticks and solar powered lamps.  
It will be made clear to teams that car lighting rules are exactly as for the Welsh '24 and that they will have to provide their own lighting for their pit tents (also exactly as for the Welsh '24).
- 5.7: Ringwood MW reminded everyone that the Ringwood race falls the week before Preston so there is no clash this year.
- 5.8: BAE Charity Race No date has been advised so far but they know our calendar so it is hoped there will be no clash.

### 6: Status of lap counting

E-M exclusion zone around loop will be taped at around 1.5m all round.  
The system will be tested at a pre-season test at Curborough.  
The front end display has been updated to make it easier to read.  
Some detail and cabling changes will allow teams to view the scores without the need to go near the loop itself.

### 7: Status of first aid cover

Callum Orzechowski has agreed to provide cover at all races except the Welsh '24 where St. Johns will be required.  
He has agreed to a small contribution towards consumables from his 1<sup>st</sup> aid kit.  
An accident book complying to all the relevant standards has been purchased for recording all incidents requiring treatment. This book will be handed to any outside 1<sup>st</sup> aiders at races including the St. John Ambulance at the Welsh '24.

### 8: Status of insurance cover

This has been paid and the cheque has been banked.  
There was no increase in premium from 2005 (£577.50).

### 9: Proposal to ban all musical devices (walkmans, MP3 players etc) from pedal cars during races

Proposed: RC; Seconded: JF. Unopposed.  
Rules will be changed to reflect this and to make it clear that this applies whether there are 1 or 2 ear pieces fitted.

### 10: European Championships

The European Championships will not take place as planned in St. Etienne de Chigny this year.  
This is due to various organisational issues in St. Etienne which have led to the resignation of Yvon le Marie who has been the driving force behind the French side of this event.  
A letter is to be sent to Yvon to thank him for all his efforts over the last 3 years which have led to the successful events which have been staged in France, England and Italy.  
The decision was taken not to pursue the European Championships in 2006 but to attempt to further contacts, through the internet and other means, with a view to reviving the championships at a later date.  
There will be an invitation sent to Karbyk and the other teams in Europe to join us at the Blackbushe weekend at the start of September.

### 11: Any Other Business

11.1: Race entries are to be centralised for all races except the Welsh '24.  
All race entries will have the address of the P.O. box on them rather than individuals.  
Antony Hawkins will co-ordinate this as he already sees all the on line entries.  
Race organisers will still be responsible for sending out all the pre-race literature,  
It should be noted that the "on the day" race organiser does not necessarily have to be the same person as the BFPCR's contact with the venue.

11.2: Laminated signs are to be produced to advise of the "no - go" area around the lap counting equipment.  
NC to advise. JF to produce the signs.

11.3: The BFPCR's stock of traffic cones are in a very sorry state and currently stored outside at Unusual Rigging.  
None of the circuits currently in use needs these cones.  
Given their condition, it was decided to dispose of the bulk of these, keeping about 10 of the best ones only.  
JF to action.

### 12: Date of Next Meeting

Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2006 at Waddecar scout camp site.  
Purpose of the meeting will be to set out the 2007 calendar.

Meeting closed 12.20pm