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	Steph Mills
Jean McWilliam Team Titanic	
Graeme Myers	
Kieran Pratt	
James Bentham	
Jonny Bentham	
Evie Dickinson	
Dominic Mahon	
David Ralphs Falcon Notray Racing	
Kevin Heydon Falcon Notray Racing	

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

Another great season of pedal car racing, with some very close racing all year at the top and throughout the field, all conducted in a very friendly atmosphere. Congratulations to Wing on their first overall championship win.

At Wombwell we had a very unusual situation where strong winds and heavy rain left most teams with no shelter and so the committee took the decision to cut the event short. I stand by that decision – It was absolutely the right thing to do in the circumstances, but I hope it never happens again!

One of the highlights (as always) was Shenington. A great event with some incredibly close racing all the way to the end.

Thank you very much to all of the race organisers, race controllers, helpers, first aiders, scrutineers, and those that have worked hard to produce a back-up timing system and those that have operated it for us at races. Nothing happens without all of these people doing their stuff.

It's been noticeable again that mostly the same people have been turning up to do all the setting up at events and those same people are often the last to leave as well… I'm sure offers of help with that from others would be most welcome.

As we'll hear later in the meeting we need to find a volunteer to take on the promotion of our sport for next year… I'd like to than Chris for all the work he has done with this and also Marc for producing the handbook last 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 form 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.

It was also **AGREED** that license fees shall cease, they will continue to be registered either via the Web Site or if not possible via the team sheets.

(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. Phil Owens 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.

It was noted that little progress on publicity and no one has been appointed to do this full time and that Chris Featherstone is 'helping' with the handbook but the communications role is still vacant.

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	Gary 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 ensuring season:

(i) PC0 and PCD Stickers

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

PC0	**Z**	**Black on white background**
PCD	**D**	**Black on white background**
PCF	**F**	**Black on white background**
Rookie	**X**	**Black on yellow background**

(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 and Mark Williams are 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)

Saturday, 23rd April
Bruntingthorpe 6 hour

Saturday 25th June
Sunday 26th June - Shenington 24 hour

Sunday, July 24th
Solihull Sprints (3hr + 2hr + 1hr)

Saturday, September 3rd
Blackbushe Sprints (4 * 45min + 3 hour)

Sunday, September 4th
Blackbushe 100

Saturday, 24th September
Curborough 7 hour (day / night)

The meeting recorded its thanks to Darren Carter for organising the races at Solihul.

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.