

# BRITISH FEDERATION OF PEDAL CAR RACING



## BRITISH PEDAL CAR CHAMPIONSHIP

### Minutes for BFPCR Annual General Meeting of 17<sup>th</sup> October 2004.

**TEAM REPRESENTATIVES:** Rachel Carter (Barlestone), Jeremy Featherstone (Swebbelli), Geoff Brown (Yello Velo), Bob Budge (PTO), Rob Cockroft (Random), Liz Hawkins (GCR).

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

**APPOLOGIES:** Bob Robinson (South Berks), Bill Gratrix, Roland Jones (Swansea), Tom Murphy (South Berks), Paul Andrews (Oaktec), Simon Gare, Mike Leach.

1. The 2004 minutes were read. Proposed as correct by Neil Carter, seconded by Antony Hawkins and unanimously accepted.

2. Chairman's Report:

A full copy of this will be posted on the website and published in due course. Dave particularly thanked Gary, Callum and Simon for their help and dedication this year in their non-racing roles, and Neil Carter for organising the European Championships in the face of extreme problems.

3. Treasurer's Report:

The BFPCR is in a relatively healthy state with the end of year balance expected to be around the same as last year, so pretty much a break-even year despite entries being down on 2004 (details also to be published elsewhere). Insurance for 2005 needs to be paid soon, and is expected to increase by around 5%.

The only non-race expenditure was the presents for our European friends.

The AGM unanimously accepted and approved the financial report.

4. Changes to the Constitution

- i) **The BFPCR executive should include the position of Competition Secretary, to give a single point of contact for race organisers wanting advice about running a race, or wanting a list of dos and don'ts for same. The C.S. would also have responsibility for contacting organisers to ensure they had everything necessary in place and to offer assistance if such were needed; and also to have a role in deciding if potential new venues were acceptable, plus any other competition-related duties as deemed beneficial.**

**Proposed by Antony Hawkins.**

This was seconded by Bob Budge and passed unanimously.

- ii) **That a committee meeting during the summer is made mandatory for 2005 for the pure purpose of determining the 2006 calendar.**

**Proposed by Jeremy Featherstone.**

Seconded by Rachel Carter and passed unanimously.

5. Nominations to the 2005 Committee.

The nominations for the 2005 committee were...

Bob Budge (PTO), Antony Hawkins (GCR), Simon Gare (unaffil.), Jeremy Featherstone (GCR), Dave Relton (Yello Velo), Chris Featherstone (GCR), Bill Gratrix (Killay), Roland Jones (Killay), Bob Robinson (Newtown?), Liz Hawkins (GCR).

The AGM voted unanimously to vote in the new committee for 2005.

## 6. Review of Young Drivers Representation

Rachel Carter initiated some feedback from some of the younger drivers at Leicester, at which several of the committee were present. The overall impression was that the younger drivers feel the sport is going on the right lines with a good mix of different races. Activity on the junior website forum is very low. Generally the younger drivers need to be better kept informed of why decisions are taken and what they are.

It was proposed and unanimously agreed that there should be some member of the committee defined as a point of contact for the junior drivers.

## 7. How do we encourage more teams of all types and ages to get into pedal car racing?

Jeremy Featherstone read his publicity officer's report which highlighted such events as "They think it's all over", the participation of Singletrack at Leicester and the Ringwood race and highlights in terms of exposure for the sport.

It was generally agreed that one major problem in getting new teams involved is the daunting prospect of building cars and that there is a need for competitive, reliable spare cars for new teams to borrow.

Dave Relton has a contact from Berg Toys which may provide something of a solution, this will be further investigated. The idea is possibly to get four identical cars which junior teams can race.

Jeremy Featherstone proposed to promote individual races to local teams this year, i.e. Ringwood teams to get to South Beiks etc., rather than the Championship as a whole.

Neil Carter suggested the introduction of regional sub series may help this. Also reducing the size of junior teams may encourage more youth teams not specifically linked to existing clubs to have a go.

Chris Featherstone explained the hope to have a joint BPCC/BHPC event in 2005 and this may get some more adults interested. The fact that pedalcars.info now hosts the BHPC site may help!

Geoff Brown suggested some kind of indication on cars with rookie drivers in the team to alert fast drivers to this when overtaking. This met with great approval from all present.

Antony Hawkins suggested one free race entry for all teams new to the sport or who have not raced for many years.

We already expect more juniors at some races next year including Sketty, Pink Ladies and two new teams from Harrogate.

## 8. Any Other Business.

We have more details on the 2005 Europeans but as yet no news regarding the exact date or whether there will be junior classes. When this is known, all the details we have will be published. Neil Carter expressed the view that if not, it would be better to concentrate on 2006, possibly in Holland, with a view to taking several teams.

However, it seems necessary that someone needs to attend, even if to race a Karbyk, so all volunteers welcome!

## 9. Next AGM date was set for 16<sup>th</sup> October 2005.

Dave Relton thanked all for attending and closed the meeting.