

BRITISH FEDERATION OF PEDAL CAR RACING



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Proposed Changes to Committee Operation and/or constitution.

These were discussed by the committee at the meeting of 30/01/05 having been proposed by Chris Featherstone. Constitutional changes are noted and the revised constitution will be compiled by Bob Robinson and put to the next AGM.

1. Maximum 2 votes per team in any committee meeting.

The idea is to stop any one team appearing to have a veto on any vote or appearing to be too dominant on the committee. Bob Budge (by email) suggested one vote per team would be a better idea.

Bob Robinson stated that if you volunteer to be on the committee, and are voted on by the AGM, you are entitled to a vote in the meeting. Otherwise there is no point to the committee being separate to the AGM. The AGM is there for the team managers to elect the committee and stand for the committee, on the basis that the AGM gives the committee the mandate for organising the championship.

ACTION: The committee unanimously agreed to keep a one-man-one-vote system.

2. For votes to change ruling issues (i.e. Car and formula rules, race rules, divisions, classes, points systems etc.) there must be a minimum of 7 voting members present.

In accordance with No. 1, this makes a rule-making quorum of 7 people. Hopefully this guarantees that important rule decisions are made by a fairly representative body.

In addition, it was agreed that such changes might be aired on the general forum with polls on the ideas. This would be an indication for the committee and **NOT BINDING**. Comments on the proposals should be sent to the secretary.

ACTION: The committee agreed on this in principle—and Bob Robinson will look at whether this is already part of the quorum definitions in the constitution. It is strongly suggested that, as a guideline, committee members should not get involved in forum discussions on such topics.

3. For votes on organisational/admin matters (i.e. Who does what, licenses, cost of stuff, lap counting, medical stuff and insurance) there must be a minimum of 5 voting members present.

The idea being to allow a smaller committee to be able to deal with the organisational matters.

ACTION: Pretty much as with No. 2.

4. If possible, meeting chair should be non-affiliated.

ACTION: Whilst this may not always be possible, it is suggested that the chair should come to the meeting with an open mind on major voting issues.

6. All proposals for changes indicated in No. 2 (rules etc.) should be heard formally at the meeting. Proposer gets uninterrupted timed Max 10 minutes to present the case. Power point will be available where possible.

ACTION: The suggested time is five minutes with the Chair controlling subsequent question and answer and votes etc.

7. Any single committee member can request vote by secret paper ballot at the meeting.

ACTION: It is believed that this is already present in the constitution.

8. Proposals for changes to these type of rules or organisational matters which are submitted for the publication of the agenda must include a small, clear and concise reasoning of three main points: WHY the change is thought to be needed, WHAT it is hoped it will achieve to improve things, and HOW it would be implemented.

ACTION: The committee agreed this.

9. The agenda should be mailed to all team managers 2 weeks prior to meetings. On paper unless specifically requested to be emailed. Also posted in news section of webpage. Following this, the committee should not discuss agenda topics on the forum.

ACTION: Agreed by the committee.

10. There should be a mid-season "away from race" committee meeting as a check on how administrative matters are going and discuss the next year's race program.

ACTION: This was agreed by the committee but may possibly have already been proposed at a previous AGM as a constitutional change.

FURTHER ACTION: Chris Featherstone will put together a contact list for current committee members. All details of these meetings will then be mailed to all the committee.

The current committee is:

Bob Robinson, Jeremy Featherstone, Liz Hawkins, Simon Gare, Antony Hawkins, Chris Featherstone, Bill Gratrix, Roland Jones, Bob Budge, Dave Relton.