

BRITISH FEDERATION OF PEDAL CAR RACING



Minutes for Committee Meeting: 11th February 2007

Present:

Neil Carter, Darren Carter, Mark Williams, Chris Featherstone, Gary Richards, Rachael Carter
Antony Hawkins, Jes Featherstone

1: Apologies:

Roland Jones, Robert Allan

2: Minutes of last Meeting:

Were accepted as a true record. Proposed: AH, Seconded: GR

3: Matters Arising:

1st Aid:

No word as yet on this. NC to chase.

JF to replace 1st aid kit but also to keep existing one so that there are 2 at races (and we are covered if someone forgets to bring one of them!).

Dobson White Partnership Sponsorship:

DWP have not requested a renaming of the championship.

Comment from MW that the DWP logo had replaced the BPCC logo and photos on the home page and could these compliment each other instead. AH to look at this.

4: Insurance:

Public Liability insurance to the value of £5million has been renewed with Zurich.

Premium was £635.25

NC to investigate if we can reduce this for the 2008 season.

5.1: Races:

BPCC Round 1: Shrewsbury 100 mile – Sunday, April 15th:

Due to Castle Combe becoming unavailable the race has moved to Shrewsbury.

This will use the short, clockwise circuit and will be 100 miles / 6 hours (whichever happens first).

BPCC Round 2: Shrewsbury Sprints – Sunday, May 13th:

Format will be 3 hours + 2 hours + 1 hour.

It is intended to use all 3 formats of circuit not used in round 1.

These 2 races have been paid for together with the result that we have been able to get the track at the 2006 rate. If there are no problems with the venue, it is intended to make Shrewsbury the permanent fixture for round 1 of the championship.

BPCC Round 3: Welsh 24 hour – June 23rd – 24th:

No reported problems.

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Scout Car Nationals: July 7th @ Scarborough:

(non – BFPCR event)

This is likely to be the last time this race is held in Scarborough as the car park it runs in is scheduled for redevelopment.

A free entry to the Curborough day / night race has been offered to the winners in all 4 of the scout sections which compete in scout car races (cubs, scouts, explorers and scout network).

Their entries are on the up mainly due to the work put in by Gary Hollingsworth of 105th Manchester scouts.

New Milton Grand Prix: July 15th:

(non – BFPCR event)

We now have contacts for Ringwood / New Milton teams.

The winners of the New Milton race will be offered a free entry to the Blackbushe races in September.

BPCC Rounds 4 & 5: Shenington – July 21st & July 22nd:

No reported problems.

Format to be sprints one day, endurance race the next.

Camping is available at the circuit and will be charged at the rate of £5 per pedal car for the whole weekend (So a 1 car team will pay £5, a 2 car team will pay £10 etc).

It is doubtful that anyone will find a cheaper camp site than this...

BPCC Rounds 6 & 7: Blackbushe - September 1st & September 2nd:

No reported problems.

See European Championships section.

BAE Charity Challenge: Castle Combe - September 16th:

(non – BFPCR event)

Event has been moved to this date.

No details so far but assume event pretty much as for 2006 with an endurance format.

BPCC Round 8: Curborough Sprints – September 22nd:

No reported problems.

Will be a day / night race as for 2006.

Format will be 1 + 2 + 3 hours with the final race finishing at 8pm.

Torquay Race: (No date yet).

(non – BFPCR event)

We now have a contact for this event.

Part of the circuit is grass and a local company has built 12 cars for the event.

IPCS legal cars would probably not meet their specification as only 2 gears are allowed but it looks as if their cars would meet the IPCS.

The winners of the Torquay race will be offered a free entry to the Blackbushe races in September.

5.2: Race Entry Fees:

Will be kept the same as 2006 but with the revised discount system as in the AGM minutes.

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6: European Championships:

Blackbushe Circuit is booked and has been resurfaced.

Runway's End scout campsite has been booked in its entirety for the weekend.

Indoor accommodation will be free for foreign teams and charge at £5 per pedal car for camping for UK teams (same rate as Shenington).

Karbyk Factory Team are committed to the event.

AH to send final details to German teams, Aolos (Italy) and all UK teams including all the non – BFPCR & charity races.

AH to service the UK based Karbyk and make it available.

Bob Budge has offered the loan of at least 1 of the PTO cars if his team do not take part in this event.

Evening meals on Friday and Saturday will be provided free for all foreign teams.

Note:

The use of the kitchen is not available for UK teams as it is being used for catering for our guests. Teams will need to provide their own (out door) cooking arrangements.

7: Lap Counting:

A new mat is required. NC stated this would be obtained when the weather was better because it has to have the cables wired into it outside.

New software is in development which will allow for the scores to be updated manually (rather than the infamous bits of paper stuck to the side of the monitor) and for them to be saved to a memory stick for transfer to another computer should the need arise.

Parts for a new computer have been acquired. This will run for 48 hours from the battery.

CF to purchase 2 12V batteries to run the monitor.

8: Any Other Business:

Online shop: AH stated that 25% of our income is now through Paypal.

Race Entry Forms will be sent out in a Pedal Car News update before the end of the month.

Rule Updates were carried over from the AGM and will be updated on the website and sent out to teams ASAP.

Finishing of races: The proposal from Robert Allan was discussed again. (Being that the race should end the first time the lead car crossed the line after the time had expired not, as now, exactly on the end of the time limit.)

RC stated that this was difficult until the lap counting was easier to read (i.e: if there are additions to make to the scores shown on the screen) and perhaps this could be looked at again when this had been rectified (which will be when the new software comes on line).

In order to make sure the teams know what race – time is, a new clock will be purchased and set up by the finish line to replace the one broken last year.

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9: Date of Next Meeting

The 2007 Annual General Meeting of the British Federation of Pedal Car Racing will take place on Sunday, 28th October 2007 at 11am.

Venue to be decided but most likely 22nd Rugby Scout HQ as before.

Rachael Carter will bring cake.

Meeting closed 12pm.