

BRITISH FEDERATION OF PEDAL CAR RACING



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Minutes for BFPCR Committee Meeting of 12th November 2005.

ATTENDANT: Dave Relton, Rachael Carter, Neil Carter, Gary Richards, Jeremy Featherstone, Chris Featherstone, Antony Hawkins, Simon Gare.

APPOLOGIES: Roland Jones, Bill Gratrix, Mark Williams.

1. Election of Officers:

Nominated for officer positions:

Position	Nominee
Chair	Dave Relton
Vice-chair	Neil Carter
Treasurer	Antony Hawkins
Secretary & Competition Secretary	Jeremy Featherstone
Publicity	Rachael Carter
Race Controller	Simon Gare
Scrutineer	Gary Richards

As there were no votes required the Committee unanimously approved the appointment of these officers for 2006.

Dave thanked all those who had roles in the 2006 season, particularly the outgoing secretary, for his efforts over the last three years.

2. The minutes of the committee meeting of 30th January 2005 were read and approved.

3. Neil Carter filled the committee in on the situation with lap counting:

- The reliability has been generally good but will improve.
- There is now to be a new dedicated laptop (thanks to Antony).
- This means that Neil is going to write new software which will include clearer vision and colours for classes etc.
- The computer and monitors will also be sited further from the loop to help with EM problems.
- Transponder battery life should be fine for the foreseeable future.

The committee agreed that one person will still always be needed as a baby sitter, and this needs to be made clear to teams and organisers. A sheet will be put together to explain what to do in the event of missed laps or counter failure.

The EM exclusion zone will be enforced as discussed at the AGM.

Gary and Simon will continue to check, move and put tags on cars in Scrutineering.

Great Central once again extended their invitation to Neil to test the new system whenever they were testing, particularly at the main pre-season test in February.

3 i: Formal complaints about lap counting.

ACTION: The committee agreed that teams should have a maximum of 3 DAYS to make formal complaints about the lap scores following their publication on the website.

This publication will be in a simplified form in the news section (linked from the front page) and only after this three day period will Antony put together the results for the official standings.

4. [Since the meeting, the new insurance quote has been received and it is £577.50, the same as 2005]. Antony was going to check the liability wording to make sure we are still happy with it.

5. Fees for 2006.

ACTION: As discussed in the AGM:

- i) The standard race fee of £12.50 per car will remain.
- ii) There will be a 30% discount for teams of 4 or more cars.
- iii) There will be a 50% discount for solo entries.
- iv) Late entries will be charged £15.00.
- v) On-the-day entries will be charged £20.00.
- vi) BHPC based teams will not have to pay the BPCF fee.
- vii) These charges apply to all single-day races and not the 24-hour race. These will be discussed with Bill before the next committee meeting to see if they are financially viable.
- viii) Late entries may start at the back of the grid, at the organiser's discretion.
- ix) All entries are non-refundable and this should appear on the entry forms.

6. 2006 Calendar.

i) The following calendar for 2006 was adopted:

Round 1: Sunday April 9th. Castle Combe (100 miles).

Round 2: Sunday May 7th . (6-hours). *

Round 3: Sat/Sun June 24th/25th Margam 24-hour.

Sun July 16th Ringwood Grand Prix (2-hours).

Round 4: Sat July 22nd Preston Sprints.

Round 5: Sun July 23rd Preston 100 miles.

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Sat/Sun August 19th/20th St Etienne (Tours, Fr). TBC

Round 6: Sat September 2nd South Berks Sprints (Blackbushe).

Round 7: Sun September 3rd South Berks 5-hour (Blackbushe).

Round 8: Sat September 23rd Curborough. ^X

* At the time of writing these minutes, Round 2 will not be at Wombwell but hopefully Shennington, an outdoor cart track north of Banbury.

^X It is intended to run Curborough as a 1 + 2 + 3 this year with a much later start and a dusk-finish. The intention is that we get a lot of new teams at Curborough and it will give a taste of night-racing. Also then we

hope to have a BBQ party afterwards along with the annual BPCC prize-giving. Jeremy will talk to team managers about this before it is confirmed.

It is intended to move the pits at Castle Combe to give more room on the main straight. It will be attempted to keep the “complex” but teams must be warned the pits will be on hard-standing and not on grass.

There are also some publicity events which the committee is keen to be involved in, which we will know more about in the new year.

We would also like loads of teams to make the trip to St Etienne and will be plugging this lots. It was reiterated that we need to find out about juniors racing in France.

7. Rules, Scrutineering and Enforcement.

The penalties decided in the July get-together were confirmed unanimously by the committee.

- i) The alteration of the rules regarding brake mountings was agreed.
- ii) The alteration of the rules regarding light mountings and direction was agreed.

ACTION: Gary will put the wording together for the necessary changes to be agreed in January. Also he will put together the tick-list for all managers to have with the team sheet for checking the cars prior to Scrutineering.

The tick-list will include checking for good all-round visibility. Although NO specific rule changes were implemented with regards to this matter.

A ban on walkmans, phones, ipods etc. in the cars was discussed at the AGM with a view to this being another cause of reduction in being able to hear when in the cars. However, this was not resolved in committee and will be carried forward to the January committee meeting.

- iii) With regards to the used of caffeine tablets etc. the committee unanimously agreed to add to the rules:

“The use of substances designed to give the driver a competitive advantage which is, in the opinion of the organisers, outside the spirit of competitive amateur sport is prohibited.”

- iv) As discussed in the AGM, the Race Controller will be getting a note book to record any disciplinary instances, and lap counting issues. It was noted that there also needs to be an accident book.
- v) The committee unanimously agreed to implement the lap-counting exclusion zone as agreed by the AGM.
- vi) Also as discussed the committee emphasised that in many of these matters (stimulants, car suitability etc., it is the duty of care for the adults to look after their junior teams. All junior teams should be supervised by an adult for the duration of all races.

8. Championship Rules.

ACTION: As agreed by the AGM:

- A team will score points in ALL classes if it scores 20% of the overall winners laps.
- This reduced proportionally to the time a team is allowed to race in an event.
- The committee agreed to standardise Sprint event rules and “in the event of a tie” rules at the next meeting.

9. Classes and Divisions:

ACTION: The committee decided unanimously to accept the recommendation of the AGM not to continue with Divisions for 2006 onwards.

10. Presentation of Classes on Cars.

ACTION: The committee agreed to implement the application of special demarcation for PC0 and PCF teams on cars. This will be in the form of:

PC0 - a black triangle 3" high and wide on a white square 4"x4"

PCF - a white circle 3" dia on a black square 4"x4"

It is the team manager's responsibility to have this on the cars for Scrutineering.

11. Any other business.

Jeremy Featherstone pointed out that there were too few organisers and those were often organising more than one event.

The committee agreed that it should be possible for the person who finds the track and facilities to not be the race organiser. A sheet will be drawn up to for potential race organisers. With the track provided, this person can be responsible for setting up the track, the counting loop, unlocking the gates etc.

12. Next Meeting.

Next Committee meeting was set for Sunday 22nd January 2006 11AM.

Next AGM was set for Saturday 11th November 2006 11AM.

Both to take place in Rugby.