



# **BRIDGEND AUTOMOBILE CLUB LTD.**

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## **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 22 February 2000**

Present:      Dave Taylor                  Paul Cronin                  John Bevan  
                  Carol Davies                  John Morgan                Les Skeet  
                  Clare Donovan                Paul Thomas               Geraint Thomas  
                  Steve Montoto                Tom Pedersen              Julian Howitt  
                  Paul Steddy                    Hayden Morgan            Terry Donovan  
                  Margaret Donovan         John Foley                  Yan Griffith

It was agreed that Paul Steddy would be the Chairmen for this meeting.

### **1. Apologies for Absence**

1.1      The following members gave their apologies:

Hillary Berry	Proxy given to Paul Steddy
Gethin Jones Senior	Proxy given to Tom Pedersen
Gwyneth Steddy	Proxy given to Tom Pedersen
Debra Pedersen	Proxy given to Tom Pedersen
Steph Foley	Proxy given to Tom Pedersen
Gethin Jones Jnr	Proxy given to Paul Steddy
Jim Bevan	

### **2. Approval of Previous Minutes**

2.1      The minutes of the AGM held 23 February 1999 were proposed for approval by Geraint Thomas and Seconded by Tom Pedersen. The minutes were approved.

### **3. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes**

3.1      It was agreed that matters arising would be dealt with as they arose.

### **4. Competition Secretary's Report**

4.1      Tom Pedersen delivered the Competition Secretary's report on behalf of Carol Davies:

BAC was a contender in the 1999 Inter-Club Quiz Challenge, finishing 3rd from 8 at the end of the year. Thanks to all who attended. We also hosted a very successful quiz

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night in November and managed to secure Juha Kankkunen and Juha Repo as guest speakers

The Club also organised a very successful Dinner Dance in February with Marcus Dodd as the guest speaker.

Ewenny Woods has been secured again for 2000 and a schedule of events has been planned there throughout the year. We are always looking for alternative venues, so as usual, keep your eyes out for anything suitable.

A total of 1864 Championship points had been claimed by 29 members over 55 events (16 of which were BAC organised) over 1999. These events were of all types of Motorsport disciplines both at home and abroad. During 1999 there were 44 members so greater than 65% were competing toward the Club Championships which is very encouraging. Members who had notable success in 1999 were John Morgan with Sprints, and Gethin Jones Jnr in the RAC.

The Club has 7 Nav Scatters and 10 Gymkhanas scheduled so far for 2000. As usual, we are still short on event organisers, and sometimes competitors, for BAC events. As has been said in the past, the Club is only as good as the effort that the membership puts in, so volunteers please step forward.

BAC is considered the most active Club in the area, and already we have more members in 2000 than in the whole of 1999! We look forward to a hard fought 2000 Championship.

In response to comments by members, the Championship rules for 2000 have been revamped and will be discussed more fully later in the meeting.

4.2 The Chairman thanked Tom Pedersen for the report.

## 5. Treasurers Report

5.1 Accounts for 1999 were made available to the meeting.

5.2 It was reported that the Club had double its turnover in 1999, which reflected the level of activity currently being enjoyed.

5.3 The meeting accepted the account for 1999, and the Chairman thanked Geraint Thomas for continuing as treasurer.

## 6. Notices of Motion

6.1 One notice of motion was received from Julian Howitt and seconded by Steve Montoto:

*“The Committee of the motor club has made several alterations to the championships of this motor club during 1999 without consulting or adequately informing the membership as a whole about these alterations. The committee has*

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*imposed a new set of regulations for all of the championships for 2000 without consulting or adequately informing the membership as a whole about these regulations . As none of these alterations have been agreed by the membership as a whole- and considering that the AGM is not the correct forum for discussing the minutiae of rules and points allocation- I propose that the regulations for all existing championships run by the club be restored to those ruling at the end of the 1999 AGM and that any proposals for alterations to these regulations should be discussed in an open manner throughout the club before being adopted.”*

- 6.2 Tom Pedersen responded to the motion by stating the first part of the proposals was incorrect as there had been no point allocation changes during 1999 or indeed the previous year. He acknowledged that a change to the marshal's point allocation during the year had been considered but due to strong objections from a contending member, subsequently withdrawn. It was queried as to where the information had been obtained that the championships allocations had been altered several times.
- 6.3 Concerning the second part of the motion, Tom Pedersen expressed surprise that it was considered that no consultation had taken place as he had spoken to numerous club members on Club nights over several months regarding the changes, including the proposer of the motion, and further stated that the changes had only been initiated as a result of several comments from different members as to disparities in the 1999 Championships.
- 6.4 Tom Pedersen explained to the meeting as to why the changes had been seemingly imposed stating that each individual member has their own views on how points should be allocated, usually favouring the level of Motorsport in which they compete. These views usually conflict with other members' views who compete at other levels, and as such, all views have to be considered and coordinated. It is the opinion of the committee (and the previous Competition Secretary who introduced the original Championship allocations) that changes such as these cannot be decided by "committee" or general membership meetings due to conflicts of interest inevitably leading to a failure to agree. Accordingly, the 2000 championship allocations were approved by the current Competition Secretary who as a non-contender for the championship allocations in question, is unbiased and introduced in the same manner as previous Championship changes have been.
- 6.5 Further discussions took place on the Championship changes; Julian Howitt remarked on poor communication within the Club and Claire Donovan suggested greater consultation prior to future championship changes.
- 6.6 The motion of retaining the 1999 Championship Allocations was put to the vote. Nine votes were in favour of retaining the 1999 Championship and twelve votes (including 5 proxy votes) were in favour of continuing with the 2000 allocations. The motion was therefore defeated 12-9. John Morgan noted that the majority of the votes to defeat the motion were from non competing members, and Claire Donovan further noted that the proxy votes helped defeat the motion.
- 6.7 In view of the lessons learnt by the discussions, Tom Pedersen requested any comments about the 2000 Championship allocations were passed to him. Geraint Thomas suggested that prior to 2001, a meeting should be held to discuss the

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allocations.

## **7. Election of Officers**

7.1 It was proposed and carried that the committee was re-elected en-bloc as it stood prior to the meeting.

## **8. Any Other Business**

8.1 It was suggested that more use is made of the pub back room on Club nights to try and bring the membership together.

8.2 Yan Griffiths stated that the communication within the Club needs to be improved and suggested greater use of mail shots and email. It was also suggested that there should be a "News at 10" on Club nights. The Chairman said this had been done several times in the past and members did not show interest, but agreed it should be tried again.

8.3 The Chairman suggested an "events" committee be formed to organise rallies and club night entertainment and asked for volunteers.

8.4 Carol Davies stated she would be editing future newsletters and requested write-up, stories, etc from the membership for inclusion.

8.5 It was noted that due to permit fee costs, the Ewenny Woods gymkhana entry fee would be increased by £1.

8.6 It was suggested that BAC clothing be obtained for sale to the membership to further promote the Club.

The meeting closed at 10.20 pm.



Tom Pedersen  
BAC Secretary.