

Bridgend Automobile Club
Minutes of meeting held at Barlow Mow
Date/Time: Tuesday 7th February 2006 at 20:00

Attendees:	Paul Steddy (PS)	Chairman
	Tom Pederson (TP)	Secretary
	Terry Donovan (TD)	Competitions Secretary
	Gary Morgan (GM)	Finance Officer
	John Bevan (JB)	
	Dylan Lewis (DL)	
	Colin Coleman (CC)	
	Fred Coleman (FC)	
	Geoff Bessant (GB)	
	Rob Coleman (RC)	
	Gareth Tilleke (GT)	

Apologies: None Received

Minutes of previous meeting

The Chairman asked the committee to agree the minutes of the previous meeting. The minutes were confirmed as an accurate account of the meeting.

Finances

No update.

Competitions

RC had been in discussion with Rob James previously concerning the purchase of timing equipment for events. Rob James kindly offered to explain his findings to the committee. Software was available for a laptop for \$12. This proved to be very interesting as it may well save the club administration many man hours of data entry to record the timing figures after each event.

Rob also had costs for an EMC Rally Clock. This worked out at £270 plus vat. It is waterproof and easy to use. A communications cable is also available to download the stored data to a computer after the event.

A start/stop beam can be purchased for £310 plus vat and two would be required. This equipment also requires a battery as a power source.

Beams can also be purchased from the RS catalogue for approximately £50 each plus vat.

A discussion ensued and Rob James will be given a budget of £150 to explore his options further. When Rob has completed his testing, he will report back to the club and a decision will then be made as to the most appropriate way forward.

MSA Update

No update

Event Management

Next events are Navscatter on 14th February and Autotest/Production Car on 18th February at Llandow.

DL to advise Competition Secretary when current entry list is full for Llandow event.

The committee were advised by TD that Navscatter events take up a lot of time and effort to organise. TD suggested that a 'token gesture' should be offered by the club to the organisers towards partial reimbursement of costs. TD proposed a figure of £15 and this was seconded by CC.

TP informed the committee that the Pencoed College Classic Car Club would be taking place on 7th May. The committee expressed an interest in attending the event and this will be discussed further.

Ongoing action: TD recommended to the committee that volunteers will be required to assist with 'landscaping' of the paddock area of Ewenny Woods, in order to prepare the ground for next season.

A.O.B.

Ongoing action: TD will negotiate with farmer at Llandow over use of facilities.

5 x cones 'donated' so far but another 10 urgently required for future events at Llandow.. CC will contact Police Service to see if they will donate any.

ACTION: CC to contact Police

Karting – The chairman raised the subject of when the 2006 calendar karting season should begin. The committee decided that the season should run between March and October inclusive. Dates will be published as soon as the events are organised.

BAC website – GT presented a discussion paper regarding hosting the club's website independently so that the club Secretary would not have to use his personal resources. This also meant that some administrative functions could be delegated to willing volunteers, in order to relieve the burden from the Secretary.

It was agreed that the best way forward was to register a '.com' domain name and also select a hosting service costing £20 plus vat per annum (minimum two years). GT requires club administrative and financial details in order to proceed.

ACTION: TP and GM to provide details

Awards

AGM and Awards evening will be held on 4th March. Venue will be Six Bells at Penmark on 4th March.

Nominations were canvassed for the club awards and the due process will proceed to elect winners in the associated categories

Date of Next Meeting: to be decided

Summary of action Points

OWNER	ACTION	ACTION DATE
TD	Ewenny Woods preparation	28 th September 2005
TD	Llandow usage	1 st November 2005
RC	Timing Equipment	3 rd January 2006
CC	Cones	7 th February 2006
TP/GM	Web Hosting	7 th February 2006