

Bridgend Automobile Club
Minutes of Committee Meeting
5th February 2008

Present: Tom Pedersen (TP) Secretary
Colin Coleman (CC) Competition Secretary
Gary Morgan (GM) Treasurer
Robert Coleman (RC)
Geoff Bessant (GB)
Dylan Lewis (DL)
Leighton Smith (LS)

Apologies: Paul Steddy (PS) Chairman

Minutes of previous meeting

The committee agreed the minutes of the previous meeting were a true and accurate record.

Finances

GM noted that some club events may show a profit on paper but this can sometimes be due to new membership fees being received on the day. Membership fees and event fees will be treated separately to address this.

TP reported he is passing new membership fees to GM.

CC advised that all event monies will be sent off to the MSA by him after events.

GM noted that financial reports will not be available by AGM date. It was agreed that a summary of last year's report be made available.

GM provided a brief report on the club's financial status; accounts are healthy despite some large outgoings last year (e.g. one-off payment to farmer, loss on karting)

GM discussed the Bridgend Automobile Club account held with the Manchester Building Society. The current signatories are reported as being:

Mr. G. Thomas
Mr. P.N. Pedersen (known to us as Tom Pedersen)
Mr. M. Cattle

It was agreed by the committee that the signatories should be:

Mr. G. Morgan
Mr. Tom Pedersen.

TP will arrange a letter for the Manchester Building Society to clarify the situation.

Competitions

The last Nav Scatter event on 22nd January was poorly attended, with only 4 crews competing. The next event on 12th February is hoped to attract more entrants.

The last Autotest on the 27th January was well attended. Next Autotest is at Margam Park and will be an all-day event. LS, CC and RC offered to share the organizing.

CC was approached by a club interested in using the Llandow venue for “drifting” events. It was agreed that BAC did not wish to encourage the use of the venue for this purpose.

CC has clarified with the MSA that Juniors are no longer restricted to 1400cc engine capacity for Production Car Autotests. The Blue Book only requires that they are production or “touring” cars by definition.

It was also noted that passengers in PCA events may be 12 years of age and up.

CC reported that the MSA do not need the report forms on events unless incidents occur or something goes wrong.

LS reported that there is still rubbish being left behind after events, this will be enforced through drivers’ briefings.

It was felt that some people competing in events may not have renewed their membership. It was agreed to reinforce this through the drivers’ briefings and levying fines if membership cards are not produced. TP will send a new membership list before the Margam event.

CC stated that we have to officially invite other clubs to our events if they are to take part. It was agreed to invite PTMC to Margam events and Welsh Counties CC to Llandow events (on a per event basis). Action CC.

An organiser’s pack is required for events to include MSA permit, autotest guidelines and briefings, results sheet, signing on sheets, new membership forms, membership list. GB will print copies of guidelines, CC to assemble organiser’s packs.

TP will write to Cooke and Arkwright with the dates for Ewenny Woods events.

TP reported an ex-club member had recently passed away and will send details to GB for inclusion on the web site.

Contacts page for committee members to be put on web site, mobile numbers and a photograph.(Photos – head/shoulder, could be taken at next event and sent to GB also GB to be provided with phone numbers for publication – action with GB

Timing gear and software package – action still open, Gareth Tilleke and Rob James have been in discussion.

Cones are now in stock with Rob James, GM to arrange reimbursement.

Club handbook still needs to be put online, action GB/CC

AOB

LS suggested that NO knobbly/competition/M+S tyres should be used at Ewenny events. This was agreed and a notice will be put on the website for standard road tyres only to be used – action GB.

Some members have been told at external events that BAC is not affiliated to WAMC or ASWCC. TP confirmed we definitely are for WAMC and will check status or ASWCC.

AGM raffle prizes should be donated only and not purchased so they do not cost the club money! GB to put request for donations on the web site.

CC reported the trophies are at the engraver's.

TP has ordered BAC stickers (500 of each type) at a cost of approx £300

GB has revamped the web site and set up a forum, these changes have been well received and thanks passed on for his good work on this.

CC discussed the Nav Scatter championship and it was agreed that drivers and navigators get equal points, and that an award will be made retrospectively for 2007.

CC proposed that the Chairman's Cup be extended to include ALL points gained in BAC events (whether through competitive or non-competitive efforts). This was agreed with the proviso that a max of 10 points is available should you both organise and compete in an event. The Clubman's, Autotest and Nav Scatter cups remain unchanged but the Chairman's now becomes a "bucket" to collect ALL points. It is hoped this change will encourage people to organise events as well as compete. This needs to be communicated to the members – action CC.

It was confirmed the club currently owns a car which will be scrapped and the proceeds returned to the club.

Meeting closed at 21:35

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING - TUESDAY 4th MARCH 2008 at 20:00