

Bridgend Automobile Club
Minutes of meeting held at Barlow Mow
Date/Time: Tuesday 28th September 2005 at 19:30

Attendees: Paul Steddy (PS) Chairman
Tom Pederson (TP) Secretary
Gary Morgan (GM) Treasurer
Terry Donovan (TD)
John Bevan (JB)
Dylan Lewis (DL)
Colin Coleman (CC)
Fred Coleman (FC)

Apologies: None received

The Chairman welcomed Geoff Bessant (GB), Rob Coleman (RC) and Gareth Tilleke (GT) to the meeting.

Minutes of previous meeting

No matters arising from previous minutes.

Finances

TD informed the committee that approximately £180 was available in petty cash and approximately £100 was due from CC in respect of money collected from a previous event.

GM had received £10 from a recent raffle.

TP informed the committee that the club's net worth was about £7000.

ACTION: TP will email the treasurer, Geraint Thomas, to obtain financial balances and will also enquire about obtaining internet access on behalf of the club.

A discussion took place that GM was club Treasurer in name only and it would benefit the club if GM could become signatory, in order to relieve the load on TP. TD agreed the process whereby GM holds bank account details and all payments/withdrawals must go through GM.

ACTION: TP will arrange for GM to become an authorised signatory for the club's accounts.

Competitions

TD will be away for two weeks and requires a club member to organise the next Llandow event on October 15th.

ACTION: the club will need to canvass for volunteers.

ACTION: Navscatter – The event hosted on 25th October will be organised by DL.

TD stated that a permit (cost £15.90 each) will be required for each event.

TD raised concerns about the conduct of club members at events such as Llandow and Ewenny Woods, in relation to general safety. The committee agreed that club rules and regulations should be obeyed at all times in the interests of all participants and spectators alike.

ACTION: TP will create flysheets from existing “Rules and Safety Procedures” handout, relevant to each type of event, to ensure that club members are aware of their responsibilities.

A discussion took place concerning issues surrounding latecomers to events. PS recommended that latecomers can only participate in an event provided they arrive **before** the end of the first run. This was agreed unanimously by committee members.

TD raised the issue concerning competitors disturbing the official timekeeper during events, in order to ascertain their times. A debate ensued as to the best course of action to enable competitors to view their times without increasing the workload of the official timekeeper.

ACTION: TD will ask Claire Donovan to redesign the sign-on sheets, which will enable all competitors to view their times in relation to each other. The timing sheets will be made available at the **end of each run**.

Fire Extinguishers – TD informed the committee that a total of 5kg of extinguishant must be made available at each event. RC recommended 1 x powder and 1 x foam.

ACTION: TD will purchase the recommended items with money from GM.

TD said that additional wooden stakes will be required for future events.

ACTION: TD will organise the purchase of the wooden stakes with money from the club.

TD raised the issue of the condition of competing vehicles and the club’s view as to the letter of the regulations. All events are run as Gymkhanas and as such allows certain exemptions compared to other events such as Autotests. Discussions took place as to whether the Autosolo class would be a more fitting category but this would entail entering a vehicle that must be driven to the event, therefore taxed, insured and holding a current MOT.

ACTION: A letter will be sent to all members by TP which TD will write, indicating the minimum standard required for competing in future events.

The committee discussed safety aspects of events such as Ewenny Woods with respect to club members competing in close proximity to trees. The committee agreed that future events should be held in the areas around the paddock and top compound (beyond the stream) in order to minimise competitor risks.

ACTION: PS will arrange for some of the fern areas to be 'landscaped' in preparation for next season.

A.O.B.

It was agreed that the newsletter should be resurrected.

ACTION: FC will publish the newsletter on a regular basis and all club members should provide FC with any content for publication.

CC suggested that the club championship points system should cater for multiple organisers at an event.

ACTION: This will be put on next agenda under 'Matters Arising'.

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday November 1st at 7:30 pm in Barley Mow