

Bridgend Automobile Club
Minutes of meeting held at Barlow Mow
Date/Time: Tuesday 29th November 2005 at 20:00

Attendees: Paul Steddy (PS) Chairman
Tom Pederson (TP) Secretary
Terry Donovan (TD)
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.

Finances

Completed action: TP emailed the treasurer, Geraint Thomas, to obtain financial balances and also enquired about obtaining internet access on behalf of the club.

Completed action: TP also requested within the same email for GM to become an authorised signatory for the club's accounts.

Ongoing Action: Awaiting response from Geraint.

TD was refunded £7 in lieu of entrance fees that he had reimbursed the club personally. This was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by the Secretary.

Competitions

Completed: RC will contact Dave Williams of Port Talbot Motor Club for advice on the purchase of timing equipment.

RC obtained a booklet of specific timing equipment from Dave Williams of PTMC and John Ward of MST timing. RC gave talk on equipment which was of great interest to the committee.

A summary of equipment is as follows:-

ECM rally clock with sync cable and PC comms cable £270 +vat

Start lights with battery £315 +vat

Beams with tripod, battery and cables £310 +vat

4.5" LED display with cable and battery £455 +vat

Data cable can be supplied to link clocks, lights or displays.

The committee agreed that organising and setting up events was very resource hungry and the club needs to have more volunteers to set up and run future events.

MSA Update

TD spoke to Simon Fowler @ MSA concerning club events. Vehicles that do not have to be road legal should only be entered in a 'forwards only' Autotest.

Autosolos are vehicles that are road legal (taxed, tested) and must not use trade plates. Vehicles must also be driven to events and not transported on trailers.

Discussions ensued regarding the regulations for passengers. This will be further investigated by TD.

The Chairman proposed the 'forward-only' Autotest and was seconded by the Secretary.

ACTION: TD to clarify Autotest rulings.

Event Management

The committee agreed to limit the number of entries to 25 at organised events due to health & safety, run times, management issues etc.

This was proposed by CC and seconded by TP.

Pre-event signing on by up to four weeks will be implemented and names will be received at Tuesday club night meetings. TP has agreed to administer this with effect from January 1st 2006.

Remaining places for an event will be available on the day, subject to the maximum of 25 **drivers** for an event.

ACTION: TP will publicise these rule changes on the club website within next few days.

TD suggested arranging Llandow events on Saturdays or Sundays due to availability of competing members for events.

Organiser required for Navscatter on December 13th. This was accepted by CC and RC.

January 2nd at Llandow to be organised by TD and Claire.

Completed: TD on behalf of Claire Donovan produced a "Supplementary Regulations" document and this was presented to the committee for approval.

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.

Completed: From January 1st 2006, FC will publish club newsletter.

A.O.B.

Llandow – TD informed the committee that the Fire Service may be having a long term lease on part of the site.

ACTION: TP will investigate this and report back at the next meeting.

Ongoing Action: TD will organise December's events but he will also organise the calendar for next year. However, the chairman will organise the first Navscatter event in 2006.

Complete: TP agreed to publish minutes on club website.

CC raised the issue regarding the club's points system in relation to National A/B events.
Ongoing ACTION: The points system will be discussed at the next meeting.

TD recommended that the club awards evening. be held at the Barley Mow.

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 3rd January at 8:00pm in Barley Mow