

Bridgend Automobile Club
Minutes of Committee Meeting
13th January 2009

Present: Tom Pedersen (TP) Secretary
Paul Steddy (PS) Chairman
Robert Coleman (RC)
Geoff Bessant (GB)
Dylan Lewis (DL)
Leighton Smith (LS)
Mirek Wojdyla (MW)

Apologies: Gary Morgan (GM) Treasurer

Minutes of previous meeting

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

Finances

TP stated that GM reported club accounts healthy – in excess of £8k in the bank.

TP will inform Cooke & Arkwright of the 2009 dates for Ewenny Woods events and request an invoice.

TP reported club MSA registration paid for 2009.

TP reported WAMC registration invoices sent to GM.

Competitions

TP will send 2009 Llandow event dates to the farmer (first event Sun 25th January).

LS reported provisional date for first event at quarry venue is 28th Feb. TP will send letter to Windmill Farm to confirm MSA status and insurance cover for this event, also LS to confirm with Tom Pritchard we have full permission for use of quarry.

LS reported organizers are coming forward for the first events of the year: January autotest (Simon Walker), Feb Nav Scatter (Colin Coleman), Feb autotest (LS), March autotest (MW).

RC raised issue of Nav Scatter poor attendance again (4 crews) which doesn't justify the organizing effort or cover costs. Last event effectively lost £6 after paying permit and organiser's fuel costs. Suggested reducing frequency to 3 events to be held in Oct/Dec/Feb. Agreed that this would be reviewed after Feb/Mar nav scatters. RC thanked GB for standing in at short notice to run the Jan nav scatter on his behalf.

Trophies need to be cleaned and returned for AGM, GB to put announcement on website. LS to explore engraving of trophies. TP has list of last year's winners if need to chase trophies.

Discussions were held around nominations for award winners, most agreed. PS needs to contact Gareth Tilleke to discuss Comp Sec and Chairman's awards.

John Bevan agreed to make enquiries at the Tower Café, Llandow concerning hire of L shaped strip of land adjacent to karting circuit for autotests.

GB has received an updated points table from Colin Coleman but there appear to be some mistakes concerning allocation of points, however committee agreed awards would be made based on published tables as they stand at end 2008.

PS suggested publishing matrix of points as well as charts on web site so people can see where they have scored points in each event and identify missing points.

PS will check Club handbook to confirm if it reflects 2009 points system. Allocation of points to revert to old system where Chairman's is not the catch-all. Scoring system not to change.

PS to confirm whether Autotest and Nav Scatter cups were awarded last year.

AOB

TP to send out AGM invites to membership. Discussion of club venue to be included on the AGM agenda.

Gareth Tilleke proposed an increase of points allocation for introducing new members. However the committee decided this was proving difficult to police and agreed to remove the points award for new member introduction. Points table in handbook will need updating.

DL reported that the Classic Car show is on Sunday 10th May and BAC had been asked if they wanted to participate. Agreed this would be good, format to be decided. Agreed to move Llandow event to Sat 9th May to avoid a conflict. GB to update calendar on website.

Meeting closed at 21:30

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING - Tuesday 10th February 2009 at 20:00

Bridgend Automobile Club
Minutes of meeting held at Barlow Mow
Tuesday 10th February 2009 at 20:00

Attendees: Paul Steddy (PS) Chairman
 Tom Pederson (TP) Secretary
 Dylan Lewis (DL)
 Geoff Bessant (GB)
 Rob Coleman (RC)
 Leighton Smith (LS)
 Mirek Wojdyla (MW)

Apologies: Gary Morgan

Minutes of previous meeting

Previous minutes were agreed.

Finances

TP has spoken to Cooke & Arkright and is waiting for an invoice for the forthcoming year.

Membership to the ASWMC has not yet been paid.

Competitions

LS stated that the proposed event at Argoed Quarry is in doubt due to the state of the site, it is hoped the owner will tidy it up before the 28th. Also TP to get a letter of consent from Windmill Farm the co-owners of the venue. LS to get a letter of consent from the other co-owner, Tom Pritchard.

Februarys nav scat was cancelled due to weather conditions, Gareth Tilleke to find out if the permit fee can be refunded by the MSA. RC thought it might be better to just do the March event and re-assess if its worth doing the nav scats because numbers are dropping.

TP also proposed that nav-scats entry fees should be put up to £10 to cover the permit fees, this was seconded by RC.

PS suggested that announcing the date of the next nav-scats at the autotests might be a way of raising interest and numbers.

DL confirmed the dates for the forth coming Margam Park Events.

LS confirmed that the trophies had been polished and sent to the engravers.

GB asked if a volunteer would take over the AGM ticket and money collection, LS has now taken over.

LS suggested that due to the change in the championship points system, there would be no use for the autotest trophy, it was proposed that the autotest trophy should just be calculated on tarmac events only. GT to be informed of change.

TP suggested that the make of car should appear in the results for autotests.

PS said, “he was struggling to agree dates for karting with Llandow Karting Centre”. He said, “he would speak to them again about shared events to increase numbers”.

AOB

TP said that unfortunately last years AGM Minutes had been lost and a statement would be made at this years AGM stating this.

LS offered to purchase raffle prizes for the AGM

LS suggested that Dean Jones be asked to join the committee – it was agreed.

TP said that the Clubs 50th anniversary is in 2010 and that he would approach someone to organise a celebration.

Meeting closed 21.10

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 10th March at 8:00pm in Barley Mow

Bridgend Automobile Club
Minutes of meeting held at Barlow Mow
Tuesday 10th March 2009 at 20:00

Attendees: Paul Steddy (PS) **Chairman**
 Tom Pederson(TP) **Secretary**
 Dylan Lewis (DL)
 Rob Coleman (RC)
 Leighton Smith(LS)
 Mirek Wojdyla (MW)

Apologies: Geoff Bessant (GB)

The committee would like to welcome to Hanna Luke and Matt James.

Election of chairman
Paul Steddy is duly re elected as chairman

Minutes of previous meeting

The Chairman asked the committee to agree the minutes of the previous meeting.

Events

LS

**Quarry was well supported for the first event at the new venue.
The event made a £93 profit, with the next event being organized for the May 9th.**

TP is to liaise with Cooke & Arkright with regards to the property adjacent to Llandow circuit for possible future events.

LS to inform farmer as to the date change from Sun 10th of May to Sat 9th of May.

Gareth Tilleke would like clarity on the issue of points allocation.

TP to circulate table of championship points table.

Invited club members will have to produce a valid club cards and will not score points within the club championship.

Finances

GM request that the money in the deposit account in the Manchester building society be withdrawn and a new current account set up locally.

GM to send TP the deposit account books so £4802 can be set up in a local bank/building society.

Grey and Paul the club accountants have contacted GM with information as to their latest charges.

**£60 registration with companies house.
£50 charge for being the clubs registered officers.**

Their annual fee for the year 2007 was £411 and we will expect it to be in the region of £560 for 2008.

Grey and Paul have informed GM of penalties for late accounts to companies house. The penalties are in the following table.

The following table shows these bands:

Length of delay (measured from the date the accounts are due)	Private company	Public company
Not more than 1 month	£150	£750
More than 1 month but not more than 3 months	£375	£1,500
More than 3 months but not more than 6 months	£750	£3,000
More than 6 months	£1,500	£7,500

If the accounts were late the previous year the charges will be doubled.

Table taken from companies house website.

With the charges that Grey and Paul are exposing on the club it was proposed that we maybe find another accountant to take over the duties.

PS to enquire with his accountant with availability.

There was a query into who the directors and secretary are within the club.

TP to enquire further.

GM request that the date of AGM/Dinner and Dance be moved to a date more appropriate and correspond with the financial year, so the club members can be shown the accounts and then sent away to be edited in compliance with LTD company rules.

LS

The AGM/dinner and dance was poorly supported and making a loss.

**Venue £372
Raffle prize £32.75
Trophy engraving £128.44**

**Total £533.19
AGM tickets sold £300**

Raffle tickets sold £52

Total £352

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TP suggests that payment for association of south western motor clubs should be sent.

GM to send payment.

AOB

PS has been approached for the club to organize more social events.

Action camping trip to Lllys y fran, bbq at Ewenny woods, treasure hunt.

Hanna Luke suggests making a nav scatter fun/simpler Fun.

Dean Jones has approached **LS** with a suggestion with running a sprint event at Llandow in the summer/Autumn.

Action committee decides to approach welsh counties in a joint venture to run event subject to costs and approval from welsh counties motor club.

End of committee meeting 21:38

Next committee April 14 2009

Competition Secretary (permits & points) update – March 2009

Since the beginning of the new membership year in January, the following events have taken place:-

Date	Event	Organiser(s)	Entries	Profit/Loss	Comments
6 th January	Navscat	Rob Coleman/ Geoff Bessant	4	£6.00	Low attendance
25 th January	Autotest (Llandow)	Simon Walker/ Peter smith/ Sam Dean	22	£72.50	
3 rd February	Navscat	Colin Coleman	Cancelled	-£19.00	Inclement weather
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Minimum entries required not to make a loss:
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January's Navscatter was poorly attended and because it was so close to the beginning of the membership year, not everyone had renewed their membership in time. So not able to allocate points to some entrants.

Recommendation: All entrants to be reminded at each event that a current membership must be in force in order to compete (as per Blue Book regulations).

February's Navscatter was cancelled due to the icy conditions. I spoke directly with the MSA and the permit fee could not be recovered.

The March Navscatter received a good turnout and it was clear that Colin had put a considerable amount of time and effort into the planning.

It was good to see new organisers for the *January Autotest*. Let's hope it encourages others. I have posted a Forum message to this effect.

The Quarry Autotest was well received by all who attended. I would recommend giving positive feedback to the quarry owner and organisers.

I inadvertently ordered the wrong permit for this event (Autotest instead of Production Car Autotest) so the MSA fees were higher. This won't happen again. Luckily, this was offset by the fact that the Quarry fees on this occasion were zero.

Points

Please issue definitive guidance for the allocation of points. The various categories I have are:-

- Chairman (Catch all for Woods and what else ?)
- Clubman (organising, marshalling, external events etc)
- Driver (External to BAC)
- Co-driver (External to BAC)
- Navscatter (Separate championship)
- Autotest (Llandow and Margam only)
- Woods (Chairman's ?)
- Junior (Everything relating to Juniors)

I need a category to slot the Quarry event into. Is this the same 'catch-all' as the woods (Chairman's Championship).

Production Car Autotests general

A reminder of the rules for organisers. The Blue Book states:

Drivers must be at least 14 years old.

Passengers can be from 12 years and above but if the driver is 14, 15, or 16, or does not possess a full RTA Licence, the passenger must hold a full RTA licence and be experienced in Autotesting. The vehicle must be by definition a 'touring car' (rule 32).

Specifically, Open or sports cars can only compete with their hoods erected or a hard top fitted (rule 43).

Recommendation: Ensure all competitors are current members (except invited members) when giving the event briefing and state that all passengers must sign on. Occasionally some drivers allow other family members/friends as a passenger but omit to sign them on.

Club Handbook

This needs updating to reflect the committee's decisions e.g. deletion of additional points for introducing new member; championship allocations etc.

Thanks to Leighton and Tom for their advice and support during my short stint in this role.

Gareth Tilleke
March 2009

Bridgend Automobile Club
Minutes of meeting held at Barlow Mow
Tuesday 14 April 2009 at 20:00

Attendees: Paul Steddy (PS) **Chairman**
 Tom Pederson(TP) **Secretary**
 Dylan Lewis (DL)
 Leighton Smith(LS)
 Geoff Bessant (GB)
 Mirek Wojdyla (MW)
 Colin Coleman

Apologies: Rob Coleman (RC)

Minutes of previous meeting

The Chairman asked the committee to agree the minutes of the previous meeting.

Events

LS

next Quarry event being organized for the May 9th.

TP contacted Cooke & Arkright with regards to the property adjacent to Llandow circuit for possible future events but has had no reply will try again.

LS to inform farmer as to the date change from Sun 10th of May to Sat 9th of May.

Gareth Tilleke would like clarity on the issue of points allocation **TP** said he would clarify and circulate table of championship points table.

Invited club members will have to produce a valid club cards and will not score points within the club championship. **LS** will inform welsh counties.

TP has suggested to Cooke + Arkright a fee of £250 per anum for the rent of Eweny woods.

GT is to enforce Seat belt rules on autotests and mention on web site

Finances

GM request that the money in the deposit account in the Manchester building society be withdrawn and a new current account set up locally. A cheque has been requested and TP is awaiting its arrival.

Greyham Paul the club accountants have contacted GM with information as to their latest charges.

£60 registration with companies house.
£50 charge for being the clubs registered officers.

Their annual fee for the year 2007 was £411 and we will expect it to be in the region of £560 for 2008.

With the charges that Greyham and Paul are exposing on the club it was proposed that we maybe find another accountant to take over the duties.

PS has enquired with his accountant who requires asset of accounts to quote.

There was a query into who the directors and secretary are within the club.
TP Reported that only TP and PS were directors but PS thought that GM had applied to be a director.

TP suggests that payment for association of South Western Motor Clubs should be sent. **GM** will send payment.

AOB

PS has been approached for the club to organize more social events.

Action camping trip to Lllys y fran, bbq at Ewenny woods, treasure hunt.
Goodwood trip Nurbergring

Hanna Luke suggests making a nav scatter fun/simpler Fun.

Dean Jones has approached LS with a suggestion with running a sprint event at Llandow in the summer/Autumn.

Committee decided to approach Welsh Counties in a joint venture to run event subject to costs and approval from Welsh Counties motor club.

CC asked what points would be allocated for endurance events e.g. a four-day event, No one knew so need to come up with ideas for next committee meeting.

End of committee meeting 21:00

Next committee 12 May 2009

Bridgend Automobile Club
Minutes of meeting held at Barley Mow
Tuesday 12th May 2009 at 20:00

Attendees:

Tom Pederson(TP) Secretary
Dylan Lewis (DL)
Leighton Smith(LS)
Geoff Bessant (GB)
Mirek Wojdyla (MW)
Colin Coleman (CC)
Rob Coleman (RC)
Matt James (MJ)
Hannah Luke (HL)

Apologies: Paul Steddy (PS)

It was agreed that Tom Pedersen would chair the meeting.

Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

Events

Argoed Quarry Event, 9th May: A report to the committee by Rob James (joint organiser), was presented and discussed. Gareth Tilleke also provided a report on his observations.

The following issues were highlighted:-

- **The events must be made safer, ie slower.**
- **Driving standards to be improved, a good example is not being set for junior members.**
- **Members must maintain control of any children they are responsible for.**
- **Roofless cars will not be allowed to take part in any events, a roof must be fitted. Regs will be checked to see if wearing of helmets permitted. TP**
- **At all Quarry events there must be at least 3 organisers to cope with participants and spectators.**
- **Drivers briefing to be held at the beginning of each event.**
- **The pit area to be supervised particularly if children are in the area and members to be aware of their behaviour in the pit area.**
- **All members to be reminded about driving standards to and from all events, reminder to be placed on Website. GB**
- **Letter to be sent to local farmer to apologise for the driving standards of certain members on the 9th May. TP**

Llandow: LS has spoken the farmer concerning moving the stones for the larger track/pits, just need to inform him prior to any Llandow events and they will be moved.

TP has still not had a reply from Cooke & Arkright with regards to the property adjacent to Llandow circuit for possible future events. Will try again.

TP had reviewed Points allocation table but further clarification was sought from the committee. In progress. **TP**

Finances

TP has received a cheque from Manchester building society closing the account. A new current account set up locally.

No update on the club appointing a new accountant as Treasurer was not present.

AOB

DL reported that there will be a Treasure Hunt on Sunday 24th May in aid of "Macmillan Cancer Support". This is not a club event but it was agreed that a notice be placed on the website to encourage members to take part. **GB**

DL mentioned it might be possible to get a lottery grant for timing equipment – he will follow this up. **DL**

End of committee meeting 21:30

Next committee 9th June 2009

Bridgend Automobile Club
Minutes of meeting held at Barley Mow
Tuesday 9th June 2009 at 20:00

Attendees:

Paul Steddy (PS)	Chairman
Tom Pederson(TP)	Secretary
Dylan Lewis (DL)	
Leighton Smith(LS)	
Geoff Bessant (GB)	
Mirek Wojdyla (MW)	
Colin Coleman (CC)	
Rob Coleman (RC)	

Apologies: **Matt James (MJ)**
Hannah Luke (HL)

Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

Events

A further discussion took place concerning Roofless cars taking part in any events, and if the wearing of helmets is permitted. **TP Agreed to check Regs and email all committee members with details prior to next meeting.**

It was also suggested that windows should be at least $\frac{3}{4}$ way during any event.

It was reported by Competition Secretary (Permits & Points), that a number of Non-Members took part in the event held at the Quarry on 9th May. Organisers must check for Membership Cards. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

At the Ewenny Woods event held on Sunday 31st May it was noted a lot of litter was left behind and some considerable time was spent clearing up afterwards. The manhole cover at Ewenny Woods also needs to be pulled back into place, this is a safety concern. **LS to speak to Andrew Vowles to see if he can assist.**

There have been a number of comments placed on the Forum concerning the use of "chunkeys" at events in Ewenny Woods. The committee noted that the decision not to use them was made at an AGM and not a Committee Meeting. **TP to respond on Forum.**

An additional event to take place on Saturday 8th August – venue to be confirmed.

TP has still not had a reply from Cooke & Arkright with regards to the property adjacent to Llandow circuit for possible future events. Will try again.

TP had reviewed Points allocation table. Still in progress. TP

Finances

A cheque has been passed to the Treasurer so a new current account can be set up locally following the closure of the Manchester Building Society Account.

No update on the club appointing a new accountant as the Treasurer was not present.

TP has requested an invoice from Cooke & Arkright for use of Ewenny Woods – nothing received yet.

AOB

DL reported that the Treasure Hunt on Sunday 24th May in aid of “Macmillan Cancer Support” was supported by a few members – but they all had a good time.

DL investigating how a lottery grant for timing equipment – he believes this is a long process and might involve Sports Council for Wales & WAMC. Still progressing. DL

Discussion took place on what equipment would need to be ordered. RC had some leaflets when this was looked at previously, he will see if he can locate them or get more up to date ones. RC

It was noted from report produced by Gareth Tilleke (Competition Secretary- Permits & Points), that in recent external events Leighton and Gary finished first in class and Dylan and Euros competed in two rallies and finished second and sixth in class respectively, swapping roles as driver and co-driver - congratulations were offered by the committee.

PS suggested some dates be arranged for Karting – he will look into it. PS

End of committee meeting 21:15

Next committee 14th July 2009

Competition Secretary (permits & points) update – June 2009

List of B.A.C. organised events to date:-

Date	Event	Organiser(s)	Entries	Profit/Loss	Comments
6 th January	Navscatter	Rob Coleman/ Geoff Bessant	4	£6.00	Low attendance
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3 rd March	Navscatter	Colin Coleman	6	£26.00	
14 th March	Autotest (Llandow)	Miroslaw Wojdyla/ Daria Pawlowska	13	£16.25	New organisers
29 th March	Autotest (Margam)	Paul Steddy/ Rob Coleman	20	-£40.00	
18 th April	Autotest (Llandow)	Simon Walker/ Sam Dean	14	£22.50	7 new members
9 th May	Autotest (Quarry)	Rob James & family	29	£181.25	Vehicle incident
31 st May	Autotest (Woods)	Paul Steddy / Tom Pederson	13	£81.25	New members?

*Minimum entries required not to make a loss:
Navscatter = 4 ; Autotest = 11*

May's Quarry event was reported on last month but the profit/loss is published this month in the above table. A large entry list returned quite a substantial profit to the club. Thanks to Rob James and family.

However, it has since come to light that there may have been competitor drivers who had not joined as members. Clearly we have to ensure that ALL drivers are members so that adequate insurance cover is provided. The permit is issued to the club, on the basis that it is an event for club members only.

Recommendation: This should be discussed at committee. Checks should be undertaken at sign-on and cross-referenced to a recent membership list, which I will supply each time I receive updates from Tom, for inclusion with the sign-on sheets.

Also, we should all support the organisers by offering our assistance to verify the membership if required.

The inaugural 2009 woods event was organised by Paul Steddy and Tom Pederson. Thankfully the weather was extremely good to ensure that everyone enjoyed themselves.

Points

May Rally events saw Leighton and Gary finish first in class. Also, Dylan and Euros competed in two rallies and finished second and sixth in class respectively, swapping roles as driver and co-driver. Congratulations to all for representing the club.

Marshalling

Apart from the usual Pembrey circuit events:-

Gareth attended BTCC event at Donington Park (Sunday only).

Rob Coleman and Gareth attended both BTCC days at Oulton Park.

Gareth will be attending F1 at Silverstone in June and will be marshalling at Hangar Straight/Stowe.

A number of requests for marshals have started to come through from other clubs. Perhaps the committee could decide whether or not to publish these requests on the website or simply distribute internally to club members.

Gareth Tilleke
June 2009

Bridgend Automobile Club
Minutes of meeting held at Barley Mow
Tuesday 14th July 2009 at 20:00

Attendees:

Paul Steddy (PS)	Chairman
Tom Pederson(TP)	Secretary
Hannah Luke (HL)	
Leighton Smith(LS)	
Geoff Bessant (GB)	
Mirek Wojdyla (MW)	
Rob Coleman (RC)	

Apologies: Matt James (MJ)
Dylan Lewis (DL)

Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

Events

TP stated that having checked the Blue Book it states that ALL cars competing in loose surface Autotests MUST have a roof.

ALL cars competing in BAC Autotests must comply with the general safety requirements set out by the club.

Aldo the clubs SR's would be updated for Autotests and brought to the attention of members before each Autotest.

PS. Has set a date of 16th July for the next karting event, he expects a good turn out. GB sent out email to all members.

LS has arranged an extra event at Llandow on the 8th August, due to the recent good turn out at this venue.

Finances

TP has still not received any correspondence from Cooke & Arkright with regards to the land rent for Ewenny, he will write another letter.

No update on the club appointing a new accountant as the Treasurer was not present.

AOB

RC has looked into the possibility of purchasing timing equipment for use at club Autotests, it was said that overall the required equipment would cost £1000. RC is to try and find out more information before the club commits to purchasing the equipment.

TP has updated the points allocation table for the club and non club events – he will e-mail copies to committee members.

A letter was received by the Club from S4C motor sports show 'RALIO'. They are interested in all local motor sport events and want to know if the club do anything their programme would be interested in featuring. TP will write back.

End of committee meeting 21:30

Next committee 8th September 2009

Bridgend Automobile Club
Minutes of meeting held at Barley Mow
Tuesday 8th September 2009 at 20:00

Attendees:

Paul Steddy (PS)	Chairman
Tom Pederson(TP)	Secretary
Leighton Smith(LS)	
Geoff Bessant (GB)	
Dylan Lewis (DL)	
Rob Coleman (RC)	

Apologies: **Matt James (MJ)**
Gary Morgan (GM)
Mirek Wojdyla (MW)
Hannah Luke (HL)

Also in attendance – John Bevan (JB)

Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

Events

LS stated that that the Quarry event on 12th December has now been confirmed, in addition the club will have use of the Quarry during 2010 as long as dates are provided in advance.

There is also a possibility that the club might have some use of Ruthin Quarry in the future and this is currently being investigated.

Llandow Events – LS has agreed to contact the farmer in advance of each event just to remind him.

The committee acknowledged the excellent Competition Secretaries report from Gareth Tilleke.

PS will be arranging a Karting Event for September/October, date to be advised.

There was a poor turn out at the last event held at Llandow on 6th September, discussion took place about how to notify members of events as this event was one that had been added during the year.

GB has agreed to setup a mailgroup and email out for every event for the next few months.

TP will also investigate bulk texting options.

Finances

TP has still not received any correspondence from Cooke & Arkright with regards to the land rent for Ewenny, he will write another letter – ongoing

TP has a cheque for approximately £500 to pass to GM

No update on the club appointing a new accountant as the Treasurer was not present.

AOB

RC has looked into the possibility of purchasing timing equipment for use at club Autotests, it was said that overall the required equipment would cost £1000.

RC is to try and find out more information before the club commits to purchasing the equipment – Ongoing (Still need to check with Rob James concerning beams, also Serial port or USB).

Need to consider ideas for the 50th Anniversary of the club, JB has offered to speak to Stuart Powell and John James.

TP has updated the points allocation table for the club and non club events – he will e-mail copies to committee members – Ongoing (Done but still to be sent out).

Rally of Great Britain 2009 – GB to co-ordinate club members marshalling on the event.

JB reported that the club fire extinguishers are to due to be checked/replenished this week, it was agreed this should go ahead. LS to liaise with JB to get extinguishers from Llandow to JB.

Social events – Quiz/Christmas:

DL suggested Rock Climbing (there are a number of venues within reasonable distance)

PS suggested Tour of Ford Factory

Someone to contact Fred Coleman re possibility of a Red Bull Factory Tour.

End of committee meeting 21:10

Next committee 13th October 2009

Bridgend Automobile Club
Minutes of meeting held at Barley Mow
Tuesday 13th October 2009 at 20:00

Attendees:

**Paul Steddy
Tom Pederson
Mirek Wojdyla
Leighton Smith
Rob Coleman
Matt James
Hannah Luke
Daria Pawlowska**

Apologies:

**Geoff Bessant
Dylan Lewis
Gary Morgan**

Also in attendance – John Bevan

Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

Daria Pawlowska joined the committee.

Events

LS confirmed that the Argoed quarry event set for the 12th December is still on, and that the quarry looks set to be used for future events.

LS thought that using Ruthin quarry as a venue looks unlikely due to management changes, but will keep on enquiring.

LS has decided that the event on the 25th October should be cancelled due to Rally GB and not be rescheduled as it is too close to the end of the year.

The idea of bulk SMS and emailing to remind people of upcoming events – everyone agreed it was a good idea, however RC was worried about spam messages.

PS enquired into a karting event with Llandow Karting and has had no such luck, therefore event is looking unlikely, possibility of moving the event to a different karting venue.

TP was concerned about the allocation of points for nav scatter events. The committee decided that the allocated driver and navigator should be awarded the points, other passengers would not be entitled to points.

The committee decided regarding Gareth Tilleke's enquiry about production autotest drivers ages – if the junior member holds a full driving licence the passenger can also be a junior and vice versa. The committee also decided regarding Gareth Tilleke's other enquiry that autotest cars are to be taxed unless specified in the supplementary regulations, but will also state in SR's.

Finances

TP has sent a cheque to GM, TP has also paid Margam and printed a receipt, and has also paid MSA and will send a letter to Cooke and Arkright.

JB has checked and replenished fire extinguishers – bill handed to TP.

AOB

RC is trying to investigate into timing equipment again and contact Rob James concerning infra red beams/ serial ports/ USB. However the committee reached the decision that it would be better to have a traffic light start system and infra red finish system.

JB recommended contacting Graham Jenkins – a previous chairman of Bridgend Automobile Club regarding the 50th anniversary of the club and thought it would be a kind gesture to involve him. A venue and time are to be arranged.

TP has updated the points allocation table for the club and non club events and has emailed copies to committee members.

RC has received no responses concerning club members marshalling for Rally GB.

RC questioned whether the Christmas curry night was still on – all committee members agreed for it to go ahead this year.

HL put herself forward for organising quizzes if the club was able to gather a substantial audience. A date is to be set,

PS confirmed that Fred Coleman is able to get tours around the Red Bull factory, but is unsure whether group tours are available.

End of committee meeting 21.30

Next committee 10th November 2009

**Bridgend Automobile Club
Minutes of meeting held at Barley Mow
Tuesday 10th November 2009 at 20:00**

Attendees:

**Paul Steddy
Tom Pederson
Mirek Wojdyla
Leighton Smith
Rob Coleman
Geoff Bessant
Matt James
Hannah Luke
Daria Pawlowska
Gary Morgan**

Apologies:

Dylan Lewis

Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

Events

RC Commented on the low numbers now competing in the Nav Scatters and suggested that the number of events should drop from 6 to 3 per year.

LS suggested that we could organise table top rallies in the Barley Mow to try to raise interest in Nav Scatters and give people help and practice in navigational skills. It was agreed that the first Nav Scatter will be replaced by a table top rally on 5th January 2010. LS to ask Colin Coleman if he would organise it.

Finances

GM stated he now has a new club cheque book and has paid £733 received from TP from events into the club account.

GM stated he is happy to continue as treasurer in 2010.

TP asked for a cheque for £250 to send to Cooke and Arkwright to pay for the annual use of Ewenny Woods.

RC asked for a cheque for £1,177-06 to cover the cost of the new timing equipment.

AOB

LS will arrange the 2010 events calendar, it will be based on the successful 2009 format.

LS suggested that in 2010 the Junior Championship should give awards for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places to encourage more Juniors to attend events.

TP suggested and award at each event for 1st O/A senior and 1st O/A Junior.

TP asked GB to continue with the bulk emailing to members, and also asked him to find the software to enable bulk texting to members as well.

TP suggested the club buy a bottle of whiskey each for the two co-owners of the quarry as a thank you for letting the club use the venue.

TP stated the club handbook will need updating for 2010. Also new supplementary regulations should be added as well.

PS asked if the new club points allocation table could be put on the club website and into the club handbook to replace the old one. TP to arrange with GB.

PS asked if karting events he takes part in are eligible for points in the drivers championship – it was agreed they were.

TP reported that Mr Graham Jenkins had declined an offer to arrange the BAC 50th Anniversary night.

PS said he would ask Mr Gethin Jones Senior, Byron butler and Terry Donovan if they were interested.

MW asked if the new timing equipment would need a laptop to read and store times at autotests – it was agreed it would and TP offered a laptop as did RC and Rob James.

LS has talked to Mike the landlord of the Barley Mow, and he has kindly offered a free Sunday lunch to the driver and navigator of the December 1st Nav Scat, to try to improve on the recent turnout at these events.

LS congratulated Matt James and Hannah Luke on their recent 1st place in the Swansea University Nav Scat, it was Hannahs first time at navigating.

It was noted that there would not be a committee meeting in December.

End of committee meeting 21.40

Next committee 12th January 2010