

Bridgend Automobile Club
Minutes of Committee Meeting held on
7th January 2014

Attendees;- LS, JJ, TP, GB, RJ, AJ, PS,GT

Apologies:- RC

Minutes:- JJ-DS-GB-LS-PS-RC-RJ-LS-GB-PS-AJ-JJ-RJ-LS-GB-AJ-PS

Previous minutes agreed.

Events

LS – Next event is Llandow on 12/01/14. Paul & Julie Willis with Nigel Stokes will organise with help from LS

LS – The last autotest of the year in Llandow on the 28/12/13 had 31 Competitors and made a profit of £234

LS - Maesteg Motor club have invited BAC members to their autotests and it was reported that their first event was a success.

Maesteg MC have also suggested an inter club autotest championship with BAC. LS to liaise with Maesteg.

LS – The 2014 autotest championship will comprise of-
12 Tarmac autotests with 8 to count towards championship.

4 Gravel autotests with 3 to count towards championship.

All Permits for the above events have been received from the MSA.

It was proposed and accepted that the club will run a Ladies Category in the Autotest championship.

RJ- The large time display box has developed a problem and has stopped working correctly. RJ will email the manufacture to find a solution to the problem.

Finances

TP – The club has received an insurance refund from the MSA.

RC – Is in the process of preparing the club's 2013 accounts.

Website

PS – Wants to see the overall results spreadsheet on the website. GB says that the spread sheet is on the website but that it is difficult to read and he will try a different solution.

Any Other Business

LS – Farmer was very happy to hear about the possible tarmac repair we plan to conduct in the Llandow venue. RJ has volunteered to send someone to do these repairs.

LS – Maesteg motor club have offered to put on a quiz in The Grove. In February It was suggested that we could attend as a club and could arrange transportation to share.

JJ – Club fleeces etc. should be organised ready for next year. LS stated that hats could also be given upon membership renewal/joining and that these will be procured with the other clothing. GB to send Giff of badge to JJ.

TP – Has had a letter from the MSA offering training for organisers/marshals. This invitation will be scanned and sent to the committee.

PS – The club quiz to be held on the 26/11/2013 was postponed due to a lack of numbers and will be rearranged.

The Barley Mow now closes at 10:00pm and this may hamper the running of such social events. It was decided that the committee should give consideration to finding a new club meeting place which could better meet the needs of the Club.

JJ – The club presentation night is arranged for the 22nd February 2014. LS will sort out trophies. The committee were asked to consider who should be awarded Best Newcomer, Shunt of the year, Clubman of the year and Sprit of Motorsport.

It was noted that PS would not be able to attend the awards Night.

Meeting closed at 9:28pm

Date of Next Meeting: 11th February 2014

Bridgend Automobile Club
Minutes of Committee Meeting held on
11th February 2014

Attendees:- LS, JJ, TP, GB- RJ- AJ- PS- GT- JW

Apologies:- RC

Minutes:- AJ-JJ-RJ-LS- GB- AJ- PS- JJ

Previous minutes were agreed.

- James Willis was welcomed onto the committee.

EVENTS

- LS- Margam Park event went smoothly with a good turnout. Geoff and Gareth marshalled and club made a profit of £100.
- LS- The quarry event of Feb23rd was cancelled due to BBC filming – it has been re-arranged for April 6th.
- RJ stated he has bought a new box capable of holding all the timing gear and displays. Cost £100
- RJ said he has sent all the timing gear to the manufacturer to be tested for the fault that is making the display not work properly.

FINANCES

- Rob was absent from meeting and emailed a financial report to committee members.
- TP- issued a cheque at the Heronston to pay for presentation night £585.00
- Website- GB has updated the final championship standings for 2013 to spread sheet format.
- TP asked GB to look into the fact he was getting a lot of spam mail from the club email, GB to investigate!
- GB reminded committee that we have been invited to the second WAMC quiz to be held in Pontyclun Athletic club on Tuesday March 11th.
- LS- Stated that the club fire extinguishers had been serviced for 2014 at a cost of £24- TP asked to send a cheque to “Flame”.
- TP stated that no one attended the MSA organised marshalling training day in Cardiff, and gave a DVD to GT to watch.

- GB and GT have not been to the pub in Coychurch yet, to see if it could be possible new venue for BAC club nights.
- LS- Stated that the hoodies, hats and trophies had been completed and were ready for collection- LS was waiting for a cheque through the post from RC for £1006.94 to pay for them.
- PS said he would write the chairman's speech for TP to read at the Presentation night in Paul's absence.

Meeting closed at 9.15pm
Next meeting 18th March 8pm
At Pantrythyn Farm Restaurant

Bridgend Automobile Club
Minutes of Committee Meeting held on
18th March 2013 at Pantruthyn Farm

Attendees:- LS, JJ, TP, GB, RJ, AJ, PS, JW

Apologies:- RC

Minutes:- AJ – JJ – RJ – LS – GB – AJ – PS – JJ – AJ

Previous minutes agreed. Apart from RJ didn't buy the box.

Events

LS – Quarry event rescheduled due to filming, and attempting to adapt to not conflict with the shooting club.

LS - £155 profit from previous Llandow, smoothly ran apart from a slight issue with results. Championship standings remain unaffected. 23 competitors meant everybody had a fair amount of runs.

RJ – Needs to inform Tom Pritchard and the farm about the quarry event.

LS – Next Llandow event is set to be a double, all day event.

RJ – All timing gear was returned and 'tested'. The courier damaged the box that carried the beams, and the same faults were experienced. New box for the timing gear is to be sent out and a new cable for testing. No charge so far.

Finances

LS – RC was contacted and said that he wouldn't be back for a while. He suggested to keep a paying book and track finances for now. A financial report will be emailed.

TP – Fire extinguishers sorted; cheque sent.

Website

GB – Spam issue sorted.

Any Other Business

GB – Consideration should be put into the meeting venue, as Pantruthyn appears to be a success. This is also more suitable for accessibility, just off of the M4. In terms of committee meetings, this appears to be the preferable venue.

- Issues concerning the social aspect and succession management. Sparse attendance to club nights etc. but this appears to be the norm as Facebook and website have meant that those interested in the events are able to get information on demand. The events themselves also prove to be a social event in themselves. TP – Monitor the situation, host quizzes etc.

TP – AGM on 29th April at the Barley Mow. 8:30pm start. Committee meeting Before hand if required, to start at 8:00pm.

LS – For the remaining hats, they should be sold at the events for £5 per unit. This is a slight loss but still allows for future production. Also 20 mugs will be ordered for sale at roughly £4.50.

LS – Double Llandow in need of organisation – AJ will find supporters to help.

Meeting closed at 9:11pm
Date of Next meeting – 29th April (AGM)

Bridgend Automobile Club
Minutes of Committee Meeting held on
13th May 2013 at The Barley Mow

Attendees:- LS, JJ, TP, GB, RJ, AJ, PS, JW, GT

Apologies:- RC

Minutes:- AJ – JJ – RJ – LS – GB – AJ – PS – JJ – AJ –GB

Paul Steddy was re-elected as Chairman
Gareth Tilleke was welcomed to the committee
Previous minutes agreed.

Events

LS – Since the last meeting we have had events at both Llandow and Argoed Quarry, both events were well attended. It was noted that the event at Llandow was rather wet and the gazebo had not been used. LS to collect gazebo from GB to use at future events as required.

LS – The next event is at Argoed Quarry on Sunday 18th May (sign on at 11:30am), a good turn out is expected again. This will be followed by an event at Llandow on Sunday 8th June, JW organising.

RJ – Needs to inform Tom Pritchard and the farm about the quarry event.

RJ – All timing gear was returned and ‘tested’. The courier damaged the box that carried the beams, and the same faults were experienced. New box for the timing gear is to be sent out and a new cable for testing. No charge so far. No further updates on this, RJ to chase up.

GB – As usual a BAC presence (GB & GT), were at the South Wales Classic Car Showground on Saturday 10th May to help prepare for the show and setup an area for BAC. However following the appalling weather we found out at 8:15am on Sunday 11th May that the show was cancelled. Had to enter the fields to remove BAC banner etc.

Finances

PS – The accounts provided by RC have been signed by PS and returned to the accountants.

LS – RC has provided LS with a paying book

TP – Reports he has £409.30 in petty cash, some of this will be banked by TP

Website

GB – Championship Points recently updated

Any Other Business

GB – Pantruthyn Farm still to be considered as an alternative venue for committee meetings/club nights

JW – Has found an automated system in relation to recording timings at events. Would seem to do everything we need, however cost has ruled it out... £4k !

RJ – Found out details for running live timing by use of a QR code and have that linked to a webpage. Results could be updated as they come in using an iPad to update. AJ & JW to investigate (after exams...)

TP – Still not received any responses from Cooke and Arkright after numerous letters concerning Eweny Woods, will write again for cancellation of the invoice as we have not used this location for 18months

LS – Reported that there is a VINTAGE AND SPECIALIST RALLY at Tredegar Park, Newport on Sunday 21st September, BAC might have been invited.

Meeting closed at 8:45pm

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 10th June at Barley Mow

Bridgend Automobile Club
Minutes of Committee Meeting held on
10th June 2014

Attendees:- LS;JJ;TP;GB;RJ;AJ;JW;GT;PS

Apologies:- RC

Minutes:- LS;GB;AJ;PS;JJ;AJ;GB;LS

Previous minutes were agreed.

Events

LS- since the last meeting 2 events have been held -the quarry and a Llandow both have been very well attended and organised.

LS- Next event will be a double Llandow in July LS to organise the morning only, Andy James offered to help.

LS Mentioned the Quarry is for sale and wondered how much it will be—could the club afford to buy it?

PS- Questioned the fact the timing sheets not kept as a record of the days attendees.

RJ – Timing gear is working but display still is not. James Willis offered to look at it.

PS- Asked about a portaloo at events but it was agreed it would be too expensive.

Finances

Rob Coleman is not available at meeting and will email reports of finances regularly.

Any Other Business

RJ- Asked about online membership renewal, it was discussed but decided just to make the current forms bigger and easier to fill in, so Tom could understand their details.

GB- Asked if we were going to move venues for meetings, but it was decided to stay at the Barley Mow for now.

TP- mentioned the club had been invited to the Brecon Car show 3rd Aug. –It was decided the club would not be represented at the show.

TP- Stated there is still no official response from Cooke and Arkright regarding the use of Ewenny Woods.

Meeting closed at 9.05 pm
Next meeting July 8th, 2014

Bridgend Automobile Club
Minutes of Committee Meeting held on
8th July 2014 at The Barley Mow

Attendees:- LS, JJ, TP, GB, RJ, AJ, BD, JW, GT

Apologies:- RC, PS

Minutes:- AJ – JJ – RJ – LS – GB – AJ – PS – JJ – AJ –GB – LS – GT

Previous minutes agreed.

Events

LS – The last event at Llandow was a double-header and very well attended, with 38 entries for the morning session and 33 entries competing in the afternoon session. After allowing for MSA permit and other fees, £672 was banked.

LS said that we had many new helpers, especially with the clearing away afterwards. BD was mentioned for her organisational duties in assisting the event to run smoothly. The committee were pleased to hear of such positive feedback and wished to thank all competitors and helpers for making the event a huge success.

LS – The next event is at Llandow on 10th August. Volunteers are required to run this event.

JW – Timing gear display is not working correctly. JW volunteered to investigate – carried forward from last meeting.

JJ – A discussion took place on how to make the events run smoother and also make it easier for the organisers. It was decided to reintroduce a hand stamp, which would be used to identify the membership who would be taking part as a competitor or passenger.

It would also greatly assist the organisers if all members produced their membership cards at sign-on.

In addition, it was proposed by JJ and seconded by TP that a sign-on cut-off time would be introduced. This would mean signing on within a ½ hour window prior to the official start time. This is to ensure that all competitors and their passengers attend the briefing and ‘walk the course’, whilst giving the organisers sufficient time to set up the course.

The above will be published on Facebook.

Finances

Following on from the success of the last event, the committee debated how much of a 'slush fund' should be held in the bank in order to maintain or replace items for the Autotests as required. No decision was reached but this will be monitored throughout the year.

GT - Wales Air Ambulance had been contacted to establish if the club could have a collection bin for members and their families to donate at events in assisting this worthy cause.

TP proposed and GB seconded that Wales Air Ambulance would receive in general, 10% of our net profit from events. The charity would also be invited to our next awards evening in order to be presented with a cheque of all accumulated donations.

Any Other Business

TP – The current membership forms will be made bigger to make it easier to complete and hopefully avoid any doubt when transcribing to the database.

TP – Following on from last month's invitation to attend the Brecon Car Show on 3rd August, the committee decided that it would not be possible to attend.

Meeting closed at 9:35pm

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 9th September at Barley Mow

Bridgend Automobile Club
Minutes of Committee Meeting held on
9th September 2014 at Pantrythyn Farm

Attendees:- Tom Pedersen, Geoff Bessant, Andrew James, Beth Dance, Paul Steddy, Gareth Tilleke

Apologies:- Rob Coleman, Leighton Smith, Jayne Jones, Rob James, James Willis

Minutes;- AJ – JJ – RJ – LS – GB – AJ – PS – JJ – AJ –GB – LS – GT-GB

Previous minutes agreed.

Events

LS provided the following information:

The takings from the event held on 8th July 2014 at Llandow (double header) - £830

The takings for the event held 10th August 2014 at Llandow - £370

All monies have been banked

LS – The next event is at Argoed Quarry on Sunday 14th September, Leighton Smith will be organising and will be assisted by Andy James.

The following Event will be a single all day event held at Margam Park on Sunday

5th October, helpers and Marshals are required for this event to run.

GB will attend, GT unable to.

JW – Timing gear display is not working correctly. JW volunteered to investigate – carried forward from last meeting. No update.

At the last meeting it was agreed that a sign-on cut-off time would be introduced. For the last event this was published on Facebook a week before the event. Future Sign on windows will be published on Facebook a week before the event once agreed with the organiser.

(This is to ensure that all competitors and their passengers attend the briefing and 'walk the course', whilst giving the organisers sufficient time to set up the course).

Finances

Rob Coleman advised the committee that due to work commitments he would be standing down as Treasurer and as a member of the committee from 1st October 2014.

Rob James has kindly volunteered to take over the role of treasurer – the committee endorsed this, and noted their thanks to Rob Coleman for his hard work in getting the finances straight and in good shape over the last 3 years or so and of course thanks to Rob James for taking on the position

Wales Air Ambulance Fund Raising – GB has obtained a number of WAA sunstrips and car stickers, the club has paid for these - £118 going to WAA. Some have been sold already those available will be on Sale at Margam park autotest on Sunday 5th October.

TP has the WAA Collection bucket and will bring to next event(s)

TP Reports he has now spent all the petty cash and the club owes him approximately £30.

Any Other Business

Beth Dance was welcomed as a member of the committee

TP – The current membership forms have now been made bigger to make it easier to complete and hopefully avoid any doubt when transcribing to the database.

TP – Membership List is up to date although not all Membership Cards have been sent out yet.

PS - Proposal to hire the Llandow circuit for a morning or afternoon for a sprint session, the club to subsidise the cost. PS to check out costs

GT – Suggested having a karting event again, although this has been organised before and whilst there was a good turn out at the beginning after a few events there was very little interest. It was thought that at this time not to progress this.

With the demise of the Barley Mow it was decided that there would be one club night a month which would be the same night as the committee meetings (2nd Tuesday of the month), starting at 9pm.

Meeting closed at 9:00pm

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 14th October at Pantrythyn Farm

Bridgend Automobile Club
Minutes of Committee Meeting held on
14th October 2014 at Pantrythyn Farm

Attendees: AJ, BD, JJ, LS, PS, GB, GT

Apologies: RJ, TP

Minutes: AJ - GB - LS - GT - GB – AJ

Previous minutes agreed.

Events

LS - 2 events since the last meeting: Argoed quarry with about **40** entries with about **£465.75** taken.

Margam event had **55** entries and banked **£352.30**. Margam was run with 2 stopwatches to keep the timing fluid and the event went smoothly.

Next event at Llandow on 9th November will be organised by AJ and crew, and the following event on 23rd November will be a new event in a 16 acre field at Pen-y-Bryn (?) free of charge to the club (support for Wales Air Ambulance, also owner's son has been given free membership).

GT will be able to attend future events to assist with marshalling and also shake the WAA donations bucket (Bucket currently with TP)

LS - John Foley's membership was approved but will be reconsidered in future meetings should he display any distasteful behaviour.

LS - Quarry has new gates due to people dumping on the site without permission. Tom Pritchard is looking for future quarry events to be funded as previously we have used the site for free. This would give us unlimited use as we please throughout the year (should we pay each time), although windmill farm would also have to be paid a similar amount out of fairness. This could mean a possible expenditure of nearly **£300** per event.

Due to our current profits this could be agreeable. Also this venue is currently the only place left to hold our loose surface championship. RJ will speak with Tom Pritchard about this.

PS - Looking into doing a track day/Llandow track autotest on the proper circuit. This might have to include scrutineering and a considerable fee. The club to subsidise the event.

GB – was approached by two local residents at Margam Park who commented that they had no prior warning about the event like they usually get. Also members of the Archery Club turned up expecting to be able to get through and they had not been informed either. (Some of them were not too happy about it either !) LS to speak to Margam Park to let them know.

Finances

PS - RJ has obtained all the documentation and resources from Rob C. Also PS and LS should be put as signatories on the club account should a cheque be required.

Any Other Business

LS - Timing gear played up at Margam and required a hard reset. Due to stopwatches being kept with the documentation at each event it was not a huge issue, but reliability of the system should be considered for future events

PS - Barley Mow still closed until further notice

GB - Chris Pugh (photographer), was at the Margam event. He said he didn't feel he was getting recognition for the photography he takes for the club. We feel he should be made the 'club photographer' and offered free Membership. This was agreed by all.

JJ - Last event there was a shortage of signing on sheets and more should be printed prior to the next event.

Also membership cards being available at the event could mean instant membership cards could be given out at each event so that there are no issues with postage etc. JJ to speak to TP to progress

LS - Our usual burger van couldn't attend the Margam event so we had a fill-in. These particular caterers may be avoided next time.

LS - Phone call from Mark Ellis offering a free 25ft container to keep in Llandow. However because LS couldn't get in contact with the farmer the offer expired and the opportunity was missed. It may be worth considering investing in a container to use as a sign on office etc. for Llandow events.

Meeting closed at 8:58pm

Date of next meeting: 11th November at Pantrythyn Farm

Bridgend Automobile Club
Minutes of Committee Meeting held on
11th November 2014

Attendees:- AJ, BD, RJ, LS, JJ, TP, PS, GT, GB

Apologies:- None

Minutes:- AJ – GB – LS – GT – GB – AJ – AJ

Previous minutes agreed

Events

LS – Llandow event 9/11/14, very well attended with 46 competitors. This meant we were very limited on runs and only managed 3 runs. Timing gear had a hiccup but AJ believes this to be the shorter cable and this should be avoided in future with use of the longer cable. Overall takings of £310.

LS – Air ambulance tickets auctioned and took £210 for each pair, meaning £420 towards the charity. Also £140 from the charity bucket just from the previous event.

LS – No go with the field event due to weather, however there is a replacement event possibly in Maesteg, 23rd November. Charity event and the majority of the takings will be going to air ambulance.

LS - Possibility of more joint events in future with MMC, perhaps a joint championship with proceeds to air ambulance.

LS – 27th December Christmas event in Llandow.

PS – Llandow circuit for £2,500 + VAT for an entire Saturday, subsidised by the club as an invited/veteran member day.

Finances

RJ – Paperwork obtained from RC, RJ has been made signatory with TP, agreed that LS and PS should also do the same. Balance Santander Business Bond as of 5th April 2014 was £5,106.60. Lloyds Bank account balance at 15th October 2014 was £6,916.68.

RJ – Payment due to MSA by 28th November for club registration of £72.00.

Any Other Business

TP – Air ambulance charity money to be presented at the awards night.

JJ – Possibly consider a secondary charity/different charity for next year as we appear to be giving a lot towards only one cause.

LS – Contacted by John Bevan's nephew asking if we would support a charitable event sometime next year in John's memory. Agreed that we would await further information and be happy to help.

PS – To do with the non-profit aspect of the club and the spirit of motorsport, we should consider a free event annually/one-off.

TP – Barley Mow apparently been bought out, will consider as venue once again once complete and in business.

LS – Thanks to the club as John's funeral was attended by a good amount of BAC members, including a wreath featuring the club badge. Respects will be paid during the awards night also.

JJ – Membership cards at the event could be tried but TP warned that this has been done before and just caused issues.

RJ – Have a look at online membership.

RJ – Promotion/affiliation with Welsh Association possibilities, although perhaps at a later date due to current member saturation.

JJ – Perhaps look at a larger room for next awards night. JJ will make enquiries and look at possible numbers etc.

Meeting closed at 9:39pm

Date of Next Meeting: 9th December 2014

BAC Committee Meeting Minutes
Held at Pantrythyn Farm on 9th December 2014

Attendees:- AJ-BD-RJ-LS-JJ-TP-PS-GT

Apologies:- GB

Minutes:- AJ-GB-LS-GT-GB-AJ-JJ-BD

EVENTS

LS- stated there had been 2 events since last meeting-

- Maesteg- event jointly run with MDMC for Air Ambulance, which raised £117 for each club.
- Cwm Risca Farm- raised £216.45 for Wales Air Ambulance.

LS- December quarry event was put off until RJ has further discussions with the owners about its future use.

LS- An inter club championship will run in 2015 with Maesteg, their Amazon venue will host 4 rounds with 4 from BAC yet to be picked.

LS- Andrew and Beth offered to organise the December 27th Llandow.

FINANCES

RJ- Santander Bond remains the same at £5106.60

Lloyds current account balance is £7,226-68

Payment for £72 to MSA for club registration has been made 17/11/14

RJ- is still not a signatory on the bank cheque books- he will chase up Lloyds bank.

Any Other Business

GT- To enquire with Air Ambulance about presentation night of collection of the bucket. And club fund raising cheque.

TP- Barley Mow sale has fallen through so still unsure if the pub can be used for club nights.

LS- GB sent email received from John Bevan's nephew thanking all BAC members who attended Johns funeral and asked about the possibility of putting on a charity event in memory of John.

JJ – presentation night will aim for the end of February, JJ to enquire with the Heronston hotel about a larger room in the new year in case the large influx of members wish to attend the evening.

Meeting closed at 8-40pm
Date of Next Meeting: 13th January 2015