

Minutes of the Bridgend Automobile Club Annual General Meeting held on 12th April 2016 at the Fox and Hounds, Llanharry

Present:

Paul Steddy (Chairman)
Tom Pedersen (Secretary)
Leighton Smith (Competition Secretary)
Zack Usher
Bethany Dance
Andy James

Gareth Tilleke Jayne Jones Tom Gibbs Colin Price Geoff Bessant

The meeting commenced at 20:20. As attendance was greater than 5 members, a quorum was noted as being present.

In accordance with the rules of the Club, Paul stood down as chair. It was proposed by Tom P, seconded by Gareth and agreed that Paul would chair this meeting.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Rob James (Treasurer).

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

It was noted that Andy James was in attendance at the previous meeting, subject to this amendment, Gareth proposed and Andy seconded that the minutes from the AGM of 9 June 2015 were a true and accurate record. The proposal was carried.

3. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

There were no matters arising from the previous meeting.

4. Competition Secretary's Report

Leighton highlighted the following points from the 2015 competition year:

- 2015 was another successful and well attended year at our events.
- There were 15 events at multiple venues and surfaces in the BAC championships, 5 of which were Maesteg events for which we were an invited

- club and counted towards the various championships.
- During 2015, an interclub championship with Maesteg Club was run with 9 events put on by both Clubs. The overall champion and Ladies winner were both from BAC.
- It is still the same people being relied on to organise events, more young people need to be enticed to help and ultimately run these events for the future security of the Club.
- New venues are needed urgently with restricted use of Argoed Quarry and the loss of Margam Park, Coopers Maesteg and Amazon. Llandow is our only guaranteed venue and members are getting a little bored with it.
- Also we need to maintain the tarmac at Llandow to minimise damage to members cars if we want to attract them to a 'tarmac' venue.

Leighton will look on the Welsh Government website to see if there are any suitable venues available.

Tom P will also write to Aston Martin now they are being based at St Athan with a view to promoting the Club and to see if there is scope for using a venue with them.

Paul proposed a vote of thanks to Leighton and the Team for their considerable effort during the year. This was seconded by Tom P and agreed by the meeting.

5. Treasurers Report

In his absence, the Club Treasurer, Rob James provided the following written report for the meeting:

- The accounts for the period ending 31st December 2015 have been approve and filed at Companies House.
- A copy is available at this meeting for inspection if required.
- The club was again quite active in 2015 and ended the year with a Balance Sheet of £15,384 compared to £15,064 in 2014, £11,069 in 2013, and £9,305 in 2012.
- It can be seen from the figures above that the club had a particularly good year in 2014 which was due to the large number of events organised.
- During 2015 the club was forced to open a new bank account to comply with rules regarding Limited Companies, a task that was still in progress at the end of the year, but is gladly now complete.
- This meant that the club was unable to deposit any monies into Business Bonds or other saving accounts as it had done in previous years, however this current year a deposit of £10,000 was made into a fixed interest savings account with Aldermore which will produce a return of £10,447.89 at maturity on 31st December 2017.
- As Treasurer I produce regular reports are for committee meetings showing current balances, revenue, and expenditure for each period.

Tom P proposed that the audited accounts were approved. Geoff seconded and this was agreed by the meeting.

6. General Discussion

The cost of entry fees and membership fees was discussed. Tom P proposed that to be more in line with other clubs in the area, with effect from 2017 that both full and junior membership was changed to £10 and the Llandow entry fee is increase to £15. Paul proposed an amendment in that entry fees for juniors was £10. Pauls amendment was discussed and declined. Leighton seconded Tom P's original proposal and the meeting agreed the proposal.

It was noted that the Club subsidised the Club Awards night and also supports the Wales Air Ambulance Charity.

Leighton reported that John Morgan was trying to secure Corntown Quarry as a venue.

Gareth suggested the Club purchase or lease a venue. It was agreed that this would be considered if something became available.

Leighton noted that the holes in the runway need sweeping out and repairing, possibly with postcrete. The club wiould be prepared to pay to have this carried out.

Jayne asked if anyone wanted to order any hoodies, T shirts or Polo shirts.

Tom G enquired if there would be any karting events this year. Leighton said the Club was looking to arrange them.

7. Notices of Motion

Tom tabled a Notice of Motion proposing to increase the number of committee members allowed for in the Memorandum and Article of Association of the Club from 9 to 12. Geoff seconded the motion and the meeting agreed the proposal.

8. Election of Officers

Tom Pedersen proposed and Geoff seconded that the current committee were elected en-bloc. The proposal was carried.

In addition it was proposed that Tom G and Colin join the committee. This was unanimously agreed.

9. Any Other Business

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 21:05.

Tom Pedersen

BAC Secretary