

Great Britain Slope Racing Association First Annual General Meeting held in Bridgend, South Wales on the 20th September 2014

Present Martin Newnham, Chairman
John Phillips, League Coordinator
Peter Gunning, Treasurer
Jon Edison, Secretary

Daniel Schneider, Peter Burgess, Joel West, Keith Wood, Andrzej Tabero, Michael Shellim, Greg Dakin, Graham Mahoney, John Treble, Mark Abbots, Simon Thornton, Richard Bago, Stuart Wallace, Mark Treble, Stefan Bertschi, Michael Walsh, John Phillips, Andy Borgone, Ian Mason, Ronnie Lampe.

Apologies - Robert Ryan, John Tideswell, Mike Evans

Minutes of last AGM - Not Applicable

Matters Arising - Confirmation of the Objectives of the Association and roles of the committee were requested. These are all fully detailed in the Constitution on the GBSRA Website. <http://www.gbsra.co.uk/>

Greg Dakin requested details of how the GBSRA and the BMFA interact, especially with regard to the SFTC.
MN explained that as the GBSRA is known as a 'specialist body' within the BMFA, and is given the right to having a representative on the SFTC.

Treasurers Report - Copies of the Accounts were made available for all members attending the agm. The Treasurer explained the various allocations of funds, and that the current balance for the Association was £270.

Some discussion followed on the item regarding SFTC Team Fund. MN explained that whilst the GBSRA were in agreement to support the BMFA and the Team Fund, the current method of obtaining funds did leave the GBSRA as the major contributor, and therefore we would be looking to raise the issue at the next SFTC meeting to try and obtain a fairer method of fund raising.

The Treasurer proposed that the subscriptions for 2015 should remain at £6. This was seconded by Peter Burgess. Agreed unanimously.

Chairman's Report - The 2014 BMFA league did not start until the 27th April due to the first event being cancelled on the 7th April to bad weather. Thankfully the reserve dates which are scheduled each year, meant we were able to recover this date on the 25th May. However weather again affected league 3 in Wales. Hopefully the remaining one day contests will run.

South of England Euro Tour was very successful, ESSA worked hard to make this Euro Tour and World Cup happen in May, special thanks should go to John Phillips and his team. Great Britain filling 1st, 2nd and 3rd places was a great result.

It was almost looking like we would have to reschedule the BMFA Nationals for the first time since I have been involved. Thankfully the weather gods were on our side for Sunday to provide a great days flying for the 30 pilots that attended.

SlopeGlide again proved to be successful even though we was only able to fly one of the 2 days we still managed to complete 11 rounds. It was also great to see everyone work together so the competition could run smoothly throughout the day.

The World Championships in Slovakia was as expected a lottery. Sadly unlike Rugen it was not a test of pilot skill but luck. Only 4 rounds were completed, each with many re-flights and group scoring to achieve the 4 rounds to count as an official contest and crown a new world champion. Mark was able to make the most of the conditions to fly to a credible 4th position and deserves to be congratulated for this position.

The Chairman requested that all attendees of UK competitions should be prepared to help with the running of an event, and that organizers of those events should remind pilots of this at the pilots briefing.

MN said he was trying to re-establish a 60" competition in 2015 and ask Ronnie Lampe if he would stand as EPP coordinator. RL was proposed by Joel West and Seconded by Ian Mason. RL accepted the proposal, and was voted on unanimously.

Finally, the Chairman requested help with running the GBSRA Web site. Mark lTreble and Mike Shellim both volunteered to help.

Election of Committee - As the current committee, under the GBSRA constitution, can remain in office for 2 years, elections are not required until 2015.

F3F BMFA League - The Chairman outlined the current league structure. Some discussion followed. MN agreed to submit a revised structure of the BMFA league for further discussion. This would cover :-

- Eurotours / World Cups would not form part of the league. Slope Glide and the Nationals would.
- One and two day events would have equal weighting.
- Revised number of events for the BMFA league

The minimum number of competitors that must attend a BMFA league event for it to qualify as a counting event was discussed. A proposal by Peter Burgess to reduce the number from 12 to 10 was seconded by Joel West and accepted unanimously.

NM said that BMFA F3F League dates will be confirmed by the beginning of January 2015 or sooner if possible.

F3F Winter League - Winter League Rules to remain as is.

Dates are as follows :-

Northern Winter League	Midlands League	Scotland Winter League	Wales Winter League	Southern Winter League
1 st Nov 2014	8 th Nov 2014	8 th Nov 2014	9 th Nov 2014	2 nd Nov 2014
6 th Dec 2014	13 th Dec 2014	13 th Dec 2014	7 th Dec 2014	7 th Dec 2014
10 th Jan 2015	10 th Jan 2015	17 th Jan 2015	11 th Jan 2015	4 th Jan 2015
7 th Feb 2015	14 th Feb 2015	21 st Feb 2015	8 th Feb 2015	1 st Feb 2015
7 th March 2015	14 th March 2015	14 th March 2015	8 th March 2015	-

Reserve Dates:

Northern League:- 21st February 2015 & 21st March 2015.

Southern League:- 16th November 2014; 21st December 2014;
18th January 2015; 15th February 2015

Champion Of Champions:- The venue is still to be decided, it is likely to be in Wales again for 2015.

AOB - The Chairman invited discussion on suggestions to change, develop and improve F3F participation.

The role a public relations / development officer post was suggested. Ian Mason proposed Joel West and was seconded by Greg Dakin. Joel accepted the proposal and was unanimously accepted as GBSRA PRO/Development Officer.

Further discussion centered around practice days, model reviews, sponsorship, and a Master Class, where top pilots coach other. JW agreed to progress the various suggestions.

Following on from the WC in Slovakia, MN requested a show of hands of pilots who would be interested in helping the UK to host a World Championship in 2018. There were 12 offers of help.

Meeting Closed at 9:55pm
Minutes taken by J Edison