

**Great Britain Slope Racing Association 8th Annual General Meeting via ZOOM,
15th Dec 2022 at 7:30pm**

Present Jon Edison, Chairman & Secretary
Mark Treble, League Coordinator

Peter Gunning, Mark Redsell, Stefan Bertschi, Ian Mason, Graham Hill, John Treble

Apologies - Joel West

Minutes of last AGM -

Minutes of the 2021 AGM were read and approved as a true record, Proposed Jon Edison, seconded Pete Gunning. Unanimously agreed.

Matters Arising - None other than agenda items.

Chairman's Report - The Chairman thanked the meeting for all their continuing support. Special thanks to all the Committee members for their hard work throughout the year. This was the first year free from and pandemic / lockdown, and turned out to be one of the hottest summers on record, but didn't produce particularly brilliant conditions for Slope contests. The Chairman confirmed that he has been appointed Chairman of the BMFA Silent Flight Technical Committee for another year. The GBSRA is well represented on the BMFA, with two members on the SFTC Committee

Treasurers Report - With the Treasurer giving his apologies due to a business trip abroad, Jon presented a brief overview of the state of the accounts kindly supplied by Joel via email. These showed a balance of £6508. Jon pointed out that this was not all available to the GBSRA as some £900 had not been allocated to Trophy expenses, BMFA contribution, and hosting Clubs. Peter Gunning added that there was a further £200 for a wind meter interface. Peter also mentioned there were still some monies in a legacy bank account. These items to be resolved by the Treasurer.

League Co-coordinators Report -

Calendar for 2023 has been compiled, and will be available when the League Coordinator receives confirmation from the hosting clubs and organisers.

Election of Committee -

Unfortunately Joel has indicated that he would like to step down as Treasurer. Jon proposed Mark Treble as Treasurer as this made perfect sense for the role of League Coordinator and Treasurer to be

combined. This was seconded by Ian Mason and was accepted by a unanimous vote.

As all the remaining committee had indicated that they were willing to stand again, and as there were no other nominations, the current committee was re-elected. Proposed by Jon Edison, Seconded by Peter Gunning.

The Committee for 2023 is therefore :-

Chairman	- Jon Edison
Treasurer	- Mark Treble
Secretary	- Jon Edison
League Coordinator	- Mark Treble
PRO	- Rich Bago
SFTC Rep	- Nigel Witchalls
Digital Marketing	- Mike Shellim

Changes to the BMFA league Format.

No changes were proposed to the league format.

Changes to league rules.

Entry numbers were down on previous years, and some concern was expressed on how to reverse this trend. It was accepted that this was an issue that needs attention but no substantial ideas were forthcoming. However one consequence of these low numbers, were that competitions did not run because the entries did not meet the minimum of the 8 required. Ian Mason suggested that this be reduced to 5 being the practical minimum to run a slope event. This was seconded by Mark Redsell and was accepted by a majority vote.

Course Equipment

Jon Edison thanked Peter Gunning for his work on sourcing the Gill Ultrasonic wind Speed and Direction Meter and thanks also to David Looms for providing the Bluetooth interface module. Mark Treble has produced a neat iPhone app to display the readings and also to provide the 20sec countdown in the event the wind measurements are outside the F3F limits. Mark is continuing his work to integrate the readings into his Android software. The equipment is currently being trialled at as many events as possible.

F3F Rules Discussion / Discussion Group

Mark Redsell had been approached at the WC in Demark to be a member of an informal European group to discuss Rule changes and procedures within

the F3F community. Mark had agreed to this as he felt it would provide a more integrated approach to such discussions, allowing proposals to be discussed at National level before they were presented via CIAM for inclusion in the FAI rule book. The meeting thought that the formation of such a group was a good idea, although how affective or long lasting was open to some scepticism. Jon Edison proposed that whilst the group was in existence, Mark Redsell should be co-opted onto the committee in order to communicate the group's discussions. This was accepted by a majority vote.

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World Championship Funding

John Treble presented his work in trying to obtain sponsorship from the Welsh Government in order to obtain some funding towards a possible WC bid by the UK in 2026. Wales is the most likely location for any UK run World Championship and John had been advised that to run such an event requires around £25K in additional funding. The Welsh contact had indicated that to receive such funding, the event must contribute to the Welsh economy by a factor of between 6x - 8x the value of that funding. Calculations by John suggested that the contribution could easily exceed the £200K indicated by this measure. Whilst some of John's figures were questioned, the overall calculations appeared sound, and John asked for support going forward. Peter Gunning, Mark Redsell, Ian Mason and Stefan Bertshi offered their support and the group would be known as the 2026 Committee. Jon Edison agreed to coordinate communications between the group members.

Meeting Closed at 21.40pm
Minutes taken by J Edison