

Great Britain Slope Racing Association 3rd Annual General Meeting held in the Premier Inn Hotel, Bridgend, South Wales on the 9th September 2016

Present Martin Newnham, Chairman
Peter Gunning, Treasurer
Jon Edison, Secretary

Joel West, Greg Dakin, John Treble, Simon Thornton, Richard Bago, Mark Treble, Andy Borgoyne, Ronnie Lampe, Les Wood, Mike Evans, Keith Wood, Mike Shellim, George Young,

Apologies - Ian Mason, Bernie Jones, John Phillips, Peter Burgess

Minutes of last AGM –

Minutes of the 2015 AGM were read and approved as a true record, Proposed John Treble, seconded Mark Treble. Unanimously agreed.

Matters Arising - None

Chairmans Report - The Chairman thanked the meeting for all their support throughout the year. He hoped the GBSRA would continue to represent the members at all levels, and said he felt now was time for him to step down.

Treasurers Report - Details of the Accounts were described by the Treasurer. He explained the various allocations of funds, and that the current balance for the Association was £2,495.6.

Comp Sec Report - No Report.

Election of Committee -

With the exception of the Chairman, all current members of the Committee indicated that they would be happy to stand again. As no other nominations were received, the following were positions re-elected :-

Treasurer - Peter Gunning
Secretary, - Jon Edison
Web master - Mark Treble
PRO Officer - Joel West
League Coordinator - Ian Mason.
SFTC Rep - Greg Dakin

The outstanding position of Chairman received a proposal by Jon Edison for Simon Thornton, seconded by Rich Bago. As no other proposals were received and as Simon was willing to stand, Simon was duly elected Chairman for 2016.

Membership Fees for 2016 -

The Treasurer proposed that the subscriptions for 2016 should remain at £6. This was proposed by Peter Gunning, seconded by Jon Edison. Agreed unanimously.

F3F League and Winter League Dates

Ian Mason to produce a calendar for 2016

Changes to the BMFA league Format

No proposals were received for the changes to the BMFA League or Winter League Format.

Changes to the BMFA league Rules

Proposal – To reduce the requirement for the minimum number of pilots for a valid competition from 10 to 8. Proposed by Martin Newnham, Seconded by Rich Bago. Agreed unanimously

FAI Rule Changes

JE read through the proposals that were presented to, and agreed by CIAM for changes to the FAI rules. Copy posted on the GBSRA web site.

Two salient rule changes were :-

- 1) **The wind speed to be measured at 2m above the ground at the flight line.** The issue with this is that 2m is above head height for most people, thus requiring remote reading instruments. Also the 2m is an absolute measurement, whereas the word 'above' 2m would have been a better statement. This could give rise to disputes.
- 2) **The whole group must be divided into groups of equal size (+/- 1 competitor) with a minimum number of competitors in one group of ten before the round starts.** Only in the event of a weather interruption will groups scoring be applied. No issues foreseen here

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Weather Calls

Some difficulty was experienced by the CD's when the weather forecasters changed the forecast late in the day. The single call on a Friday evening could be extended to a further confirmatory call on the following Saturday morning. Some discussion followed but the single call on the Friday to remain.

Simon Thornton suggested a list of selected weather sites should be used for these calls. Simon to produce a recommended list.

Equipment Requirement

It was suggested that the money accrued in the account could be used to purchase F3F equipment such as 'A' frames. The GBSRA committee to review the suggestion

Forthcoming World Championships

The Team were wished the best of luck at the WC's this October. JE reminded them that additional financial support is available from the BMFA from the Training and Excellence Budget. This is awarded for any additional days spent before the main event where this can shown to be legitimate practice time.

Presentations.

The following presentations were made by the Chairman to recognise member's achievements throughout the year

The 'Most Improved Pilot' went to Graham Mahoney

Also congratulations to Paul Stubley and Les Wood for their recent PB's

Meeting Closed at 9.35pm
Minutes taken by J Edison