

**Great Britain Slope Racing Association 10th Annual General Meeting via ZOOM,
28th Nov 2024 at 7:30pm**

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

Mike Shellim, Mark Redsell, Ian Mason, Paul Stubley, Mike Evans,
John Philips, Bruce Hudson, Brett Larrett, William Fourier, Andy
Burgoyne.

Apologies - Les Wood

Minutes of last AGM -

Minutes of the 2023 AGM were read and approved as a true record,
Proposed Jon Edison, seconded Mike Evans. Unanimously agreed.

Matters Arising - None other than agenda items.

Chairman's Report - The Chairman thanked the meeting for all their continuing support. Thanks to all the Committee members for their hard work throughout the year. Congratulations the F3F Team for a fine performance in France in sometimes difficult conditions. The GBSRA continues to be well represented on the BMFA, with two members on the SFTC Committee.

Treasurers Report - The Treasurer presented an overview of accounts describing the income and outgoings sustained by the GBSRA competitions. These showed a balance of £4912 with a further £1400 still in an orphan account. It was agreed to empty the orphan account as payments could be made from it.

League Co-coordinators Report -

Calendar for 2025 has been compiled, and are available on the GBSRA Web Site here <https://www.gbsra.co.uk/f3f-calendar>

Election of Committee -

The Chairman pointed out that several posts had been held for sometime and he hoped that there could be some fresh faces for some. After some discussion, it was agreed to ask Peter Gunning to take on the role of Chair. As Peter wasn't at the meeting, he would be co-opted onto the committee assuming he is in agreement. Andy Burgoyne offered to take on the role of league coordinator, but requested he did it jointly with Mark Treble the current Coordinator. This was proposed by the Chair and seconded by Mark T.

The BMFA SFTC Representative Nigel Whitchalls has stepped down, Mark Treble offered his services. As there were no other nominees, Mark was duly elected. The role of F3F Liaison was held by Mark Redsell and Mark agreed to continue the role. In addition he would take on the follow up to the Survey that he championed in order to resolve the on going issues. It was agreed he would form a small group of flyers consisting of Mike Evans, Bruce Hudson, Brett Larrett, Les Wood to help with that process. As there were no other nominees for the other posts, the remainder of the existing committee members were re-elected.

The Committee for 2025 is therefore :-

Chairman	- Peter Gunning
Treasurer	- Mark Treble
Secretary	- Jon Edison
League Coordinator	- Andy Burgoyne
SFTC Rep	- Mark Treble
PRO	- Ian Mason
Digital Marketing	- Mike Shellim

(Post meeting note, Peter Gunning has agreed to be Chair.)

Review of the GBSRA Survey.

A brief review of the survey included inter alia :

- No consensus for a change to the league structure
- No consensus for a change to the number of competitions
- A majority in favour of trying different slopes
- A majority support date change / alternative sites in the event of adverse weather
- Few willing to be part of the committee
- GBSRA to improve its communication and marketing

Mark R to follow up on some these issues helped by a small team as detailed earlier.

Some discussion took place on the ownership of new and existing slopes. The forthcoming CAA conspicuous rules regarding transponders was also raised. It was pointed out that this was the responsibility of local clubs to define their flying areas. Wales was a particular worry as it has no formal Club in charge. Defining it as a GBSRA Site was one suggestion.

Any new slopes should take into account ownership and management issues.

To improve communications the GBSRA could create a WhatsApp Group. Comment was made that not all F3F Flyers read the BARCS posts even though this has been the main communication channel for some years. Email was suggested as an alternative channel.

Team Funding and other Expenditure.

Mark T agreed to create a plan of how the GBSRA could / should use its funds for the benefit of the F3F community. Areas for consideration to include :

Course equipment.

The current timing gear was criticised for not being cutting edge, ie wireless push buttons for example. It was pointed out the current system has been extremely reliable and for major competitions there is always a backup system in place.

The current GBSRA 'A' frames were in need of improvement. Paul Stublely had produced a frame for his local Club. He agreed to produce another set to supplement the current GBSRA frames.

Team Support

The BMFA does support Teams attending both European and World Events, and whilst the sums involved do not cover the cost of attending such events, they did go some way to helping. The proposal is that the GBSRA generate a fund in order to supplement the BMFA support. Mark T to suggest a funding level. The meeting was advised that the BMFA are reviewing their support they give in order to address some of the shortfalls experienced by the Teams, ie Entry Fees paid by the BMFA on top of the support the Team receives. This is ongoing.

GBSRA Web Site Update

Mike Shellim pointed out that the current Web site was difficult to maintain, was running on old technology with little or no documentation available. He suggested a more up to date platform based on Wordpress. This would invariable increase cost as the current platform and Domain name are currently provided free.

Mike to create a plan going forward on migrating the current site to a new platform

Jon E brought the meeting to a close and thanked everyone for their attendance.

Meeting Closed at 21.30pm
Minutes taken by J Edison