

2018 BRCA 1/8th Stock Cars AGM

The Premier Inn, Fosse Park, Leicester

Meeting minutes – 27th October

Attendees:

Ben Harding (Acting Chairman), Steve Wearing (Secretary), Jonathan Goodacre (Treasurer), Sam Wearing (Grading Officer), Andy Mitchell, Tony Perry, Karen Goodhall, Mick Goodhall, Jessica Goodhall, Alex Montague, Andy Montague, Ricky Slater, Craig Slater, Mick Wood, Steve Kinton, Scott Kinton, James Kinton, Ryan Kinton, Tracey Kinton, Steve Gould, Scott Grocock, Dave Grocock, Simon Farrer, Roy Watson, Paul Dexter, Alan Leighton

Apologies:

Dick Batty, Amelia Batty, Martin Kinton, Mick & Nikki Betts

Minutes from 2017 AGM:

Minutes were distributed and accepted.

Chairman's report:

Acting Chairman gave a brief report on the season's events and successes.

Treasurer's report:

Treasurer reported that the section finances are good, report was distributed amongst the attendees and accepted. 100 drivers registered for 2018 season, which is slightly down from 2017 however meeting attendance figures actually increased.

It was discussed and agreed by all that for the 2019 season juniors and drivers aged 65 and over would not have to pay for their race number.

PRO report:

The section PRO resigned pre-season. No report had been provided.

Trophies:

National Points - 1st Ben Harding, 2nd Alex Montague, 3rd Ricky Slater

National Points Jnr - 1st Ryan Kinton, 2nd James Kinton, 3rd Jake Pace

National Series - 1st Ben Harding, 2nd Alex Montague, 3rd Dave Gwilliam

National Series Jnr - 1st Ryan Kinton, 2nd James Kinton, 3rd Jake Pace

Southern Series - 1st Alex Montague, 2nd Ricky Slater, 3rd Craig Slater

Southern Series Jnr - 1st Tom O'Hara

Midland Series - 1st Steve Farren, 2nd Kane Farren, 3rd Ben Harding

Midland Series Jnr - 1st Ryan Kinton

Northern Series - 1st Mark Whittaker, 2nd Dick Batty, 3rd Amelia Batty

Northern Series Jnr - 1st Jake Pace

Derek Bird special contribution award – Keith Whittaker

BRCA Section Award – Paul Dexter

Proposals:

1. *New rule "Extra marshalls to be placed in the middle of the track."*

Proposed by Nikki Betts, Seconded by Steve Gould.

Proposal was discussed at length and the BRCA general rules referenced that it is up to the affiliated club running the meetings to designate marshal points that are safe. Several attendees stated they would not feel safe positioned within the circuit, whereas others saw it as a good option.

The rule proposal was voted on and rejected, however it was agreed that any club wishing to trial and introduce these alternative marshal positions could do so with volunteer marshals and as long as safety is not compromised.

2. *New rule "Champion of Champions meeting to be held at Leicester every year on the weekend of the Main BRCA AGM i.e. Section AGM on Saturday Racing on Sunday".*

Proposed by Nikki Betts, Seconded by Steve Gould.

It was noted that the introduction of this proposal would directly conflict with a BRCA Rule "No BRCA race meetings can be run on the day of the BRCA AGM". Proposal was withdrawn by the Secunder (proposer not present).

3. New rule *“The height of the Body from the top of the bumper rail is limited to 8.5cm minimum and 13cm maximum.”*

Proposed by Steve Gould, Seconded by Nikki Betts.

General opinion from the discussion was that the current rule is already suitable and the proposal was not required. The proposal was voted on and rejected.

4. New rule *“With the exception of World’s and Euro’s any driver who is willing to travel abroad to race should be allowed to bring their scores back to be awarded grading points”.*

Proposed by Steve Gould , Seconded by Nikki Betts.

The Grading Officer explained that the Stock Cars section is part of the BRCA – a UK based organisation – and all race meetings are run by affiliated BRCA recognised clubs. Meetings held outside the UK/BRCA are not sanctioned and therefore not eligible to enter BRCA meetings/championships. Proposal was withdrawn by proposer.

5. New Rule *“Booking in for English and British competitions should be the same as World’s and Euro’s i.e. a month before. Set entry fee to be paid on booking, late bookings occur an extra charge ”*

Proposed by Nikki Betts , Seconded by Steve Gould.

A very lengthy discussion was held on this proposal. Secretary noted the following - Proposal conflicts with Stock cars section Procedural Rule 7 Race fees “ Major/ Series All meetings will be open to all section members with entries being taken only on the day of the event”.

BRCA Treasurer Jim Spencer addressed the room and described the BRCA’s position on event pre booking and online payment, which is as follows: if a meeting requires a booking-in form then it *has* to be done on the BRCA website. Payment is only optional at the time of online booking-in but is strongly encouraged by the BRCA to avoid clubs holding large amounts of physical cash at meetings.

The opinion from most in the room was that this does not benefit or “fit” with how Stock Car meetings are run. The proposal was voted on and rejected.

Election of officials:

Chairman – Ben Harding. Proposed by Ricky Slater, Seconded by Alex Montague.

Vice Chairman – Alex Montague. Proposed by Ricky Slater, Seconded by Andy Montague.

Secretary – Steve Wearing. Proposed by Simon Farrer, Seconded by Ben Harding.

Treasurer – Jonathan Goodacre. Proposed by Simon Farrer, Seconded by Steve Kinton.

Grading officer – Sam Wearing. Proposed by Paul Dexter, Seconded by Alex Montague.

PRO- Alan Leighton. Proposed by Ben Harding, Seconded by Scott Grocock.

Scrutineer – Ben Harding. Proposed by Alex Montague, Seconded by Ricky Slater.

Northern Reps – Dick Batty and Amelia Batty.

Midland Reps – Paul Dexter and Mick Goodhall.

Southern Reps – Ricky Slater and Andy Mitchell.

All proposed officials were accepted.

AOB:

NORA - none of the club members were able to attend the AGM. Alan Leighton BRCA PRO and newly elected Stock cars Section PRO has visited the Keighley track and offered some suggestions of how to minimise the noise output from the racing activity and may be able to support some of the noise reduction work from the BRCA PRO budget. It was believed that the Club are due to run some meetings before the end of the year for the local council to measure the sound levels.

WEMSA – No committee was agreed at the meeting and no volunteer for the Secretary position came forward. Concerns were raised on the subject of insurance cover and personal liability, these issues were discussed by Scott Grocock and Ricky Slater at length with Jim Spencer after the meeting had closed.

PRO – Alan the new section PRO outlined his plan to promote Stock Cars for the 2019 season with a refreshing passion. He said Stock cars has been undersold for a long time, has a lot to offer and he intends to promote and sell the section to a new audience. The Peterborough motor show was mentioned so Alan agreed to find out what is possible for the 1/8th Stock cars at the event.

Meeting closed at 13:50.