

Minutes of F600 AGM - 23rd November 2019

PRINCE OF WALES PUB, CASTLEFORD

(25 people attended)

1. BAS REPORT

Congratulations to everyone who took part in the British Autograss Series in 2019 and particularly trophy winners Sam Flatt in third, Chris Allinson in second and overall champion for 2019 Graham Foster-Vigors who was presented with his trophy. Congratulations also to UKAC winner Terry Cox.

2. 2019 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chairman

It was a bad start to the year with the cancelling of the first round at Scunthorpe and bad weather and other events beyond our control over the rest of the season saw the championship decided on only four rounds. Overall winners were Andy Watson and Hilary Frost. A presentation event will take place on 8th February in Carlisle (same venue as last year).

Scrutineers

Jamie Smart was out of action for a good part of the year but is back to full fitness now and intends to tighten up checking next season. He thanked everyone who stood in for him at the race meetings.

Treasurer

A spreadsheet was circulated showing that we currently have £232 in the bank due mostly to the sale of shirts by Ian Bennett which raised £222. Many thanks to Unique Race Cars who sponsored the King of the Hill this year and have agreed to sponsor again in 2020; we always welcome other sponsors.

3. NEXT YEARS COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE POSITION	2019	2020
Chairman	<i>Max Dawson</i>	Michael Whalley
Vice Chairman	<i>Trevor Frost</i>	Colin Bland
Treasurer	<i>Susan Dawson</i>	Ian Bennett
Chief Scrutineer	<i>Jamie Smart</i>	Jamie Smart
Assistant Scrutineer(s)	<i>Michael Whalley / Neil Smart</i>	Graham Dawson / Max Dawson / Neil Smart
Secretary	<i>Hilary Frost</i>	Hilary Frost
Race Day Coordinator(s)	<i>Graham Dawson / Hilary Frost</i>	Hilary Frost / Susan Dawson
PR / Publicity	<i>Trevor Frost / Ian Bennett</i>	Ian Bennett / Sam Flatt / Erin Serginson-Page
Points Coordinator	<i>Ian Carr</i>	Ian Carr
Website / Facebook	<i>Trevor Frost</i>	Trevor Frost / Sam Flatt

4. 2020 RACE DATES

There are a number of two-day meetings next year so there was a discussion whether drivers preferred one day or two day meetings. As opinion was split it was agreed that we should just publish the dates and drivers will turn up.

5. CHAMPIOSHIP RACING FORMAT

It was discussed again whether we should run 2 or 3 heats and finals at our championship rounds but again the majority agreed to leave the format at 2 heats and a final but that we would try and get additional 'open' races if time permits.

6. RESERVE DATES

Because of the terrible season we have had in 2019 it was decided to put more reserve dates in place for 2020 and also, in the event of a cancellation, to be able to run at an alternative venue if the change can be notified in reasonable time.

7. NATIONALS QUALIFYING

It was discussed again about having to qualify to take part in the Ladies Nationals but as in previous years the majority felt that the more people who turned up to race the better. It is also good for the sport and attracting more people if they think there is a chance of racing / watching some of the best drivers in the country.

8. NATIONALS 2020

Dates and venues were discussed for the Nationals meeting in 2020 and the majority were in favour of approaching North Wales. Their successful BAS round showed it to be a great track. If we go over that side of the country we will need to look for a new sponsor.

POST MEETING NOTE – Hilary contacted Paul Jones chairman of North Wales who confirmed they would be VERY happy to host the nationals at their two day meeting on 26th & 27th September

Four of the committee members will be attending the NASA AGM in Walsall tomorrow to discuss the possibility of racing at the main Nationals event at Yorkshire Dales in August; a report from that meeting will be put on Facebook.

9. SPONSORS / SPONSORSHIP

A massive thank you to all of the sponsors for 2019 especially Unique Race Cars who sponsored the 'King of the Hill' and also paid £100 to have their name on the shirts which, as mentioned above raised £222 over the year. It was agreed that we would like shirts again for 2020 but back to the same quality as previous years please with coloured sides. Everyone said they would be happy to pay a little bit extra for them.

Debbie and Helen Walsh volunteered to sell raffle tickets or similar at race meetings to raise money and Jamie again volunteered to put £50 towards stickers.

Ian asked if we could afford to have a banner or similar to take to car shows like Motorsport with Attitude on 1ST / 2ND February and to rally around in the pits or to use track side at race meetings.

What about a board to stand in front of for photographs when having trophies presented that have sponsors names and logos on like they have on 'Match of the Day' - Jamie volunteered to make something.

Other fund raising suggestions are always needed and given serious consideration.

10. CONSTRUCTION RULES & SCRUTINEERING FAILURES

Scrutineers will be rigorously enforcing the rules in 2020 ahead of the possibility of being accepted as a NASA class. If someone is given one meeting's grace for a minor failure then they will not be allowed to race again until that fault is rectified. Similarly other scrutineering failures will be marked into the licence.

It was discussed how we can overcome the difficulty of measuring the engine angle because of the differences between manufacturers and their sump pan angles so it was decided that using the sump pan gasket as a reference point was not accurate. We decided that engine oil level indicator or manufacturers name on timing cover / generator cover should be used as it is usually level when the engine is correctly installed in the bike.

The difficulty arises when trying to determine what 'level' is when parked on an uneven field so it was decided that where necessary the car can be loaded onto a trailer and levelled with a spirit level or inclinometer prior to checking.

It was generally agreed that the rule regarding stub axle gear box drive line needed to be clarified. This will be put into the 2020 Handbook which will be available in the next few weeks.

The scrutineers again agreed that we cannot allow timing retard eliminators (TRE's) because they are additions to the original manufacturers wiring and engine management control systems.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. It was queried whether; in view of the fact that there may be a few more lady drivers next year, should they still be allowed to gain championship points in another car if theirs is unable to run? A short discussion resulted in this rule being left as it is.
2. Congratulations to Andy Watson and Hilary Frost, champions for 2019. The presentation will again be held at Solway's night out in Carlisle on 8th February 2020. Should we look at having an F600 only night out in 2020?

Meeting closed 18.13