

MINUTES FOR FLBT AGM - 5th OCTOBER 2021

St Marys Hall Marlborough

Chair; Andy W - Minutes; Mike P

Those Present; Andy W (Secretary), Mike P (Com), Mark B, Karl B (Com), Graham M (Com), Albert M, Matt N, Roger J, Neal C (Treasurer), Terry D, James

ACTION

Introduction by Andy W (Acting Sec); Explanation of Secretary issue and the fact non-committee approval. Description of situation over last year with reference to the Covid 19 issue and the sad loss of two valuable club members.

Treasurer's Report by Neal C; Accounts presented, FLBT in a good financial position especially as the Church has been very fair regarding rents etc. We are a very valued 'user' of the hall and have opportunities to expand our use of the hall. The Nationwide account has been closed and a new 'Community account' has been opened with Barclays which satisfies our needs and requires the action of 2 persons to manage.

2022 Fees; The nightly race fees for 2022 was voted to be kept at £5.

Membership; This has been deferred this year because of the pandemic but will start again from Jan 2022 and will also be kept at £5 per year. Explanation that 'membership' entitles holders to vote at the AGM and share rights in the club assets and liabilities.

FLBT Committee; All members of the committee were re-elected to their current positions including Andy W as club Secretary. As regards the Chairman vacancy, this was voted to be deferred until the next AGM to see if a potential candidate to replace Rob, who excelled in the position, surfaced.

Insurance; Several companies had been approached and a couple of quotes looked promising and suited our needs. The option to include 'cover for possessions' was voted for.

Neal C

Covid & ways of working; It was agreed to keep these in place, unchanged, for the meantime.

2022 Calendar; It was agreed to re-instate the Marlborough Cup for 2022 and a rough draft calendar was proposed

Andy W

2022 Tuesday Night Classes and Rules; From recent experiences it was decided to progress 'booster cables'. Prices and a plan for these would be obtained. Some more plastic nuts would be sought too. No Tyre treatments would be allowed on race-nights and no fluids such as lighter-fluid and cleaners would be permitted in the hall. This would probably suit any new insurance requirements. This may also lead to a need for PAT Testing of FLBT equipment. It was agreed to open up the rules in 'Classic Sports' to allow 20 ½ K Long-can motors as a few manufacturers were using these. It was also agreed that the 'Le Mans' Class would be widened to accommodate GT3 cars too. It was also re-iterated that we may be able to book some Wednesday nights for practice etc. This was greeted with some enthusiasm from the attendees.

Mike P
Mark B

2022 Other FLBT Race Events; A discussion ensued over acceptable marshalling and some useful tips were suggested Re sticker placement and guide operation. The option of 20K motors in the 'touring' class was voted down. Some members liked 'segmented' racing and it was decided to schedule 1 'segmented' event per class for 2022. With numbers of attendees now on the increase the topic of time-management was discussed and the methods of ensuring event completion were reiterated.

There was a vote on whether the club should continue to hold Tuesday night events at 'Ludo's' but there was a vote of 7 to 5 against this.

The possibility of a 'Tin-top/Nascar' sub-class was proposed and it was accepted

Matt &

that a couple of events during the season would be organised. Graham
Karl stated that he would not be organising a 6Hr Classic Sports Endurance event in 2022.

Mike suggested that he try to organise the 'Davidstow GP' event using the same proposed rules as before sometime in Summer 2022 and that he could organise something using those cars as a prelude to the 24Hr event next year. It may be that Lynn may be able to provide catering for the day and a possible meal included in the race fee may materialise. Mike

In the actual 24Hr event the possibility of 'wildcard' racers being shuffled around all the teams, for 15 minute stints, was suggested to encourage more club members to race. This seemed to gain some approval. Roger,
Albert &
Terry

The temporarily halted Drag-racing was missed by some and as we now have bought the 'old' drag strip and we have our own infrastructure equipment it was voted that the main interested members should come up with a set of rules and way-of-working so that a couple of trial events could be undertaken.

2022 Swindon Swapmeet & Other non-race events;

On the 6th and 7th of November we have events to use the pre-booked weekend originally for the 24Hr race. There is a 'Julia's House' charity/family fun-day on the Saturday followed by possible practice for Sunday's main event - Steve's Grand Prix. As there seems to be little likelihood that the swapmeet, if it goes ahead, will have room for an FLBT presence we shall probably not be called upon to provide tracks.

FLBT Publicity & Merchandise (inc Photography); Andy has already provided some stickers and some prices for various items of clothing. Andy

FLBT History; Mike is compiling an in-depth 'History of FLBT' and is looking for any members photographs to be included in the 'finished' document which he proposes a release date of Spring 2022. Mike

Any Other Business; None?

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Appendix 1

Items of FLBT Equipment that may require PAT Testing;-

We could probably argue a case for testing every 4 years (annual testing is NOT compulsory)

1. Main Extension Cable -
2. Main track electrics one complete section with 16A IEC inlet (includes 4 off Sw Mode PSU's and trakmate module & PSU.)
3. 2 off Monitor PSU's - Probably visual inspection only
4. Tyre truer - ?
5. Soldering Iron - (probably best to lose it?)
6. Loudspeaker PSU - Visual only
7. Laptop PSU -
8. HDMI Splitter PSU - Visual only
9. Drag strip PSU
10. Drag Strip Computer