

FLBT AGM MINUTES

Held at St Marys Church Hall – 08/10/24

Those present; Mark Bailey, Karl Bryant, Mike Perkins, Andy Whorton, Graham Mattingley, Marc Townsend, Louis Townsend, Matt Nicholls, Steve Morris, Roger James and Gary Maslin.

Introduction – Mark Bailey in his role as 'club manager' reviewed the year saying that he had personally enjoyed 2024's racing. He welcomed all new members, naming Steve and Heather in particular. Over the year there had been 33 registered racers of which 5 were ladies. He noted that there had been an improvement in the track assembly, in both, effort and numbers. He also reported that club numbers were extremely healthy with a figure of 14 to 16 probably the ideal. It was pointed out that we had not officially taken any votes on specific items which was to be addressed at this AGM.

Treasurers Report – In Neal's absence his report was presented. We had taken about £1600, which is more than last year (2023). There was around £9800 in the club bank account. It was suggested that we should recognise members who put both effort and time into club events (the 'little things') rather than watch the account going up and up. The phrase "charity begins at home" was mentioned. Suggestions included providing food at Enduro events etc.

2025 Fees – Members voted to keep both the FLBT membership fee and the club night fees at £5. There would be a window of 3 months to pay the 2025 membership. i.e. pay before 1st April 2025. Graham reported that the 'club shop' sold £113 of stock with £90 costs. He has £60 shop cash and £190 stock.

Membership – We were blessed with an average attendance of 15.5 which is excellent. It is obvious that we do not need to deliberately trawl for new members at present.

FLBT Committee – The club committee comprises of;

Mark Bailey – Club 'Manager'
Andy Whorton – Club Secretary
Neal Callaghan – Club Treasurer
Graham Mattingley – Club representative
Mike Perkins - Club representative

All members were happy to stand again, there were no members who wanted to join the committee and all present committee members were re-elected.

Insurance, Website and Social-media – It was reported that we have an insurance policy in place. It covers us for all FLBT and associated activities wherever they take place. The track is insured for £10K. The club website is up to date but Andy is looking volunteers to be responsible for specific pages which he can organise administrator rights individually. For instance BSRP, drag

racing etc. Mark Bailey manages the club Instagram account but is looking to pass this on, Matt said he may volunteer and that he and Mark should organise swapping roles.

FLBT Track Proposal – Mike Perkins presented a proposal to set up a track replacement sub-committee/team with the goal of designing and organising the building of a replacement FLBT track. It was suggested that the timescale would be to use a new track for the 2028 MBR/FLBT 24Hr. Mike agreed to set up the committee and present a preliminary report in 6-9 month's time. At present the committee consists of Mike, Karl and Graham. The fate of our present track was not discussed. The proposal was favourably voted with Mike to lead the committee.

2025 Calendar – Andy reported reports from his Online questionnaire that the three most popular classes were tied and were:- Classic Sports, F1 Libre and Le Mans. He will produce a calendar for 2025 asap but suggested that if any members had reasons for class dates then express them now!

With bookings for the hall now getting harder due to it's popularity it is imperative to book events as far ahead as possible. It was suggested that we should book 4 or 5 unassigned weekend dates and populate/cancel them as the season progresses.

Wales & West event a 'yes' on paper but it must be booked a long time in advance.

Questionnaire – Extended Practice after racing, vote - basically 'yes', the suggestion of once a month scheduled with a suitable shout-out to warn members.

2025 Tuesday Night Race Classes and Rules – First discussion was a result of questionnaire regarding 'segmented' racing. General consensus was that it may be irritating and awkward but it did widen the diversity of the year's racing and was only applied to one of each class events. It was voted to keep segmented racing as is. Pre-race practice was discussed and the issue of hogging the session was highlighted. At times timed practice will be adopted from 7.55pm onwards. It was also suggested that allowing Thomas to 'practice' in Red lane was in our interests to allow to continue.

It was re-iterated that the practice of self-marshalling from the podium is unacceptable and compromises other drivers eyelines and must stop. It should be a track-call if marshalls can't get to it. Drivers must not call 'Track' just because they have de-slotted, it must be accompanied by an un-marshalleable situation. Class rules were voted on as follows;

Le Mans – No changes.

Thunder Saloons – No changes.

Davidstow – Adopt Karl's proposal regarding tyres (see separate pub'n).

Classic F1 – No changes.

Classic Sports – No Change (Scaleauto motor – (no longer available) use if you want!).

Enduro – Points & Gentleman drivers to be reviewed, Andy investigating a different way of scoring. Varied qualifying methods are working.

BRM's 1/24 – Allow the other saloons with solid rear axles/ a list of permitted cars.

Formula Libre – Hub size rules will be amended for 2025, the Policar Monoposto can be run with the supplied orange 22.5K Flat 6 car and will be eligible for 2025 only.

2025 Other FLBT Race Events – Film taken at 2023 24Hr to be shown soon. This years MBR/FLBT 24Hr event will feature organisational changes, the 'Gentlemen drivers will all race at the same time – schedules will be agreed beforehand. There will be NO support race to ease organisation.

Roger's 1/24th event – YES – book the hall asap.

Book other weekends as previously suggested.

Food at the 'Marlborough' in new year – Yes, go ahead.

2025 Swindon Swapmeet, Gaydon & Other non-race Events – Swindon swapmeet to be supported, possibly take Bulkington Track? Drag track not discussed. Must think of ways of making club more funds, suggestions greatly welcome. We are not going to take the track to Gaydon this year as it is not doing the track any good, too many members are required to both run and transport the track and it costs members too much. 2025 also clashes closely with an event being visited by a large majority of those who arrange Gaydon.

Any Other Business – Due to the popularity of 'Davidstow' we voted to increase the class by 1 race at the expense of 1 less F1 Classic races.

A refresh of marshalling advice and techniques is required.

Mike Perkins
10/10/2025