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EGM

Held: Friday 18th October 2019 at 8.00 pm

Venue: Coseley School & Leisure,

Persons Present: 24

MINUTES OF MEETING

1. Stephen opened the meeting promptly at 8.00 pm and made everyone welcome. It was stated the main reasons for the EGM being called was to discuss the Feedback Forms that had been circulated both online and in paper form. Also to discuss the forthcoming AGM due in January, 2020, when all members of the current Committee will step down as they have done previously.
2. Committee Step down: As in previous years, the Committee will step down at the AGM and invitations are available to everyone to either re-stand in their current position or perhaps in an alternative role, and to encourage new blood to respond and join in, ensuring that their Club runs in an efficient, friendly way and supports the future of the Club. Both Stephen (Chairman) , Graeme (Treasurer) and Sue (Club Secretary) have indicated that do not wish to carry on in their present role. All 3 have served the Committee for the past 4 years and done the job to the best of their ability. Stephen and Graeme have suggested that they would be willing to take on lesser roles. It would be nice to see more involvement from those racing on Monday evenings which would give the Club more balance. It was stressed that if you are interested in maintaining your current position or indeed taking on a difference role – perhaps a role for the first time – please see Sue who has all the necessary paperwork explaining what each role entails and she also has the application forms for you to sign.
3. New Venue: It must be stressed that for the time being our current location appears safe and we have assurances from Dudley MBC that it is their intention that Coseley Leisure will remain open. However we cannot get away from the fact that this situation could change at any time and we will continue to source new premises just in case. Previously we have visited other schools, one in Kingswinford in particular, which offered us all we needed but negotiations fell through, the school feeling that they could not, in the end, offer us what we needed. We have, in the meantime, been offered a Contract with Coseley Leisure and hopefully we can come to arrangements with them that will suit everyone concerned.
4. Feedback Forms: As you are all aware, Feedback forms were made available for ALL members to have their say as to how they believe the Club is currently run and where improvements could be made. It is, and always has been, our sole objective to run a helpful, friendly and happy Club. A small group of racers (mainly from Friday night) have expressed some issues with how they believe improvements could be made. No Committee Member wants any racer to be unhappy

and the Feedback forms have given racers the opportunity to express their views. Across the 2 nights, 40 people responded, which hopefully gives us the opportunity to make improvements where possible. Stephen stressed that he is ALWAYS AVAILABLE to speak in person, as is any Committee Member, to anybody who truly believes that some changes would benefit the Club as a whole. All problems are able to be solved if people speak up.

Marshalling – this is often a problem and we currently have a number of new and very young racers who have limited experience. Although all children are accompanied by a parent/guardian, if that parent is a racer themselves, they are always going to find it difficult to do both. The BRCA offer no age limit for marshalling, leaving it entirely up to each Club to set their limits. Reasonably an age limit of 10 years could be enforced. It was suggested that a ‘buddy’ system is set up to guide younger marshals to help them to marshal the track effectively. This ‘buddy’ can be a parent or another racer, as long as they are BRCA registered and are allowed on the rostrum or track. If the younger ones are helped with their racing and marshalling then the whole experience should become a more efficient one. Our young people need to be encouraged not condemned – its common sense really. A video has been suggested whereby all racers can watch how things should be done. Mike Davies has kindly offered his services to help with this. Stephen will contact Alan Leighton from BRCA to ascertain his thoughts on this. Communication is the key to it all.

Track – Setting up and putting away. There is no doubt in everyone’s mind that if you want to race – help to set up. If you have raced – help to put it away. Encourage others to help, show them how to lay a track and how it needs to be stored for later use. This situation will be monitored.

Floor Damage – Damage to the floor in various areas has been noticed. Looking at video footage, it would appear that Monday night racers are unwittingly marking the floor. This could be avoided by small pieces of carpet being laid in certain areas. This will be done.

Improvements to booking-in – The booking-in process is well managed on both nights – it is the track laying that delays any racing.

League – The 12 week winter league has already started for Monday’s and is due to re-start for Friday’s shortly. It has been suggested that instead of Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter leagues, they are re-named as League 1, 2, 3, 4. An Endurance race will follow at the end of the leagues, on week 13, and a 2 week break will be in effect between leagues.

5. Tamiya Rules: Lots of thoughts and suggestions were made on the Club rules. Unfortunately nothing was resolved. Dave Hough will open a meeting on Friday 25th October, to hopefully resolve some of these issues.
6. T-Shirts - Mat Thomas has Club T-shirts for sale. Anyone wishing to purchase a T-shirt, please see Mat. They are attractively priced at £12 each.
7. Meeting closed at approximately 10.00 pm