

Stonehaven District Radio Car Club AGM 2022 Minutes

Held via Google Meet on 20th Dec 2022 7:30pm

Chairman Report

Firstly, thank you to everyone for attending our meetings and making the racing as close and competitive as ever. We have seen great competition across all classes that ran this year, and we'll be expecting the same in 2023.

We had 33 paid club members, up from 24 last year, and hope to see even more in 2023 with the effort that has been put into engaging with new potential 'recruits'

2023 has seen our first year of using the new Astro offroad track and it has been a whirlwind success for 2WD and 4WD buggies, along with some slight tweaks and modifications we have made to it over the season. The SORS meeting we hosted in August gave really good feedback on it. Thanks to everyone who has put in effort to make this happen, notably Matthew Archer and his Dad whose work we couldn't have gone without.

We tried to introduce 1/8th buggies, but the uptake was low so the club stopped running it.

The on road classes saw great numbers in the 13.5T Spec TC class, often with an impressive long line of cars snaking their way through the track, all vying for position. We had six different round winners, and it was anyone's championship up until the very last round!

The modified TC class still ran this year, but with not as many cars as last. We did have a changing of the guard with Chris winning the mod honours this year after a long reign from Peter Eagles. We hope to see a slight improvement in mod numbers in 2023, so anyone who is feeling like they are up to the challenge, please come forward!

Class stats for 2022:

Class	Number of Different Racers in year	Number who completed at least 8 rounds
Mod	8	1
Spec	19	5
2wd Off-road	19	4
4wd Off-road	20	8

We had some cultural developments over the season, necessitating an EGM and introduction of the 'House Rules'. Also, we have been putting a lot of effort into the website, booking system, and Facebook posts to keep members (and potential members) engaged.

We also saw the introduction of club Merch which was taken up by a great many members who were sporting their gear on club race days (and National/Regionals).

BRCA-wise, as previously mentioned, we hosted the SORS Round in August. We put in for a BRCA on-road national for 2023 but weren't voted in. Hopefully, if we get a few more SDRCC members racing some on road nationals, we can get some much needed votes to get that elusive BRCA round! Watch this space for 'SDRCC on tour' trips in 2023 to attend some of these nationals.

Collaboration with GRCC continues, with a joint 'SDRCC/GRCC Racers' Facebook group, sharing of resources where needed and syncing of race calendars so that there are no clashes.

The club had a maintenance day this year which saw some much needed upkeep outside of what is already done by a few members throughout the year.

Finally, we would like to thank the following people for their efforts in 2022: **Martin** for kicking off the year as Chairman and the massive amount of effort he puts into the club. **Steve** and **David**, for

their work as Race Directors and maintaining the club grounds. **Jeremy**, for keeping the books for us...a job not many see but we wouldn't be able to run without it.

Treasurer Report

£3368.97 in club account as of 9pm 19/12/2022

Balance shown is before any reimbursement for track maintenance. Please submit any outstanding receipts to Jeremy Stephens and he will settle them.

Next rent payment will be due March 23, not sure if this will increase based on new land valuation.

No major expenditure forecast so financially healthy for next year at present. Scope for more track work (on road fence possibly?), not sure if any further developments on idea of a toilet installation? Matthew/Chris Briggs to advise on toilet possibility/outcome of council discussions and if this is necessary now.

Only financial burden we will have going forward is electricity bills (previously not had to pay). Suggested fee of £12 on top of membership fee for all members....this will cover all electricity used on race weekends and allow track visits outside of race days. Would politely suggest any motorhomes using electric connection overnight are charged £5 in addition (equivalent of a pitch fee if camping).

May be able to review this electricity charge at the end of season for next year but has been based on our usage so far (standing charge still applies during off-season).

Thank you to GPH Merchants and the 5 Mile Garage for donations this year.

Expenditure:

- Club rent – 2 x £300 instalments
- Public liability insurance - £96
- Materials for maintenance - TBC as receipts still need to be submitted

Another good year for 2023 and we should have a good income again.

Committee Election

Position	2022	2023 Nominations	2023 Voted In
Chairman	Mark Knowles / Matthew Archer	Mark Knowles / Matthew Archer	Mark Knowles / Matthew Archer
Secretary	David Scott	David Scott	David Scott
Treasurer	Jeremy Stephens	Jeremy Stephens	Jeremy Stephens
Race Directors	Matthew Archer, Keith Eagles, David Scott and Steve Harley	Matthew Archer, Keith Eagles, David Scott and Steve Harley	Matthew Archer, Mark Knowles, David Scott and Steve Harley
Scrutineers	Martin Inglis	Race Director duties	Race Director duties
Webmaster	Mark Knowles	Mark Knowles	Mark Knowles
SORC Rep	David Scott, Martin Inglis	David Scott	David Scott
Club Development Officers	Not Needed	Not Needed	Committee duties
BRCA Rep	N/A	Mark Knowles	Mark Knowles

Chairman – Proposed Matthew Archer, Seconded Jeremy Ray

Secretary – Proposed Matthew Archer, Seconded Jeremy Ray

Treasurer – Proposed Matthew Archer, Seconded Jeremy Ray

Race Directors – Proposed Matthew Archer, Seconded Jeremy Ray

Proposals

1. Proposed Race Classes for 2023 – a minimum of 3 cars required to run a heat
 - a. Touring Car Modified
 - b. Touring car Spec (13.5 blinky)
 - c. 4wd Offroad
 - d. 2wd Offroad
 - e. Mini to be removed from class list
 - Proposed by Steve Harley, seconded by Mark Knowles
 - **Accepted**
2. Membership Fees
 - a. Treasurer's report proposal to maintain fees as £30 senior membership, £20 Junior membership, but add £12 for the year if on-site electricity is to be used (to compensate for rising energy costs)
 - b. Internal discussion highlighted that policing who would be using electricity or not would be an issue plus the additional noise if people brought generators. Proposal revised to rise membership prices across the board, but to £40 for senior membership and £25 junior.
 - c. Any motorhomes using overnight connection to be charged additional £5 per meeting
 - Proposed by Mark Knowles, seconded by David Scott
 - **Accepted**
 - d. Race fees to remain as Members £7 for 1 class, £10 for 2 classes, Non Members £12 for 1 class, £18 for 2 classes
 - Proposed by Matthew Archer, seconded by Jeremy Ray
 - **Accepted**
3. Tyre warmers, additive and cleaning to be legal for 13.5T Blinky TC class (Spec)
 - Proposed Gregor Gauld, seconded by Matthew Archer
 - **Not Accepted**
 - It was discussed that despite tyre warmers and additive are used at national events for 13.5T Blinky, that it would discourage newcomers to race this class at SDRCC. The spirit of the 'Spec' TC class is that it is a good class for any level of racer.
 - It was also recognised that Modified TC class is an avenue to pursue for those who want to use warmers and additive, even using the same 13.5T motor (boosted if desired) as the lap times between 13.5T Blinky and Modified are not that far apart.
4. 3 x 4WD and 2WD combined Buggy meetings to be held over the winter next season (2023/2024) at Minerwall Park (not to clash with GRCC calendar)
 - Proposed Mark Knowles, seconded by Matthew Archer
 - **Modified proposal accepted**
 - It was recognised that the weather in the winter months is undesirable for outdoor racing, so it was alternatively proposed that such a meeting would be scheduled after the 2023 seasons ends and two such meetings scheduled just before the 2024 season starts.
 - **Action on David Scott** to mark out such potential dates in the 2023 and 2024 race calendars

2022 Championship Results

Top three in each class:

Class	3 rd Place	2 nd Place	1 st Place
SPEC	Gregor Gauld	Jamie Dow	Matthew Archer
MOD	Keith Eagles	Justin Clegg	Chris Briggs
4wd OFFROAD	Callum Keith	Steve Harley	David Scott
2wd OFFROAD	Steve Harley	Martin Inglis	David Scott

Maintenance days

- Two maintenance days help last season
- Two to be held in 2023
 - **Action on David Scott** to mark out two maintenance days in the 2023 calendar
 - **Action on Matthew Archer**, David Scott and Steve Harley to draw up list of jobs required for the facility over 2023

Club Constitution

- No changes proposed

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- New fence proposed for TC track, to be added to maintenance job list.
 - **Action on David Scott and Steve Harley** to speak to George Gauld who managed to source timber last time to obtain a quote for the club for the new TC track fencing
 - Proposed Steve Harley, seconded by Matthew Archer
- Proposed to trial RCTiming software for SDRCC as it is already used at GRCC and is easier to use than BBK. There will be a Practise/set up meeting scheduled before Round 1 where this will be tested.
 - **Action on Mark Knowles** to make a laptop ready with RCTiming installed to test and if successful, it will be £375 to change to RCTiming. This will include live broadcasting of results.
 - Proposed David Scott, seconded by Mark Knowles
- Proposal to set a Race Director rota for the season, to be spread evenly amongst those mentioned as race directors above.
 - Proposed Matthew Archer, seconded by Mark Knowles

Next AGM

- Will now be scheduled a few weeks before Round 1 of the following season. Currently set at Tuesday 5th March 2024, but TBC as the 2023 season progresses.

Attendees

David Scott	Jeremy Ray	Mark Knowles	Matthew Archer
Steve Harley			

Apologies

Jeremy Stephens	Keith Eagles	Chris Briggs	
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