

Stonehaven District Radio Car Club AGM 2024 Minutes

Held via Google Meet on 5th March 2024 7:00pm

Chairman Report

Thanks to all that came and raced with us in 2023. Like last year, we saw fantastic competition across all classes, with some top honours being contested through to the closing rounds.

We increased our number of paid members from last year, up to 35 and we have already seen many enquiries over the winter of new potential racers and maybe some old friends coming to join us again.

We hosted SORS again, with great feedback from the racers, and as part of our drive to get more special events organised, we had our inaugural SDRCC Spring Cup, which constituted Saturday practise and BBQ, then a winner takes all race meeting on the Sunday (which also formed one of the club rounds). It was successful despite the rain on the Sunday. The astro track saw some great use and layout changes, which were nice and challenging, and the on road track saw some excellent racing in Mod and Spec classes...and new champions for both: Justin winning mod and Gregor winning Spec...first of many I'd hasten to bet!

I see this year as a real level up for the club...we have a couple of maintenance days planned, with potentially more mid season. There are a lot of improvements and maintenance items to complete, but worthwhile ones.

Class stats for 2023:

Class	Number of Different Racers in year	Number who completed at least 8 rounds
Mod	6	2
Spec	17	5
2wd Off-road	14	3
4wd Off-road	16	6

We have continued the charge with social media to spread the word of the club to as many as possible, and some of our members have been competing on a regional, national and international scale, special mention to Chris Briggs for doing one of the EFRA on road rounds and Gregor Gauld and Keith and Peter Eagles for attending every BRCA on road national round, that took some dedication! We put in for a national round in 2024 but didn't get voted. We'll keep trying.

Finally, we would like to thank the following people for their efforts in 2023: **Steve** and **David**, for their work as Race Directors and maintaining the club grounds. **Jeremy**, for keeping the books for us and **Matthew Archer** for his relentless energy and for using his construction know how to help plan the club improvements. And thank you members for making this club great. This wouldn't be possible without all of you.

Treasurer Report

Account balance as of 10am 02/03/24 £5,545.67

Available funds (allowing for money required in account as part of lease agreement and upcoming electricity bill) - £3,700

Healthy income for last year, including £908.04 from hosting SORS rounds.

£300 just paid for first half of yearly council rent.

£108 paid in January for Bookwhen renewal.

Upcoming expenditure:

- Approx £280 electricity for past 12 months
- Liability insurance - usually around £90-100 for the year.

Proposed expenditure:

- Suggested we need to buy a new roll of astro before season starts. £3000.
- I have asked Matthew to cost up converting one end of storage building in to a composting toilet facility. I feel this is something we should be doing as a priority when funds allow.
- Other repair/maintenance work required to include repair/replacement of fence around on-road track. This has large holes in places along main straight, allowing for potential of dogs to enter track area when in use. Potential for an accident is very high so we need to minimise our level of risk. If we have done everything possible to secure the perimeter, any subsequent incidents/accidents would have minimal impact on the club.
- We need to find a solution for disposal of the metal walkway/stairs that have been at the track for some time. These were sourced originally as a solution for off-road track rostrum. We only used a small amount of it to create the platform in the end. Not sure if this could be a scrap metal collection for recycling? Would George have the ability to remove with his car transporter/low-loader??
- Overall, club funds have been steadily healthy. We need to start focusing on areas of maintenance and tidying up to ensure we don't cause any issues for us as a club. Currently, we are not faced with having to pay rate charges after the land was re-valued. If this were to ever change, financially, the club would become unviable.

I would suggest a proposal of additional £10 per member for the year to cover electricity use. Option to not pay and bring a battery etc.

Proposals

1. Proposal to re-introduce M Chassis to SDRCC

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- Also align the M Chassis FWD rules with GRCC going forward to keep it simple and hopefully grow the class again.
- Rubber tyres
- Tyre additive allowed
- Tamiya silver can, Tamiya torque tuned or Core 21t brushed motors
- FDR to be the same across both MTC and M chassis to make speed similar. 5.8 suggested as this will keep things fair across all chassis and this is the lowest you can gear a M05
- Proposed by Keith Eagles, seconded by David King
 - Accepted by majority vote

2. Proposed Race Classes for 2024 – 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) M chassis

- f) MTC
 - Proposed by Chris Briggs, seconded by Gregor Gauld
 - Accepted by majority vote
3. Membership Fees
- Original proposal to increase membership fees by £10 for those wanting to use power at the track. Those not wanting to pay to provide own power
 - This motion was rejected on account that the fees had already been increased last year
 - Alternative proposal was to increase non member race fees by £2
 - Proposed by Chris Briggs, seconded by Jeremy Stephens
 - Accepted by majority vote
4. Introduce club maintenance officer position
- To coordinate ongoing maintenance activities and plan scope for maintenance days
 - Steve Harley and Martin Inglis to fulfil this position and new committee position to be assigned
 - Proposed by Mark Knowles, seconded by Matthew Archer
 - Accepted by majority vote
5. Purchase of new astroturf for offroad track
- £3000 cost
 - Discussed whether it should be installed at the next maintenance day, but it was decided that the timescale was unsuitable
 - It has hence been decided to investigate its purchase for installation before the first SORS round on 21/04/2024
 - Maintenance officers to discuss internally. Purchase of astroturf should still go ahead.
 - Proposed by Steve Harley, seconded by David Scott
 - Accepted by majority vote
6. Tyre warmers, additive and cleaning to be legal for 13.5T Blinky TC class (Spec)
- Originally voted against in 2022 AGM as Spec was entry level on road class for SDRCC, but now that role has been fulfilled by the newly voted in M chassis class.
 - Proposed Gregor Gauld, seconded by Matthew Archer
 - Accepted by majority vote

Committee Election

Position	2023	2024 Nominations	2024 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	David Scott and Steve Harley	David Scott and Steve Harley
Scrutineers	Race Director duties	Race Director duties	Race Director duties
Webmaster	Mark Knowles	Mark Knowles	Mark Knowles
SORC Rep	David Scott	David Scott	David Scott
Club Maintenance Officers	N/A	Steve Harley / Martin Inglis	Steve Harley / Martin Inglis
BRCA Rep	N/A	Mark Knowles	Mark Knowles

Chairman – Proposed Matthew Archer, Seconded Gregor Gauld
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Treasurer – Proposed Matthew Archer, Seconded Gregor Gauld
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SORC Rep – Proposed Matthew Archer, Seconded Gregor Gauld
Club Maintenance Officers – Proposed Matthew Archer, Seconded Gregor Gauld

Top three in each class:

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

Trophies to be presented at 2024 Round 1

Maintenance days

- Two to be held in 2023
 - 10/03/24
 - 24/03/24

Club Constitution

- No changes proposed

AOB

- None

Next AGM

- TBC, suggested January/February 2025

Attendees

Mark Knowles	David King	Christopher Briggs	Matthew Archer
Michael Ogilvie	Jeremy Stephens	Gregor Gauld	David Scott
Martin Inglis	Steve Harley	Tony Oldale-Farquhar	Campbell Hollywood
Jonathan Hill			

Apologies

Keith Eagles	Alex Trives		
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