

MINUTES OF MPBA FAST ELECTRIC SECTION AGM 2005

**Saturday 16th July, 2005
Bridlington**

meeting opened at 18:40

PRESENT:

A Shillitto, K Brown, Nick Rees, I Williams, Tom Watson,
Tim Watson, S Rayner, A Hassan, S Hart, V Miller, N
Murgatroyd, D Church, R Rees, S Mitchell, Joe Reed

Apologies for absence:

None

Minutes of previous meeting.

Accepted Unanimously - no matters arising.

Chairmans Report - N Rees

A difficult year due to uncertain future, UK teams attended all major NAVIGA and IDC events. The World championships are likely to be popular, please contact Nick if you would like to attend. Ernie is retiring and there is a need for someone to fill his place.

Secretary's Report

The major point of note was that it has been extremely difficult to get information published in the MPBA handbook even though the information was provided by Mail and email and with several follow ups. Information printed was old and out of date and new information about events was missed out entirely. A complaint was made to the UK Exec. Fast Electrics are the second largest group in the UK but not perceived as such. We need to do all we can to ensure that this message gets across to as many people as possible

Treasurers Report

The accounts had previously been presented and these were accepted Unanimously. The grant had increased this year to nearly £400 - this is due only to people ticking fast electric as an interest. Fast Electrics are the second largest group in the UK but not seen as such. The Major expense

during the year is the set up and running of the National Championships.

Records Secretary's Report

The 2004 records weekend was forced on us at short notice but there was still a decent turnout and a number of records fell. For 2005 a venue was sought closer to the centre of the country but none has been found to date. A number of clubs were approached but no interest has been shown or their waters were deemed unsuitable. Holm Pierpoint was considered but the cost was prohibitive (£400 per day plus entry fee and event entry on top of that). Burton are happy to host but access is poor and facilities extremely limited.

Herrington will be used again this year but it is beginning to look a bit small - any suggestions for 2006 will be considered.

Election Of Officers

Normal practice is that the candidates must propose themselves, this prevents the situation where people are pushed into a job they do not want

Chairman

Nick Rees agreed to stand again, seconded T Watson, carried unanimously

Secretary

A shillitto agreed to stand again, seconded S Hart, carried unanimously

Records Secretary

I Williams agreed to stand again, seconded S Hart, carried unanimously

PRO

I Williams/Allan Shillitto agreed to stand again, seconded N Rees, carried unanimously

International Rep

N Rees agreed to stand again, seconded T Watson, carried unanimously

Comittee members

S Hart (Electra), N Murgatroyd (NFERC), Tom Watson (Bridlington), Simon Mitchell

Event Dates

Nationals were agreed to be as this year. AS to speak to the Bridlington club re dates

SAW . Provisionally early June. IW to confirm dates and location

N Rees offered to sort the supply of more suitable bouys

AOB

Promotion of the Hobby

Even though the model magazines seem to be totally against F/E they still remain one of the best promotional channels, Stands at National and aresa/local shaows are thought to be next best. The NEC was thought to be a good target for next year. AS to speak to organisers when dates are known. The National Championships should be targeted with advertising (this does happen with local newspapers and tv). It was agreed that we will fund some sort of banner to better advertise the event locally

400/480 motors

480 motors are burning out at an alarming rate, NFERC suggeste tha we use cobalt 480 motoirs, Electra suggest that we limit the class to 400 motors, For 2006 we will try 400 motors and 7 cells at the National Championships

FM1

Electra have 8 12 cell subsurface drive boats competeing at present. The class is a limited class with BB700 turbo motor and 2400nicd cells as limits. S Hart proposed the we run this class next year - seconded? *sorry can't read my own writing* Carried 10 for 1 against. We will run this class at the Nationals next year. The course will be the "M"

Vote of Thanks to Ernie Lazenby

A Shillitto proposed a vote of thanks to Ernie for all the work he has put in to not only the Nationals but the hobby as a whole and to Ken fro all the work he does in supporting the Nationals, seconded by a rush of people and carried unanimously. AS to write to Ken and Ernie and formally thank them for their efforts.

Meeting closed at 20.05

Addendum

On Sunday Mr Rees verbally resigned. After some discussion between the remaining comittee and the attending membership it was decided to accept this resignation. Ian Williams was appointed caretaker whilst we consulted the Exeuctive about what to do. The Executive advised that in such a case (mid term resignation) the committee can appoint a replacement to run until the next AGM and elections. In the Mean time Ernie

Lazenby offered his services as Chairman. The committee have accepted the offer and the appointment confirmed - Welcome back Ernie.

Please notify me if you have any questions/problems with the foregoing

Please note that we invite comments and help/assistance from all comers