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BTRA –General Meeting held Warwick North Service Days Inn, 21 March 2018

Committee Members Present: S Horne, T Cox, M Summerfield, D Jenkins, C Collett, J Reeves

S. Appleton (Minute Clerk)

Apologies: P McCumisky, A Bint, P Garrett, D Garrett, R Coleman

Agenda:

1. **Agree minutes from previous committee meeting and SGM (5min)**
2. **Matters arising from minutes not included in agenda (5min)**
3. **Confirm Steve Horne as Chairman and elect a vice Chairman (5min)**
4. **Financial matters (15min)**
5. **BARC to promote championship (cooperation and fee's) (20min)**
6. **How to fund BTRA going forward (20min)**
7. **BTRA marketing and press (20min)**
8. **Membership applications for 2018 – rule updates/ code of conduct of applicants, update and clarify co membership (20min)**
9. **Cameras/GPS /transponders/ racecivers plus items to race ensure in hand(20min)**
10. **Improve driver relations/working together to the benefit of all (20min)**
11. **Technical rule change and log book how to police (15min)**
12. **Dinner dance (10min)**
13. **AOB**

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1. **Agree minutes from previous Committee meeting and SGM**
All agreed
2. **Matters arising from minutes not included un agenda**
Tyres – see AOB
2.1. Division 2 engines – see technical rule change

2.2. Congratulations – Committee congratulates SH and TC and CC on their recent work load, up to and since the SGM, seconded by DJ who states good job!
3. **Confirm Steve Horne as Chairman and elect a vice chair**
3.1. All present to agree SH as Chair.

3.2. No vice Chairman needed for this year – Agreed by all present.
4. **Financial Matters**
4.1. Bank balance to date is £13150

4.2. Membership information: only some applications received at present from racing membership. CC to share a copy with SH

4.3. CC Read out the letter that had been sent out to race members, to confirm the need for funds to clear before the Brands Hatch event, or those who have not paid their membership may not be able to race. CC also confirmed that members must keep her updated of contact details as required in the rules.

4.4 TC – only received a limited number of technical declaration forms and will be collecting and validating the forms at Brands Hatch.

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4.5. CC - Championship SUBS to stay as they are at £75, to include transponders. agreed by all present.

4.6. Legal costs, have not been incurred yet, but may do if matters escalate. All agreed that any costs that are incurred will be funded by BTRA.

4.7. MS asked if we can seek legal advice when needed without agreement from the members. Confirmation from CC and TC that it is in the rules that we can seek this as a committee without agreement from the all the members. SH confirmed that there are to be no more dialogues between himself and S Oliver on Trucksport Promotions LTD unsuccessful proposal.

4.8. CC raises the issue of future Championship SUBS to BARC, that the money is the clubs, and there is a long-term concern if the sponsorship agreement between MAN and BARC is not signed.

MS and DJ state the club has expenses and any expenditure must be beneficial to the club. CC if the funding from BARC is forth coming then any excess income should be returned in some way to teams at the end of the financial year i.e. dinner dance.

MS - Competitors paying £50, will this be questioned? and is BARC going to help fund the championship Co Ordinator if there is no money coming in?

4.9 SH asked CC confirmation that the recent figure change for 2018, from £200 to £150 is visible everywhere for driver membership fee. CC confirmed that this has been done.

5. BARC to promote the Championship (cooperation and fee's)

5.1. MS – Are BARC are promoting going forward? Yes MS asked if Drew promoting the club? SH confirms that there are some promotions coming out in the foreseeable future, and that trust should be built back up before there are any major decisions made. SH suggest that there should be a fee in place, MS agrees and states that it should be relevant to the sponsorship, and that this should impact the promotions. Transponders should be paid for via sponsorship too.

5.2. JR – championship does have value, that Trucksport Promotions LTD wanted to end the BTRA, and now BARC want to support us, so we should look at long term how we can change and work with them although the lack of support at times, should be kept fore front. MS – confirms that we need to make it clear that 'we own the keys' to the BTRA, and that it is not possible to eliminate us.

5.3. JR said that the magazines, Truckers monthly need reviewing, and that they read opposite to the vote outcome.

5.4. SH was expecting the MAN/BARC deal signed by last night, Drew/Glen were supposed to attend a meeting to finalise these matters with MAN on Tuesday but had been postponed, so still awaiting closure of deal. Glen said he was going to look to some additional financial support/sponsorship but this has so far been unsuccessful as far as we are aware.

6. How to fund the BTRA going forward

6.1. SH Questions whether HGV direct, Kelsa, BMI, and any of those outside of the target list for Glen, should be continued to contact directly by the BTRA? MS questions as to why is Glen not doing this?

6.2. JR confirms he has been put out of this position, and not being responded to by Glen. SH can CC confirm the yearly costs of JR.

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6.3. CC confirms Glen has stated we need our own website and is also having issues contacting the IT Coordinator. SH confirms where Glen stands, mentions he has been told there is a new logo, and has persons to do photo's, social media, etc. CC questions whether it's needed to have another logo.

6.3. A lengthy discussion took place on the need for a BTRA press officer for 2018 season an offer was made to JR to cover the first 2 rounds of the championship but this was rejected by JR who wanted a commitment for the whole season, at this stage the club could not afford to make such a financial commitment. TC confirms that the past few months have impacted this too.

6.4. TC checks email confirmation of trophies, and that there are 2 classes.

7. BTRA Marketing and press release

7.1. Truck Sport Promotions LTD Website is still showing BTRA Logo and still advertising for sponsors for the Championship when they have no remit to do this. MS suggests SH should address this with a letter on behalf of club.

7.2. A discussion over the BTRA website and the future of it going forward.no firm conclusions.

8. Membership updates for 2018 – Rules updates/code of conduct of applicants (update and clarify co membership)

8.1. The conduct of some membership applicants was discussed at length regarding recent social media discussion along with the BTRA members code of conduct, and being held accountable for not adhering to this.

MS brings up the need to police social media, and SH and JR explain the uncontrollability of this, unless page is owned.

SH if they are accepted as a member they need a copy of the code of conduct

CC suggests sending a copy of the code of conduct to all new applicants, not just some members was agreed by all at meeting. Several members conduct on social media was discussed

TC reads out an email from various BTRA members, an official complaint in writing, that states a post on a group forum has caused concern, and that this will have a negative effect on the sport as a whole, and that fans are reading these comments. The various members are concerned at the impact of this.

SH states there are cases where fans are now not wanting to attend events.

DJ still believes that it needs handling in a fair way. And as the person is tied to a team, then the team also needs to be notified and reprimand their associates.

It was agreed that a "Conduct letter" be signed by all racing drivers or team managers at the Brands Hatch event

8.2. Driver member

It was clear that difficulties have been encountered of the past few months with some drivers and SH felt that this must be noted and any future activities that could be bring the Sport into Disrepute will be acted upon according to the BTRA club rules.

8.3.All current application for membership of the BTRA were reviewed by the committee present.

8.4. Race entries were discussed at the fact that BARC had been accepting entries for the Brands Hatch event without the driver being a member of the BTRA as the regulations, SH to discuss with BARC.state.DJ have BARC accepted their entry.

SH the club should send a letter on code of conduct to all members, not just individuals, agreed

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9. Cameras/GPS/Transponders/racecivers plus items to race ensure is in hand

9.1. Cameras - TC to request BARC to send out a bulletin to confirm that there are no free championship cameras at present, and that there needs to be 2 per vehicle, so they will have to arrange themselves., as per regulations

9.2. TC confirms Sue is not their Sunday/Monday but will monitor, re speeding, and will make sure everything is in working order on Saturday.

9.3. CC are transponders same price this year, TC I presume so.

9.4. Racecivers – management issues not BTRA.

10. Improve driver relations/working together to the benefit of all

10.1. DJ said we need to boost driver morale. SH suggests the president of the club to attend, but not always available. SH to give some thought to this matter.

11. Technical rule change/log books, and how to police

11.1 TC all technical rule changes have been issued to teams.

11.2 DJ Rule change for class2 / Euro 3 has gone under the radar and not been verified by the committee. It was confirmed that ALL members of the committee were circulated on these change prior to their inclusion in the regulations and input was received from several committee members

SH also confirms that Glen and Drew said yes to this.

DJ can this be changed? TC with a bulletin later possible.

Logs books - TC cannot do this until declaration forms are in. TC will check what he can at Brands Hatch to verify forms.

SH Change to the castor angle on division 2? TC confirms yes this is 20 degrees

DJ and MS thought this was 24 degrees.

12. Dinner dance

12.1. CC to manage.

DJ maybe do something different instead, not do the dance. JR suggest how before everyone use to stay at Brands late and that way everyone was there.

13. AOB

13.1. Tyres was AOB (as above)

DJ - Tyre bill, £4-6000, poor quality, MS also agrees with this. And questions if they are commercially available. A long-heated discussion took place on this subject and TC confirms that this has now been committed to, and that the rules stand that they must now stick to them, unless they are unsafe or degrading to quickly and this might mean a limit on tyre for each truck for a race weekend as per FIA.

DJ wants to know if the rules can be changed. TC confirms that there must be proof before you can make this change, and it must be visible proof.

TC confirmed that in Germany the requirement may be Goodyear's this must be confirmed by the ADAC.

13.2. CC—the articles of association. Need to be updated TC proposes to go through with Bob

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Lentil from BARC agreed by meeting.

13.3. Brands Hatch, SH confirms that when checked pre- meeting - 7 races, being confirmed, 18 trucks, 9 A class, 11 B class, and 2 more with the Eason's possibly

13.4. Rockingham, SH has made the decision not to include the Rockingham event in the calendar, due to conflict of interest and implementing any personal gain

13.4. The BARC TSP voting, a discussion took place on allegations of wrong doing. Correspondence was shared with members present in correlation to the process being conducted properly, and that it was done completely transparent. TC mentions that SH received many personal emails, and it included some allegation i.e. questioning his integrity within his role, and accusation questioning. But it is clear all was done in an open manor.