



AGM - Friday 14th December 2018

Present:

John Bennett, Karen Train, Darren Evans, Jake Humphries, Keith Sanders, Rob Shepherd, Brian & Norma Pike, Tony & Marion Tolley, Adrian Ford, Austin Flavell, Steve Ringham, Mark King, Mark Studer, Rich Studer.

Introduction and Chairman's Report:

John thanked everyone for all their support throughout the year and the Committee for giving up their time to ensure the smooth running of the club.

Treasurer's Report:

We made a slight profit this year. We had a bad February, but we tripled our figures in March & April, the rest of the year, apart from September were not very good compared to last year.

Memberships are up we had 34 full members, 9 ½ year members and 4 day members, overall up by 21. The only big expense this year has been for new radios.

Committee Election:

John was happy to continue as Chairman, Karen will continue as Treasurer, Darren as Secretary, a new role for Jake as Trials Co-Ordinator and Keith was welcomed back onto the Committee as Competition Secretary.

Membership:

As sites are costing more upto £250 for some, we discussed either increasing the yearly membership or increasing entry fees. A suggestion was put forward that the membership fee was increased to £25 per year and the entry fee would change depending on each site, so we would charge more for the expensive sites. We looked at figures for some of the sites. When put to the floor the majority of members voted to increase the entry fee to £25 and keep membership cost at £20 per year.

Membership cards will be introduced again next year, a sample was shown to the members, if a member changes class a new card will be issued with their new class.

Classes:

A suggestion had been brought forward about changing classes to just 2 instead of 3. All members agreed that we should keep to the 3 classes.

Calendar:

Jake discussed next years calendar, dates have changed on the months with Bank Holidays as numbers have been low previously. It is our 10th Anniversary next year and we discussed a ticket only weekend event where food will be supplied. There will be split finish gates on the Sunday. Suggestions were made that we run another event on the Saturday (maybe tagging, blindfolded courses, reverse sections or balancing games). Other clubs maybe invited but we would have to limit numbers due to number of marshalls. The response was good details will follow nearer the time.

Marshalls will be provided with a free lunch at the trials next year, to try and encourage volunteers.

It has been decided that we won't run a Christmas trial next year, as the number of members attending is always very low.

Jake discussed the advertising on Facebook and checked that everyone was still happy to receive text messages about forthcoming events. Members should provide a mobile number when filling in membership forms.

It would be a nice idea to submit an article to a magazine about our 10th Anniversary.

A.O.B:

Darren suggested that we have new arrow signs made stating that it's a 4x4 trial and having a smaller logo. A new Warning sign will be made, with more emphasis on trying to keep spectators off the courses.

Split gate sections were discussed, but setting out sections would be more difficult. Maybe we could attract more members this way. We also discussed setting out sections to encourage more RTV's rather than modified vehicles, the idea of the split sections is to let everyone have a good trialling day, not to just get through the first few gates.

Adrian asked if anyone had any ideas to encourage people to come along and help set out on the Saturday. The only suggestion put forward by Brain was to offer a reduced entry fee for helping.

Trophy Presentation:

Class 1 winner – Jake Humphries

Class 2 winner – Mark Studer

Class 3 winner – Rich Studer

Appreciation cup – Karen Train, along with a huge bouquet of flowers

Master of sections – Jake Humphries (awarded by Tony Tolley)

Meeting closed