



## AGM - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2019

### **Present:**

John Bennett, Karen Train, Darren Evans, Keith Sanders, Tony Tolley, Mark King, Elisha King, Peter & Helen Skelcher, Austin Flavell, Keith Puddy, Amy Shapter, Wayne Clipstone, Sam & Nick Thomas

### **Chairman's Opening Comments:**

John thanked everyone for coming and everyone's support throughout the year.

### **Committee Reports:**

Karen reported that profits were up slightly, the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary did cost the club a lot of money, membership numbers were down on last year.

### **Committee Election:**

John decided to stand for Chairman, Keith voted in to be secretary, Karen to be treasurer, run the website and facebook, Darren to stand as Trials co-ordinator and chief scrutineer, Tony Tolley was voted onto the Committee.

Darren came forward to say that John and Karen had had enough this year as it's always the same people doing all the organising, Darren pointed out that there is a lot to do in the background with running the club and asked members for their help to setup and pack up on the day of the trials and more support to setup on the Saturday. Darren pointed out that if he has to setup on the Saturday on his own it can sometimes take all day, so if we can have more volunteers we can spread the work amongst us, he also pointed out that help is needed on the Sunday to pick up canes, sort tops and help pack away at the end of the day and asked all members to consider this on the day.

Nick suggested that we mention what help is needed on the morning of the trial, John said that we have decided to do this next year.

Peter pointed out that at other clubs some new people set out and then their sections are changed on the day by others, John responded that this would not happen unless it was deemed dangerous.

John and Darren confirmed that it would be nice to see other people setup as this would make some sections different.

### **MSA Investment Strategy:**

Keith outlined the new MSA Investment Strategy explaining that because there have been a few accidents in the sport, so insurance costs has increased for all clubs.

### **RS Clubmans Licence:**

The Committee explained that all competitors and passengers would need an RS Clubman licence, the conversation then went onto insurance, Helen mentioned that there is a company called NORA who insure the driver, the car and the trailer cost around £50 year.

Permits have increased by £5 per driver, so the club has to pay £9.85 per driver to the MSA, we have worked out the cost and we will be running at a loss of approx £48 per trial, so the club has to pass the cost onto the members and increase the entry fee to £30 each. All members have agreed that the club does not have any other option to increase the cost.

Some members did say that this is still a cheap entry compared to other clubs.

**Calendar:**

The calendar was discussed, all sites have been confirmed it was suggested that we could camp overnight at West Harptree on 30<sup>th</sup> May, this will have to be confirmed with the land owner.

**A.O.B:**

Peter asked if there was any possibility to run a UTV class? It may encourage new drivers, the Committee agreed to look into it.

Ian asked if there were any changes in the scrutineering of each vehicle? Darren came forward with a new suggestion to test the brakes, Peter told the committee that the official criteria is that all four wheels have to lock up.

John said that we have had a few complaints about people on sections, and it is normally drivers, it was also pointed out that there shouldn't be any external assistance when on the courses, this will be brought up on the morning of the event.

Keith brought up the issue of lack of marshalls, we always need marshalls to help.

Helen brought up the issue of fire extinguishers being tied in with zip ties, as this is not allowed, she just wanted to make everyone aware.

**Trophy Presentation:**

Octobers trophies were presented.

**End of year trophies:**

Class 1 Darren Evans

Class 2 Mark King

Class 3 Wayne Clipstone

Appreciation Award John Bennett

Master of Sections Jake Humphries

**Close Meeting**