

DMCC AGM 2017 Minutes

Date: 5th November 2017

Location: DMCC Track, The Naul

Attendees:

2017 Committee: Graham Parkes, Lee McGuire, Kevin White, Ken Gordon, Chris Lowe

Members: Alan Thompson, Andrew Armansin, Anthony Fitzpatrick, Dave Bolger, Denzell McBurney, Dylan McBurney, Emmett Farrell, Graham Gordon, Ivan Thompson, Jacek Zadrozny, Jack Cunningham, Keith Smith, Marcin Debowski, Michael Bolger, Ray Marshall, Stephen Massey, Tony Marshall, Darren Bowers, Adam Keegan, Colin Whelan.

Non-Members: Ed Fahey, Joe Keegan

Agenda

- Minutes of AGM 2016 and action points taken
- Chairpersons Report
- Secretary`s Report
- Treasurer`s Report and Club Accounts
- Grant application
- Subcommittee for general upkeep/cleaning of venue
- Heads up on Transponder Decoder Upgrade
- Pink Tie Cup
- Nationals Attendance
- Changes to Insurance
- Rule Changes
- Race Format Changes
- Election of new Committee

Opening:

The meeting was opened by Lee and all members welcomed. The agenda was presented and it was explained that the committee would move through it quickly and when it came to discussion one member was to speak at a time.

Minutes of AGM 2016 and action points taken

The entire minutes of 2016 were not detailed, it was explained it would take too long. However, all action points taken were detailed. Lee went through the points.

Mini off road.

In 2016 it was agreed we would trial a mini off-road championship. It was explained that we tried this for a 4-round championship, however no one participated, so we wouldn't be doing it in the foreseeable future

Trophies

It was agreed in 2016 that we would look at buying a "stock" of trophies, that we could hand out to anyone who wanted one. It was explained that Graham had found cheaper trophies and we felt it

was best just to purchase these for now. Trophies were bought for the Summer and Winter championships.

Pit Boards

It was agreed that in 2016 we would look at getting Pit Boards for the winner's photographs. It was explained that between Kevin and Lee that they had been made, and were now available to use.

St Margret's

At AGM 2016 the handover of St Margret's to Fingal Co Co hadn't been completed, it was explained that this had been finalised in late 2016 and now the club had no more interests in the land.

The "The look of the naul".

It was discussed in 2016 that we would like to make the naul venue more colourful. Members were asked for ideas, and one was using graffiti artists to paint the walls. Kevin explained that he had looked into it and spoke with a number of artists and there was little or no interest in it. He said that Ray had given him suggestions on a "crowd scene" poster that could be put on the wall. Kevin had gone and sourced a higher quality plastic poster and had put them on the wall to see how durable they are. If they work out he would put them all around the track. He also asked members if they could get their hands on some Manufacturers banners to please do so, so they could be put on the walls.

Chairpersons Report

Graham told the members that the lowlight for him was St Margret's not working out, but realised it would take too much time and money to make it work. The highlights were the new members attending and generally good numbers attending racing each week.

Secretary's Report

Lee told the members he had no correspondence of importance to report, apart from enquiries from possible new members.

Treasurers Report

Ken took the members through the accounts

Full details below:

DMCC Accounts

31-Oct-2015 to 31-Oct-2016 excluding rent & race fees for November 2016	31-Oct-2016 to 31-Oct-2017 excluding rent & race fees for November 2017
2015/2016	2016/2017
Opening Balance 31-Oct-2015	Opening Balance 31-Oct-2016
€5,999.72	€8,164.45
INCOME	INCOME
Membership 5 Junior 30 senior 9 slot	Membership 3 Junior 29 senior 8 slot
€1,605.00	€1,475.00
Monthly Race Fees Naul 2	Monthly Race Fees Naul 2
€4,245.00	€4,800.00
Daily Race Fees Naul 2	Daily Race Fees Naul 2
€2,260.00	€2,315.00
Slot Car Race Fees	Slot Car Race Fees
€270.00	€424.90
Race Fees Rccaol R1 & R4	Race Fees Rccaol R3 & R4
€385.00	€305.00
xmas GP	xmas GP
€285.00	€155.00
Astro Wars	Aolbheann Pink Tie Cup R1 & R2
€765.00	€730.00
	Aolbheann Pink Tie Slot Car Challenge
	€670.00
Donations	Donations
€160.00	€50.80
Bank Interest	Bank Interest
€1.13	€0.54
Tea at Naul2	Tea at Naul2
€12.50	€12.50
3 elec cards for roof leak	
€50.00	
Income 2015/2016	Income 2016/2017
€10,048.63	€10,938.74
Total Income inc balance	Total Income inc balance
€16,048.35	€19,103.19
EXPENDITURE	EXPENDITURE
C'ship trophies	Winter 2016/2017 C'ship trophies
€70.00	€124.50
	Summer 2017 C'ship trophies
	€112.95
2015 AGM rent (Lucan Town Hall)	Naul2 Rent (Oct-16 - Oct-17)
€30.00	€6,500.00
Naul2 Rent (Sep-15 - Sep-16)	Electricity Cards
€6,500.00	€400.00
Electricity Cards	Insurance Nov 2016 - Nov 2017
€60.00	€291.50
Insurance Nov 2015 - Nov 2016	Gas for Patio heater
€230.00	€60.00
Gas for Patio heater	Keys for Chris
€30.00	€20.00
Keys for Slot Cars	Duck Tape
€16.00	€8.97
Duck Tape	Website & DNS
€11.96	€40.00
Website & DNS	Posters/banner for "Look of the Naul"
€40.00	€35.00
	Paint
Paint	€30.00
€30.00	Carpet
Carpet	€270.00
€270.00	BRCA Numbers
BRCA Numbers	€17.00
€17.00	printer toner cartridge
printer toner cartridge	€135.00
€135.00	Expenses for XMAS GP 2016
Expenses for XMAS GP 2015	€140.00
€135.00	64 ltr box to house microwave
	€10.80
Blade sharpening	LED floodlight for Naul door
€70.00	€15.00
Expenses for Astro Wars	Expenses Aolbheann Pink Tie
€111.63	€30.00
	Expenses for Pink Tie Slot Car Challenge
	€440.00
wood, screws, rawplugs etc	Donation to Aolbheann Pink Tie Charity
€120.35	€1,000.00
Vac & rubbish bags & wipes etc	wood, screws, rawplugs etc
€29.76	€50.00
Blin Tags	Vac & rubbish bags & wipes etc
€112.20	€16.93
	Blin Tags
	€114.00
€7,883.90	€9,504.65
Income	Income
€16,048.35	€19,103.19
Less Expenditure	Less Expenditure
-€7,883.90	-€9,504.65
Current Balance	Current Balance
€8,164.45	€9,598.54
In Bank	In Bank
€8,164.45	€9,598.54
Cash In hand	Cash In hand
€0.00	€0.00
Current Balance	Current Balance
€8,164.45	€9,598.54

Membership and Race Fees

Following on from the treasurer's report Lee explained to members that it could be seen from the accounts that Race Fees were just about covering Rent and Power, that the committee felt that there was no need to increase either race fees or membership fees this year.

He also explained that the “monthly race fee” was not an option that members could dip in and out of when they felt like it. That the idea of it was to give the committee a good idea of money that we are sure to get. That some members were paying the monthly fee would only attend a single week in a month from time to time, and they were paying €15 euro when this happens (e.g. when on holiday), it was explained that they still had to pay the €30 if they were a “monthly payer”.

Grant application

Lee explained that we had applied for a grant a couple of years ago and though we were turned down due to “lack of sporting content”, that we felt it was a good idea to keep applying for one through the Sports Capital Programme. He explained that he and Kevin had put in a request for approx. 1000 euro to purchase transponders. It was explained that once a grant is given, we are now a “sport” as far as the SCP is concerned and it would be good for all clubs.

Colin mentioned that NNN had got a grant before and it was pointed out that Kaos got a grant. However Lee and Kevin explained that these were county council grants and the SCP had a much bigger pot of money and if we really wanted to develop in the future this would be the best option.

Subcommittee for general upkeep/cleaning of venue

Lee explained that we would like to form a subcommittee to look after the general cleaning of the Naul venue. The idea was for a couple of members to organise general cleaning. The only volunteer was Tony Marshall. Lee said that the idea would be revisited to get a few more volunteers and its not fair to give it to just one individual.

Thank you to members for the Railway Exhibition

Lee said the committee would like to thank Joe, Dave, Ken, Jack, Ivan, Alan and Adam for organising the DMCC stand at the South Dublin Model railway show. He said he went to see the show and thought the members did a fantastic job representing the club and the sport.

Heads up on Transponder Decoder Upgrade

Lee let members know that Mylaps had introduced a software update for the timing decoder that would make a number of members transponders obsolete. He explained the types of transponder that would no longer work and advised members that if in the future they were to purchase a transponder we would recommend they buy a 3 wire RC4 one. He pointed out that the club would NOT be upgrading.

Kevin pointed out that he felt it was sharp practice from mylaps, and that if our decoder ever needed to be repaired that it would automatically be upgraded.

Ken and Lee reiterated how they felt it was a disgrace on the part of Mylaps.

Nationals Attendance

Lee explained that RCCAOI nationals were not really the business of the club, however as most 1/10th off road racers are DMCC members, that it would be no harm discussing it. He explained that he felt there was quite a poor attendance and maybe we could give the 1/10th Rep (Denzell) some ideas as to how to get them to attend, or why they didn't attend.

Lee kicked it off by saying he wasn't personally a fan of Banbridge as he felt it was hard on cars, but this was a personal opinion. Denzell said he felt Banbridge was good for 1/10th. Lee agreed and

explained it was just an opinion but would still be attending rounds there. Emmet said he felt he wasn't good enough for nationals yet, but would plan on doing them this year.

Graham suggested that the cost of tyres for Banbridge was too much. Lee suggested making the choice for Clubman a little more open, just to get a few clubman drivers going.

Mick asked, what percentage of our members as opposed to other clubs members attended. Lee didn't have an answer for this.

As the debate started to get heated, Lee moved on to the next point on the agenda saying there was a few ideas for Denzell to take away.

Pink Tie Cup

Lee explained that the Pink tie cup was a great success and we were able to hand over €1000 to a really great kids charity. He said that the membership of both the DMCC and the Slot Car Club should be really proud of themselves.

Changes to Insurance

Lee told the members that the cost of our insurance had risen by 48% this year. That this was mainly due to the increase in Slot Car members attending. He explained that the number attending still covers the increase so there is no issue.

It was also explained that no Lipos or power tools were to be left at the club, that members have been told this before but we know they are still keeping them at the club. It was explained that this practice stops now and that all members were to remove their Lipos from the venue at the end of the day. It was said that leaving these in the club makes our insurance null and void and puts every member at risk.

Kevin said that if we found any at the club they would be put outside no matter what the cost to the member. Lee said we would be checking peoples pit areas on a regular basis.

Lee also pointed out that members were storing food in the boxes under their benches and that this practice must stop as it will attract more mice and possibly rats.

It was also pointed out that we would be issuing a club safety statement that all members must agree to abide by.

Proposals for Rule Changes

Proposal 1. From Lee McGuire.

Full rule book. Passed Unanimously

Lee explained that he had proposed this as the current rule book was too big and went into too much detail that a club rule book doesn't need to. He gave example of Lipos, that there was too much detail and it was impossible to scrutinize. He said that these were fine for nationals, but we don't need it. He also explained that Race Format rules in the rule book don't allow us to change how we run racing. He asked for any questions from the floor.

Anthony asked why we couldn't have 3 leg finals. Kevin explained that the current rule book doesn't allow us, and that the proposed one would allow us to change to that if we wanted.

Other Proposals

Lee explained that all of the other proposals were interlinked or similar and that they would all be read out and discussed/voted on.

Proposal 2 From Ivan Thompson

Rules to be changed to accommodate the following changes:

Change the current 2 race classes to:

Clubman Class to change to motor limit to 13.5T. No timing adjustment allowed on motor end bell or on ESC.

With the possibility of the club providing clubman motors to competitors for the first year of the class with an agreement that if you damage the motor it is replaced.

Addition of Stock Class to be introduced with 10.5T motor with adjustable timing on motor and blinky (no timing) on speedo.

Note: Open to discussion as to whether timing allowed on ESC in Stock Class.

Modified Class: No change to current rules.

Modified and Stock: The modified and stock classes to race together in an overall capacity but also have separate championships within that.

Proposal 3 from Michael Bolger

New / Additional rule proposal.

This would sit as rule 3.1.1 if the proposed new rule book is passed.

Proposal:

Two Wheel Drive Open driver grading. Drivers to be divided into F1 and F2 category.

Drivers finishing in the top 6 of the previous two championships, will be graded F1, all other drivers graded at F2.

(End of championship results will produce an overall result [all drivers F1 and F2 combined], along with a separate F2 overall result.)

Committee to have final say on F1 / F2 grading.

Proposal 4 from Kevin White

Addition to Grading rule in new rule book

Changed to:

As well as trophies for the overall championship winners there will a trophy for the top finishing F2 & F4 drivers. It would be 'best' F2 & 'best' F4 driver.

Proposal 5 from Ivan Thompson Removal of current Percentage Rule

Changed to:

Drivers should only be moved to stock or modified after winning the clubman championship but not forced to if agreed by the current clubman drivers.

(i.e. If it has been close between a group of drivers who want to continue to race together)

Discussion on Proposal 2

Ivan explained that he felt the current clubman class has become too fast for the beginner and intimidating when a prospective new driver comes along to watch to see what is available to race in.

He also said he thought there was too big a gap between top Mod drivers and the rest of the Mod drivers.

The Committee gave the view that the proposal was a good idea if we had more racers. But Lee explained that the computer software couldn't run mixed finals, or do a championship properly in the way Ivan has proposed. This was contested by Colin. Kevin said that either way this was going to be more work for whoever was to do the race results.

Graham Gordon said he doesn't see why we need to change it and isn't happy about the idea of having to buy a new motor to continue to run in the clubman class.

The motion was defeated 3 votes for, all others against.

Discussion on Proposal 3

Lee said the thing he noted was there was no detail for grading on the Clubman Class. He also said that he felt it would put some drivers that should be graded f2 in the f1 grading. Also, that the it has the caveat that the committee make the final decision. Mick explained it was just to have as a guideline.

The motion was defeated 3 votes for, all others against.

Discussion on Proposal 4

This rule was withdrawn by Kevin

Discussion on Proposal 5

The committee explained that they felt this wasn't a "rule", as it says "drivers should move but aren't forced". Also, that it's too easy for someone who isn't fast enough for Mod to win the championship. Mick said the percentage rule proves you are actually fast enough. Graham said we need to give the percentage rule more time as it seems to be working.

The motion was defeated 4 votes for, all others against.

Race Format Changes

Lee asked that now before a championship the committee can decide the race format, would members be interested in trying new ideas. He explained that some members had some ideas, and

should email them too us. Also, that Chris had come up with some great ideas on longer races etc, and it was asked if members would be interested in this. The general consensus was it would be a good idea.

Voting of Committee 2018

Chairman, Graham said he would not be continuing as chairman. Chris Lowe was voted in unanimously

Secretary, Lee said he would continue and was voted in unanimously

Treasurer, Ken said he would continue and was voted in unanimously

No one else proposed themselves for the next positions. Kevin explained that if we do not get a full committee that racing would have to be suspended until we do.

Drivers Rep, Emmet Farrell proposed himself and was seconded by Kevin White and was voted in unanimously

Committee member, Marcin Debowski proposed himself and was Seconded by Lee McGuire and voted in unanimously.

(there was a sigh of relief!!)

The Meeting was then closed with trophies being presented to the winners of the 2017 Summer Championship.