



SORC AGM Minutes - 15th January 2022 - 3PM

(Held on Zoom due to Covid)

Attendees

James Collins, Derek Kerr, Sandy Reid, Paul Auld, Blake Auld, Colin McCaffery, Jimmy Hamilton, Mike Carberry, Aaron Carberry, Russel Mclung, David Haddow, Martin Parker, John Minski, Stacey Minski, Chris Mitchell, Duncan Pole, Steve Harley, Eric Brawley, Allan O'Brien, Gary Dunn, Stevie Sheridan, Stuart Hill, (Non Voting) Gregor Gauld, Maurice Carberry

Apologies from

John Gorman, David Scott

The Chairman, Treasurer, Scottish BRCA Rep and Secretary Reports

The Chairman, Treasurer, Scottish BRCA Rep and Secretary gave their reports.

Covid safety requirements will continue as advised by the BRCA

BRCA supplied risk assessments to be completed for each host round to ensure club is carrying out a complete checklist for safety. Secretary will send out the latest version of this to each club.

The Accounts report was proposed and seconded. Chris Mitchell/James Collins

Accept and vote on nominations from other clubs wishing to join or leave the Club Committee.

There was a nomination from Glasgow club wishing to join (none to leave) the club committee and host a round. This was discussed and voted on towards the end of the meeting.

Derek Kerr spoke as he had received an email from a person who had a complaint and concerns about Glasgow holding a round due to disability access and facilities. James Collins also mentioned that legal action had been threatened. The SORC & Glasgow secretary (Duncan) mentioned he had received no complaints or communications of this and asked to receive the email so any concerns or issues could be addressed. There was a discussion about the facilities that were available and in progress and also what is available at other clubs. Stevie Sheridan mentioned the BRCA would help give advice.

14 for, 1 against, 1 abstain. Carried (Glasgow club accepted as a member club)

Presentation of Awards.

None, due to covid cancelling last year's series.

Review and approval of the annual membership-fees, race fees and voting on any proposals.

The membership fee was not discussed, but this will be confirmed by Derek in an email to all host clubs and on the website.

- Rules requiring updated as agreed from the last proper AGM (these are not proposals)
- Club fee for hosting a round will be determined at the AGM or as soon afterwards as possible. – **updated in rules**
- Penalty fees should be removed – **updated in rules**
- Achievement rewards, will they continue – **was not commented on so continue as is.**
- Add, Any local H&S guidance i.e. Covid 19 should be communicated by the host club to all participants prior to the meeting. Eg gloves required etc.. **Passed**



Proposals for SORC 2022 AGM

1.0

'I propose that all proposals accepted for the 2020 season be adopted for the 2022 season with the following exceptions...

Dates and venues will need to be rearranged and the tyre rules will require discussion.'

Reason:

If this were to be adopted it could save a vast amount of time and trouble.

Proposer – Jimmy Hamilton, Seconder - Mike Carberry.

1.01 Amendment of above:-

'I propose that all proposals accepted for the 2020 season be adopted for the 2022 season with the following exceptions...

Dates and venues will need to be rearranged and the tyre rules will require discussion.

It has been agreed that trucks could still be added providing there is room within the 12 heat maximum after all 2WD and 4WD entries are in.'

Amendment above proposed & accepted by Jimmy Hamilton

19 for amendment, 4 against, 1 abstain. Carried

1.1

SORC is the Scottish region BRCA 2wd and 4wd championship and will prioritise these classes over all others. This allows as many racers as possible wish to gain an F grade in 2wd or 4wd. This should always be the priority of SORC to allow ALL to have the opportunity to improve their F grade.

Reason:

Allows as many racers as possible wish to gain an F grade in 2wd or 4wd, but still allows flexibility to accommodate other classes if needed and numbers allow. This may be entered into the constitution '2. Object' if agreed.

Proposer – Duncan Pole, Seconder - Stevie Sheridan

Redundant proposal due to Item 1.0's amendment being carried



1.2

Reintroduce a 2wd truck class if the organisers of the separate series are in agreement

Reason:

Trucks were popular as part of the sorc series, still are, and I fully expect we will be able to accommodate them number wise.

Proposer – Derek Kerr, Seconder – James Collins

Redundant proposal due to Item 1.0's amendment being carried

1.3

If numbers allow, especially considering any restrictions due to covid/safety - Reintroduce a 2wd truck class as long as a minimum of 8 trucks are present on raceday). This also is dependent on 2wd and 4wd being prioritised.

Reason:

Trucks are good fun and great for spectators. Minimum number of trucks on the day is aimed to stop issues with low numbers causing issues with providing full marshal coverage for the following heat. It would be good to accommodate them if we can.

Proposer – Duncan Pole, Seconder - Stevie Sheridan

Redundant proposal due to Item 1.0's amendment being carried

1.4

If it is not possible to run trucks on the same day as 2wd and 4wd, all Scottish clubs should endeavour to work together with the truck racers to support the running of a Scottish truck series.

Reason:

Proactively encourage a truck championship if numbers mean it needs to be run separately.

Proposer – Duncan Pole, Seconder - Stevie Sheridan

Redundant proposal due to Item 1.0's amendment being carried

1.5

ONLY if it is not possible to run all 2wd and 4wd on the same day due to numbers or restrictions, that splitting 2wd and 4wd into separate days be considered. If these are split it should be considered to run trucks along with a 4wd meeting.

Reason:

Proactive planning for numbers or covid to make sure everyone the opportunity to improve their F grade. Trucks should be run alongside an existing class if there is room.

Proposer – Duncan Pole, Seconder - Stevie Sheridan

Redundant proposal due to Item 1.0's amendment being carried



1.6

Split 2wd and 4wd into separate day events, with truck supporting both as a padding for those who want to run 2 classes.

Reason:

Shorten the racing day, as it's too long for young folk on a school night (Sunday)

Proposer – Chris Mitchell, Seconder – Tom Avis

Redundant proposal due to Item 1.0's amendment being carried

Tyres Proposals

2.0

With a number of clubs introducing astroturf tracks, we should add the Schumacher Mezzo tyre to the permitted list for all surfaces.

Reason:

Well proven tyre for astro surface, allow at all surfaces so people don't have to buy specific tyres to enter a meeting on astro.

Proposer – Derek Kerr, Seconder – James Collins

15 for, 1 against, 1 abstain Carried

2.1

Schumacher Mezzo and Pro-Line Pyramid tyres, any quantity and compound, are added to the existing SORC rear axle control tyres for the 2022 season.

Reason:

We are entering a new era of racing in Scotland with 3 AstroTurf track (potentially) on the calendar, as well as some grass ones. AstroTurf can differ and the current mini spikes tyres are unlikely to provide the longevity of the Mezzo or Pyramids. I have included two brands to be added for two reasons. With the change in tyre rules for nationals, I would be concerned on availability for the entire UK for Mezzo tyres and the fact that CML has supported the Scottish Inter Club and past Scottish club raffles and event, it would make sense to support them as the Pyramids will last 2-3 race meetings for most and help keep costs under control.

Proposer – Mike Carberry, Seconder – Russell McClung.

13 for, 5 against, 1 abstain Carried



2.2

Allow each host club to nominate one rear tyre choice of any compound in addition to Schumacher Minispikes and Ballistic Minispikes. This must be nominated and communicated as soon as possible after the dates have been decided.

Reason:

With astroturf tracks on the calendar, it makes sense to choose a tyre that works well on that surface. Host clubs selecting tyre choices brings it into line with nationals. Ideally work towards having only 2 tyre choices per club.

Proposer – Duncan Pole, Seconder - Stevie Sheridan

1 for, 17 against, 1 abstain Not carried

2.3

Remove the Schumacher minispike as a permitted tyre for the 2023 season

Reason:

We have always tried to keep tyre cost down, this gives notice to allow drivers to use up stock if required.

Proposer – Derek Kerr, Seconder – James Collins

3 for, 16 against, 1 abstain Not carried

Media & Promotion

3.0

Assemble a media and promotion team of volunteers to cover various areas suitable for Facebook and social media etc :-

Photos (Race action, pits and podiums)

Video (races and promotion)

Race reports for the BRCA and magazines

A Finalist Spec Sheets

Assist with content for local papers or TV

Encourage racers to share their own pictures and videos from SORC race days.

Reason:

Promoting the sport and the series. Everyone likes to see their own car in a picture!

Proposer – Duncan Pole, Seconder - Stevie Sheridan

Redundant proposal due to Item 1.0's amendment being carried



Amount of rounds & Covid rules

4.0

To limit the 2022 SORC series to 4 or 5 rounds, depending on Falkirk's participation, with the best 3 to count.

Reason:

This is the first regional series in two years. In past seasons with 7 rounds, many racers have not achieved the minimum number of rounds to count. By reducing the overall number of rounds to one event per club it would increase the chances of interested racers making at least 3 rounds.

This has been the feedback in discussions with Dumfries Model Car Club members. Less rounds will also reduce racing costs when considering tyres and travelling costs as well as well as work and family commitments.

We also do not know the further impact of covid, and how any future guidance with affect racing across the UK. Fewer rounds might be more appealing as some racers may be put off with any potential changes that may arise.

Also, several clubs have changed or are in the process of changing to AstroTurf for 2022. A reduced regional series would alleviate any pressure on hosting 2 or more rounds in case there are delays to the venues.

Proposer – Mike Carberry, Seconder - Chris Musgrave

Colin McCaffrey suggested one round per club with an amendment:-

4.01

To limit the 2022 SORC series to 5 rounds (1 round for each hosting club), with the best 3 to count.

The proposer accepted this proposal and it was voted on

**Amendment below proposed by Colin McCaffrey & accepted by Mike Carberry
20 for amendment, 0 against, 1 abstain. Carried**

4.1

To limit the 2022 SORC series to 8 rounds total.

Reason:

So each club gets 2 rounds – which is good for home club racers and good for the clubs financially

Proposer – Steve Harley, Seconder – David Scott

Redundant proposal due to Item 4.0's amendment being carried



4.2

Once the series starts, if a club still to host a round cannot fulfil that round due to Covid restrictions, the committee can allocate another club to host that specific round on the same date.

Reason:

With the risk of local restrictions, this will allow the best scenario to allow as many rounds to be run as possible

Proposer – Derek Kerr, Seconder – James Collins

Redundant proposal due to Item 1.0's amendment being carried

Changes to constitution

2. OBJECT:

Currently:

To organise and operate the Scottish Off-road RC Championship and to promote the Off-road RC Car Racing in Scotland. The club will facilitate and provide the Club's members with opportunities to engage in Car Racing and enjoy the benefits and facilities provided by the club.

Proposed amendment:

To organise and operate the Scottish Off-road RC Championship and to promote the Off-road RC Car Racing in Scotland. The club will facilitate and provide the Club's members with opportunities to engage in Car Racing and enjoy the benefits and facilities provided by the club.

To ensure in Scotland that the BRCA regionals are organised and ran fairly, safely and to the highest standards. SORC organises the Scottish region BRCA 2wd and 4wd championship and will prioritise these classes over all others. This allows as many racers as possible wish to gain an F grade in 2wd or 4wd. This should always be the priority of SORC to allow ALL to have the opportunity to improve their F grade.

Reason:

Sets priorities. Allows as many racers as possible wish to gain an F grade in 2wd or 4wd, but still allows flexibility to accommodate other classes if needed and numbers allow.

Proposer – Duncan Pole, Seconder - Stevie Sheridan

Redundant proposal due to Item 1.0's amendment being carried



3. Membership

Currently:

Membership of the Club shall be open to all without discrimination and will commence when the **relevant membership documentation has been completed.**

Reason for amendment: What documentation? Propose to review/correct this.

Proposer – Duncan Pole, Seconder - Stevie Sheridan

Redundant proposal due to Item 1.0's amendment being carried

3. Membership

Currently:

A. Adult Members (From 16 years old upwards)

B. Junior Members (Up to 16 years old)

Proposed amendment:

A. Adult Members (From 16 years old upwards, **as of 1st January**)

B. Junior Members (Up to 16 years old, **as of 1st January**)

Reason for amendment: Addition as no defined time is currently published

Proposer – Derek Kerr, Seconder – James Collins

Redundant proposal due to Item 1.0's amendment being carried



5. Officials

Currently:

Eligibility for election onto the club committee is open to any elected or chosen representative of any BRCA affiliated club that supports....

Proposed amendment:

Eligibility for election onto the club committee is open to any elected or chosen representative of any BRCA affiliated club **(in Scotland)** that supports....

Reason for amendment:

Proposer – Derek Kerr, Seconder – James Collins

Redundant proposal due to Item 1.0's amendment being carried

6. Member Clubs

Currently:

Any incumbent club, whose elected representative has changed since approved at the previous AGM, will have to re-submit nomination and have it voted and approved at the next AGM.

Any incumbent representative that can no longer perform their duties with the Club committee shall step down with immediate effect, and will not be replaced till the next AGM, as per the above process for change of representative.

Proposed amendment:

Propose that this section is removed and if a club rep stands down, there should be nominated rep put forward by the respective club as soon as possible and the secretary informed by email or other recorded communication.

If the representative is a key role such as CHAIRMAN, TREASURER, BRCA SCOTLAND DRIVERS REP or SECRETARY a replacement should be nominated and elected as soon as is practically possible.

Reason for amendment:

Doesn't seem fair if someone is ill or needs to stand down for another reason. Club reps are the communication link between each club's racers and each club should have a say.

Proposer – Duncan Pole, Seconder - Stevie Sheridan

Redundant proposal due to Item 1.0's amendment being carried



7. VOTING:

Currently:

Those eligible to vote at the AGM, or any EGM called by the Club Committee are:

Any SORC member attending that meeting provided they are the holder of a valid BRCA licence.

Voting at the AGM will also be accepted via email for proposals received in writing or via email and subsequently sent to the members via email. Any proposals that are received after they are communicated to members by email, amended or have counter proposals on the day at the AGM will be excluded from email voting. (Closing date for votes is two weeks prior to the AGM)

Proposed amendment:

Those eligible to vote at the AGM, or any EGM called by the club committee are : **The elected club representative, plus the SORC committee members, Chairman has casting vote.**

Reason for amendment:

Feedback from Paul Worsley when he was section chairman. This is how other regions operate. It's aimed at making sure that bigger clubs have the same say as smaller clubs and also makes things simpler.

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Any SORC member attending that meeting provided they are the holder of a valid BRCA licence **or any BRCA member with a valid license who is present at the meeting who intends to race at this series.**

Reason for amendment:

Only if the big change that Derek is suggesting (committee only vote) doesn't go through... This proposal gives returning racers & new racers a vote and means they do not have to compete in the previous season as long as they meet the above requirements, they can still have a say in how SORC is ran.

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Proposed amendment:

Voting at the AGM will also be accepted via email for proposals received in writing (no less than 4 weeks prior to the AGM date)

Reason for amendment: No defined time for when proposals should be in for.

Proposer – Derek Kerr, Seconder – James Collins

Redundant proposal due to Item 1.0's amendment being carried



Addition

No mention of the 10th offroad BRCA Scottish Drivers Rep in the constitution other than reporting, even though traditionally we seem to have nominated and voted on this position at SORC AGMs and they have been on the committee.

Suggest this is formalised and entered into the constitution and that is a position on the committee with voting rights, similar to secretary and treasurer.

Proposer – Duncan Pole, Seconder - Stevie Sheridan

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Committee Selection

Chairman – James Collins - Re-elected

Secretary – Duncan Pole - Re-elected.

Treasurer- Derek Kerr - Re-elected.

BRCA Regional Rep – Stevie Sheridan - Re-elected.

Arrange dates for following season.

Provisional Dates - 5 rounds. Best 3 from 5 to count.

RD1 – Dunfermline – 29th May 2022

RD2 – Dumfries – 3rd July 2022

RD3 – Glasgow - 24th July 2022

RD4 – Stonehaven – 21st August 2022

RD5 – Falkirk - 11th September 2022

Provisional Spare – 2nd October 2022



Any other business.

Derek Kerr raised the following items again:-

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12 for, 0 against, 1 abstain Carried



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Proposer – Derek Kerr, Seconder – James Collins

Duncan Pole suggested an amendment that was accepted by the proposer of:-

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Proposer – Derek Kerr, Seconder – James Collins

1 for, 11 against, 1 abstain Not Carried

Set date of 2023 AGM - Provisionally set as Sunday 15th January 2023 at Dumfries. Venue TBA.

Meeting finished - 17.59 PM.