

BRCA Micro Section EGM Meeting Minutes Saturday September 3rd 2016



1. Introduction

The meeting was held at the Meeting Point House, Telford and was opened by the Phil Sleigh (Chairman) at 9:30am. The meeting concluded at approximately 11:00am.

The following members were present;

Phil Sleigh
Andy Jones
Tony Bishop
Stuart Macdonald
Jason Potter

Apologies were received from the following members for their absence;

Huw Jenkins
Rob Driver
Ben Cosgrove
Tom Owen

2. Acceptance of 2014-15 EGM Minutes

The minutes of the 2014-15 EGM were accepted and no issues were raised.

Proposed: Tony Bishop **Seconded:** Andy Jones

3. Officers Reports:

The officer reports have been attached as an appendix of this document.

4. Championship Awards (added following the final round)

The championship trophies were handed out at the last round of this season's national series to the drivers shown below:

1/16th 4WD Championship

1st – Ben Cosgrove, 2nd – Phil Sleigh, 3rd – Keith Robertson

1/16th 4WD Championship – Juniors (U16)

1st – Ben Young, 2nd – Ben Pugh, 3rd – Callum Johnson

1/16th 4WD Championship – M2 License

1st – Andrew Mountford, 2nd – Jason Potter, 3rd – Bryan Burrows

4.1. Section Award

The section is yet to finalise who will receive the BRCA section award, but several names were put forward during the EGM meeting. We will ensure this is presented to a fitting recipient at a forthcoming National event and also confirmed at the main BRCA AGM in October

5. Election of Officers:

Committee Position	Name	Proposed by	Seconded by
Chairman	Phil Sleigh	Unchanged	
Secretary	Tony Bishop	Unchanged	
Treasurer	Andy Jones	Unchanged	
Entries Officer	Andy Jones	Unchanged	
Health & Safety Officer	Huw Jenkins	Phil Sleigh	Stuart MacDonald
Timekeeper	Jamie Anderson	Unchanged	
Drivers Rep.	Tony Bishop	Unchanged	
Public Relations Officer	Vacant	Remains vacant!	

6. Proposals

Full details of each rule proposal have been included as an appendix to this document.

ID	Rule No Effected	Proposed by	Seconded by	For	Against	Abstained	Amended (Y/N)	Carried (Y/N)
1	1.2	Phil Sleigh	Andrew Jones	5	0	-	Y	Y
2	2.11	Phil Sleigh	Stuart MacDonald	3	2	-	N	Y

Full details of final rule wording;

1.2 (updated)

Any commercially available brushed or brushless motor may be used as long as the can width is no wider than 29mm. (See section 16: Technical Diagrams)

A glossary of terms will be inserted at the start of the rules, and will include the following;

“Commercially Available” – Where the term commercially available appears in BRCA Micro Section documentation, it is defined as any item or items being accessible for purchase by anyone and therefore must be or have been available in UK retail outlets in reasonable volume at any one time.

2.11 (new rule)

At all times a car is on track, front shock screws/towers must be covered by ‘protectors’ to guard against racing surface damage.

7. Dates for 2016-17 Nationals

The 2016-17 National Series will take place over 6 rounds, with the best 4 rounds counting.

The dates for each round are as follows:

October 9th 2016	MB Models (Leeds)
November 6th 2016	Silverstone
December 4th 2016	Dudley
January 8th 2017	Midland Raceway (Cradley Heath)
January 29th 2017	Torbay
February 26th 2017	Broxtowe

Entries will also be handled via the main BRCA website and are open now.

Visit www.brca.org/micro-events.html

8. A.O.B.

Several racers have requested that we discuss two day National events for future years of the championship. The meeting discussed this at length and all parties present were against the idea, based on it meaning some or all would then need to book off time off work for racing Saturdays, and for any event at a distance they would also then likely need to travel on the Friday evening, meaning additional expense of hotels and food. Of course we can re-visit this idea again at the next EGM being scheduled for March 2017.

It was also discussed if we should look to change timing software from the current RC Timing to BBK. Several of the parties present have direct experience of BBK and all but the top level license would not offer any advantage over the existing software. We also know that there is little to no future support for the software from the main developer. As mentioned only the top level license would give the live streaming of race times, but this is currently an expense the section does not feel it can shoulder.

We will however look to implement a live upload to the BRCA main results site and if possible a local WiFi connection that will give easier access to results during the events. Hopefully this can be trialled at MicroX prior to the National season starting.

The next EGM date has now been set as Saturday February 25th 2017, which is the day before the final National event. The location is yet to be confirmed, but will be selected to be as close to the Broxtowe venue as possible. The time will also be selected to ensure the best attendance levels.

9. Appendices

9.1. Appendix A: Chairman's Report

Overall the championship has been very up and down with regards to number, as Andy will give details on shortly. We had one new venue (Midland Raceway), which was infact the best supported meeting all year.

The championship saw new blood throughout and a new comer to our section also taking the title. Congratulations to Ben Cosgrove

After the season closed, we opened up a survey to all competitors to gauge reaction from the championship and the common themes we around driving standard and event locations covering more of the country. We have taken this onboard and stretched our legs a little for 2016/17, as can be seen in the calendar for the forthcoming season. We will also be monitoring driving standards much closer with tighter refereeing through the events

9.2. Appendix B: Entries Officer Report

After last year's record breaking efforts numbers have been a little down this year and we've had no entries from the 2wd class (removed after Round 1). In total over the 6 rounds of our National Series with a total of 125 (down by 14 from last year) different drivers attending the series with 53 (up 1 from last year) drivers completing 4 or more

The breakdown of the drivers at each meeting is as follows:

<u>Round Number</u>	<u>Drivers</u>
1 – Midland Raceway	82
2 – Swansea	46
3 – Dudley	68
4 – Torbay	52
5 – Swansea	56
6 – Caldicot	54

In total we had 358 entries which is down from 378 from last year and from 504 from the year before

My main concern from this year is again the drop in numbers, as once again once we drifted away from our 'area' of South Midlands we struggled as a section. Midland were a new inclusion this season and the return of 82 was fantastic

Last year I added that I might propose a minimum amount a club would receive regardless of the number of entries to try to raise the interest of the section, this hasn't been needed as yet and I'd think I'll leave this for another year

We have new venues for 2016/2017 so it will be interesting to see how the numbers are affected

9.3. Appendix C: Treasurers Report

2015 Closing Balance **£4,166.16**

Despite the decrease in entry numbers from previous years, we have maintained a good balance in the account because of minimal outgoings. Whereas the previous year we covered the cost of the trophies for DMS National we have not had to do that this year for any club other than entry fees due to clubs and end of season trophies, the Section has not invested this past year whatsoever and once again given the sections current state of financial health, there is no reason to worry for the viability of the section in coming years.

Full balance sheet can be found as the final appendix

9.4. Appendix D: Health & Safety Report

No health and safety issues raised during the championship.

BRCA Risk assesment forms have been completed and submitted to the BRCA as per the association rules. We will need to invest in flame retardant gloves and ensure ALL venues have sand filled fire buckets available during the events.

BRCA Micro Section balance sheet – Fiscal Year 2015-2016

Balance Carried forward from 2014/2015:	£3,565.74
Income	
BRCA National Series entry fees transferred	£3,788.26
BRCA Membership Fees:	£0.00
Total income	£3,788.26
Expenditure	
End of Season Trophies	£179.02
Entry fees paid to Host clubs	£2,976.68
Moto GP Tickets - Dave Jackson (Prize)	£110.00
Total Expenditure	£3,265.70
PayPal Balance	£77.86
Total Balance Carried Forward	£4,166.16