

Downton Motor Club
Minutes of the Committee Meeting – 7th March 2024



Committee Present – James Edmonds
Andrew Mathis
Billy Glendinning
Graham Vingoe
Apologies - Richard Hussey
Brenda Harris
Adam Holland

Meeting opened at Clay Pigeon Raceway (lunch time – burger and chips time)

1) Committee Vacancies

- **John Hill** – sadly John Hill has stepped down from the committee. The committee will write to John thanking him for all his work and support. We will also ask John to continue his Safeguarding role for Downton Motor Club in 2024. **Action: Graham to write to John.**
- **Billy Glendinning** – welcome to the DMC committee! Your support is appreciated.

2) Container / Office

- Agreed to continue for a target handover of financial responsibility and liability to Steve Harris on 1st April.
- Standing order from DMC account to be cancelled. Letter to the Leisure Centre to be drafted – outlining the payment name change. **Action: Graham**
- Final standing order of £181 paid 1st March (2024 annual charges look to be held at £2,172 per year)
- Regarding final clean out / tidy up – it is proposed for an afternoon / evening session week commencing 8th April. i.e. work with Steve to say what he wants, what he wants us to dump and what needs to be retained by DMC. Also try to get some DMC members involved. **Action: Graham to talk to Steve / Brenda.**
- Re storage – Billy may have some available storage for DMC. Thanks Billy – let us know if you can help out.

3) Speed Championship

- Andrew noted that the number of entries for 2024 is slightly down but we do expect a few more entries. (17 entries so far?).
- **Spectator Competition** – will probably start last week in March (prize - two spectator tickets for either Gurston or Wiscombe).
- **Wiscombe Junior Award** – noted that our nomination has to go in Sept 2024.

4) Membership 2024

- 36 'payed up' members for 2024. Probably down on 2023.
- Membership income to date £1,080

5) Promotional Events / Update

- RE:fuel – Facebook / Instagram post to go out on Saturday 9th March. (flyers ...Thx Brenda)
- Wiscombe Park flyers – big bundle received from Nigel at Wiscombe Park.
- Promotional 'sails' – to be reprinted with DMC logo / text (remember - get from the container).
- Adam has spotted two local events which look very promising – details to follow. 1 x car show and 1 x Mini event)

6) Options for growing membership numbers.

- It is known that club membership numbers are in decline – we should probably expect a further decline in 2024.
- To turn this around we need to consider what initiatives are there that we can use to attract more members.
- This is quite a lengthy topic and will be allocated an hour at the next Committee meeting to define options / responsibilities.

7) Any other Business

- **Llandow Track Day** – Graham to contact the organisers about DMC involvement. Different team of organisers this year.
- **Wiscombe Park, Marshals Award** – It is proposed that Downton Motor Club allocate a budget of £100 for the annual awards.

Meeting closed at 13.45 pm

Next Meeting – Week commencing 8th April (Clear up day)

Venue – Downton Sports Centre