



January Meeting 2012

The following points were discussed at the January meeting and marked next to them is any actions or what was agreed:

1, Children Running around whilst racing is on.

- It was raised that during races, having any children running around could cause problems with safety especially with the Stockcars and that if either a child slipped, or a car came off the track there could be an accident.

2, Should cars with bodyshells that are not properly secured due to race damage be taken off track and secured before carrying on racing?

- This issue was raised and discussions occurred around should the issue be confined to Stockcars, or include Banger and Saloons.
- **Result:** All class of cars can continue to race if their bodyshell is still attached to the car and do not have to come off and have the bodyshell secured before carrying on.

3, What is happening with the Saloon points?

- The discussion was to see if Saloons this year should adopt the same points rules that Stockcars are running this year or an alternate points scheme.
- **Result:** Saloons will use the same points (eg: Heats points and Final points) as per the Stockcar points.

4, Information from these monthly meetings should be available on the Urmston Website.

- **Action:** ChrisD to write up the information and publish it on the Urmston Website.

5, AMBrc Transponders

- Chris D is looking into the costs and trying buy 10 – 20 AMBrc rechargeable transponders for the club instead of the personal transponders as they are more durable.
- A question was raised about could the personal transponders be repaired.
- **Action:** ChrisD to contact BBK Software to see if the AMB personal transponders can be repaired.

6, Having an Urmston Shootout instead of just accumulated points for Club points champion.

- Anthony raised the idea of having the top 2 drivers from each of the 4 grading periods go into an 8 car shootout race at the end of the year to crown the points champion. (If a driver is in the top 2 in a grading period and has already been included in the race, then the next person in that grading period will be added instead (and so on until you have 2 people from that grading period qualified for the race)).
- Paul expressed a concern that drivers who have qualified for this race might want to build a new car for the race and this might put more financial pressures on driver to build a car prior to Christmas instead of at the start of the racing year.
- Another idea was to have only the first 3 grading periods count towards defining the top 8 drivers (on accumulated points) and then the last quarter would be a full shootout like BriSCA currently run.
- **Action:** Driver to go away and think about solutions to this issue and bring it back up in February to discuss.



February Meeting 2012

There was no meeting in February.



March Meeting 2012

Unfortunately, there was a mix up with getting the information online with this and there was some disagreement on what was agreed. The two issues that were discussed were:

- How many of each grade should there be:

Option 1: 1 Superstar, 6 Reds, 7 Blues and 8 Yellows Option 2: 1 Superstar, 5 Reds, 6 Blues and 8 Yellows
In a vote on Monday 9th April, the vote was 10 - 5 in favour of option 2.

- How many Points Meetings should be have a month:

Option 1: 2 as per now Option 2: 3 with only 2 counting
In a vote on Monday 9th April, the vote was 8 - 6 in favour of option 2



May Meeting 2012

The following points were discussed at the May meeting and marked next to them is any actions or what was agreed:

1, Urmston National.

- Car Parking: Looking for someone to help out with policing where people park on the day.
- Spares Counter: Asked Gary McMullen if his dad would be able to do this.
- Canteen Help: Nothing Definate at this point.
- Put Up Track: Track to be put up on Sunday 3 / June at around 2pm ... Anthony and Peter Volunettered to help do it.

2, What is happening with Banger Points?

- The issue was raised as to if Bangers need to have more than one points meeting a month.
- **Result:** There was a vote and it was agreed to continue at the moment with just the one points meeting a month.

3, Replacing the Carpet.

- The go ahead was given to replace the race carpet.
- A question was asked if we could lay the carpet on top of the existing carpet for the National prior to full fitting.
- This was not considered a good idea from Alan Crossland.
- The question of when the carpet could be laid was brought up and Alan said that it would have to be August as that is when the Church did not have other organisations in and there would be time for it to happen.
- **Action:** Alan will check with Chris about the details of the carpet.
- **Action:** Chris will organise the purchase of the carpet.

4, Saloonstocks.

- The number of Saloonstocks is quite low and also there is the new Schmacher superstox kit available now. The issue was discussed as to what could happen to the Saloonstocks class.
- **Result:** It was decided to race the Saloonstocks as an "Open Class" to allow the use of the new Schmacher Superstox kit and to also allow Brushless motors.
- **Result:** The existing 'closed' class will race upto and including June points meeting and then the new 'open' class will begin.

5, B Final:

- Anthony brought up the question about changing the number of cars in the A / B Final from 8 & 8 to just 7 cars directly into the A final and then the next 8 into the B final. The winner of the B final will then be promoted to the A final to make an 8 car A final.
- A vote was taken on this issue and it was agreed for the next grading period.
- **Result:** From the next grading period the first 7 cars will go into the A final with the next 8 being in the B final. The winner of the B final will then be added to the A final.

6, How many cars in each grade for grading?.

- The number of cars in each grade was brought up and also how to deal with Anthony as a permanent superstar currently due to being the National Points Champion.
- **Result:** We will have 1 Superstar, 5 Reds, 6 Blues and 8 Reds as we have today BUT the change is that Anthony will not be included in this list when working out which drivers are in which grade due to being the National Champion at the moment.

6, Having an Urmston Shootout instead of just accumulated points for Club points champion.

- The question about having a shootout at the end of the year was brought up again.
- It was discussed as to wether this should be instead or in addition to the current Grading points champion.
- Should a new trophy be obtained for this shootout and the winner get their name engraved upon it?
- **Action:** No final decision has been made yet, it has been defered to be discussed again.



June Meeting 2012

1, Carpet – No discussion at this meeting for it, it will be agreed when we will be laying the new carpet at the July meeting. The church is only available to replace the carpet in August and we will need to fit in there so that there is a week that we can remove the old one, lay new loop wiring and then have the new carpet laid down.

2, Points – What are we going to do about moving people up and down the grades?

- This question was raised prior to regrading happening at the end of the month. Several different styles of how many grades to move people up / down were discussed and it was agreed that a driver can only move up 2 grades at a time or down 1 grade at a time (as per BriSCA).
- Gary McMullen was discussed as a former World and 7 times National champion and that he could if points went badly be downgraded to yellow. This was agreed that it should not happen so it was agreed that Gary can only be downgraded to Blue top lowest due to his previous achievements.
- **Action:** Chris Darlaston is to look into the BRCA rules and see if there is anything that mentions a minimum grade for Junior World / Euro / National champions and report back at the July meeting.

3, Club Promotion:

- It was agreed that the club needs to promote itself more both inside Stockcar circles and outside to gain fresh drivers and grow the membership.

4, Event Promotion:

- **Action:** Mark Craig is finishing up a flyer for the club and will be getting 500 printed.
- **Action:** Gary Osborne is going to talk to Startrax to see if we can hand out flyers at Belle Vue either in the bar when people enter and/or get a static stand outside at the August Bank Holiday meeting.
- Mark Craig mentioned an event happening at Event City (Near Trafford Center) that is a Toy Fair (<http://www.eventcity.co.uk/whats-on/barry-potter-toy-fairs/120/>) There would be a cost involved with getting a table there, but we agreed that it would be beneficial to get the clubs name out to people who are like minded.
- **Action:** Mark Craig also talked about 2 events that are happening near Buxton and that he is going to talk to the organisers of the event to see if we can get a stand at either of these events.

5, Newspaper Promotion: - Discussions about trying to get an article, advert or possibly adding a flyer to the newspaper for promotion were discussed. No one knew the prices or reach of either newspaper, so several newspapers were discussed. It was agreed that several people would approach different papers to see what would be involved in getting any of the three items in the paper.

- **Action:** Mark Sutherland to talk to the Metro Newspaper.
- **Action:** Anthony Wyper to talk to the Messenger Newspaper.
- **Action:** Pete Ayriss to talk to the MEN Newspaper.

6, Saloonstox: Clarification of the new saloonstox 'open' class were talked about and agreed that Brushless motors would be allowed and differentials. It is to be a fun class to start with and will not have any points table.

7, NZ Team Stockcar meeting: A new date for this meeting was discussed and both the Boxing Day and New Years Day meeting were discounted due to peoples family commitments and a lack of a meeting for fullsize cars at Belle Vue. It was agreed that Easter Bank Holiday Monday 2013 would be a good date due to giving people time to organise travel and also the BriSCA F1's appearing at Belle Vue.



August Meeting 2012

1, Points Meetings: - The minimum number of cars at a meeting that has been designated as a points meeting was brought up. It was re-iterated that if a meeting has been designated a points meeting then there is NOT a minimum number of cars that is required at that meeting to still be classified as a points meeting.

2, Number of Points Meetings a Month:

- The rule from March Meeting that there should be 3 points meetings a month with only 2 counting was brought up as August only had 2 points meetings listed and no other 'Saturday' meeting that could accommodate a third meeting.
- There was some confusion between different people as to this rule actually was 'Drop your worst score each month' (eg: In August with only 2 points meetings listed, then only 1 would count).
- The discussions on if 1 or 2 meetings for August would count went on for a little while and in the end a vote was taken on the following two points:
 - Should the number of meetings in a month to count towards the points be:
 - Two points meetings a month:
 - Drop one point scoring meeting a month:
 - The vote originally was 6 / 4 in favour of option 1, but then a vote was changed and we ended up with a 5 / 5 tie.
- With the vote being a tie, some alternative suggestions were discussed and a new vote was discussed as:
 - The number of points meetings a month should be either 2 or 3 meetings a month and the points meetings have to be on a Saturday morning
 - This was voted unanimously in favour.
- A second vote was then taken on the number of points meetings a month that count towards grading. The proposal was:
- Drivers will have one point scoring meeting a month dropped from the grading points. (So their best 1 from 2 or 2 from 3 will count).
 - This was again voted unanimously in favour.

3, Consolations: A proposal was put forward that if there are 15 or less cars booked into a points meeting, the winner of the B final would not go directly to the A final.

- Vote For : 2 Against: 8
- This proposal was rejected.

4, Contact / Barriers: The drivers driving styles, the degree of car contact and the health and safety aspect of cars exiting the track either accidentally due to contact or via deliberate contact was discussed in great detail. After the discussions there were a couple of items that were voted on:

- Should URCCC install a 2 feet high solid barrier around either end of the track (on the corners) to help reduce the chance that a car can exit the track.
 - Vote: For: 8 Against: 1
- This proposal was agreed.
- Should the new barrier be in place for all formulas?
 - Votes: For: 8 Against: 0

This proposal was agreed.

Finally a discussion started up about removing of the 'Straightlining / Bad Driving Conduct Section of the 2012 rules' but unfortunately the meeting ran out of time as so no vote was taken on this.



October Meeting 2012

1, Drivers Rep Change: Andy Cox has kindly taken over as drivers rep. This allows for queries to be either directed at Andy, Chris or Alan.

2, Urmston AGM: This will take place on the first Saturday of January and will allow for the election of the following positions:

Elected Every 2 Years	Chairman	Treasurer	Secretary
Elected Every Year	Stockcar Rep.	Banger Rep.	Drivers Rep.

To start the committee off, Alan Crossland will be Treasurer and Chris Darlaston will be Chairman. All other positions are open for people to volunteer for at the AGM.

3, Brushless / LiPo in Stockcars: It was brought up as to if we should allow Brushless Stockcars running 1S LiPo and 10.5 turn motors to be allowed in Stockcars and at the points meetings between now and the end of the year. It was put to the vote along with if the drivers of these cars should get points or be able to participate in any Consolation races or Final Races.

- Votes: For: 10 Against: 0

This proposal was agreed.

4, Dates for Next Year: It was discussed if the format of points meetings should be changed for next year or not as the Church had formalised their requirements for the Hall next year. It was agreed to carry on with the format we have currently.

5, Reinstatement of a Northern Rounds series: Anthony brought up that with the formation of the Buxton club recently, we now have 3 clubs in the NW region and would it be worth trying to get a Northern Rounds Series started up again. It was agreed that Alan and Chris would talk to the promoters of the Buxton and Biddulph clubs to see if they would be interested in running a series.

6, Straightlining on Wednesday nights: A discussion centred around if the straightlining that has been occurring recently should be treated the same way as straightlining at points meetings. It was agreed that it should be continued to be monitored and if there is an increase the offenders could be talked to.

7, Average Point Grading: Questions were asked why a driver could 'keep his grade' by not attending many meetings whilst a driver who only missed a couple of meetings could end up being downgraded. Various different types of ways to address this were discussed, including: Average Points Grading for drivers doing only 1 or 2 meetings a month, Dropping of a Single Grade every quarter if a driver had not completed enough meetings to be regraded. In the end the proposal was:

In a calendar year, a driver cannot drop more than 1 grade below the highest grade they have raced at that year.

Eg: If a driver races at Red grade, then in that Calendar year after that point they would not be able to be downgraded to race from Yellow Grade or below.