BRITISH
DRIVING SOCIETY

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
That the
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS
will be held at
Mercure Daventry Court Hotel, Sedgemoor Way,
Daventry Northamptonshire NN11 0SG
On
SATURDAY 22nd NOVEMBER 2025
At 2pm

MINUTES OF MEETING

Apologies received from:

Toby Browne
Andrew Collins
Joanne Dobson
Julie Elliott
Kathleen Hill
Roger Hopton
David Ingle
Heather Noad
Roger Page
Kim Pearson
John Richards
Hazel Woodbridge
Kendall Young

1. **To confirm the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 9th November 2024.**

Proposed: John Snowdon
Seconded: Rob Parry

2. **Matters arising there from.**

There were no matters arising.

3. **To receive the Chairmans Report.**

As delivered.

4. **To receive the Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2024.**

The Chairman summarised the main points and action points for 2026.

Backdrop – in the years leading up to 2018, the BDS was making an annual loss up to 2018. This loss was nearly £100,000 which was not sustainable. After this, the BDS was restructured and a small profit was shown – even during Covid. The BDS is a “not for profit” organisation. The primary aim is to serve the BDS

membership in a financially, sustainable manner. In order to support the membership, the membership fees were not increased for 7 years but operating costs continued to increase. In 2024, the BDS incurred a fine of £90,000 as a result of an incident in 2012. Although the fine was paid in 2024, the £90,000 had to appear in the 2023 accounts – which resulted in a £73,000 loss. In 2024, in order to pay the fine, £40,000 was taken out of the accounts, resulting in a £33,000 loss for the year. Turnover was reduced from £193,000 to £163,000 and no legacies were received in 2024. The end of season Championship had to be cancelled due to H&S concerns – which were raised by the stipulations following the Court case. This reduced the income by £9,000. Membership income decreased from £110,000 to £108,000 but expenditure increased in virtually all areas. The cost for the BDS magazines in 2024 increased by £7500 – largely due to increase in postage. The Year book in 2024 cost nearly £14,000. Investments increased in value by £24,000. Currently, the financial situation for 2025 is looking better due to the cost of membership being increased.

PROPOSALS FOR 2026:

- Digital Newsletter instead of printed copy.
- Change of Editor for the Year book (saving total of £5,000 total)
- Insurance Premiums – saving of approx. £5,000 – insurance fees have doubled since 2019. This is largely due to the BDS having a huge claim history.

5. To receive the results of the Election of Members to Council.

Nobody put names forward. Rob Parry and Modris Kesans are willing to stand for another 3 years.

6. To confirm the BDS Chairman

This was discussed by Council earlier in the year – and it was agreed unanimously that Neil Wray should stay on for a further 3 years. The vote was put to the BDS members and was carried by a large majority.

Ratification of new Vice Presidents – The current VPs are: Caroline Dale Leach, Sir John Richards, Barry Luck & Sally Walrond. Council proposed to put Jane MacInnes forward as a VP.

The Chairman asked for a show of hands – the motion was carried unanimously.

7. Presentation of Awards.

Ian Townsend Young Driver:	10 – 14 years	Mali Davies Highly Commended – Sonny Murrell
	15 – 17 years	Tabitha Jeans Leah Redsell Rhian Hockings

8. To receive suggestions/questions from Members.

Claire Bourne – will there be a hard copy of the Newsletter for people who cannot get the Newsletter digitally? NW – only for a very few members who do not have an email address.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 15.05 hours.