

Meeting Pembrey Inn 30/11/89

Members present as before plus T. Humphreys  
W. Waller D. Fritter

Secretary reported on tragic death of Barry Reece former Chairman and founder member of the WRDA, who had never fully recovered from injuries sustained in an accident at Castle Combe in September 1983.

Secretary reported he had passed our condolences to Jeanette and also that the members had set up a fund to give Barry a Christmas present and there was still £35.00 in the fund and he proposed that we liquidate the fund by using it to fund an annual award called "The Barry Reece Fund" to be awarded to the person who made the greatest personal contribution to Welsh racing during the current year. Also proposed that citations be awarded if more than one person qualified for an award. Agreed that Secretary approach Jeanette Reece - Barry's wife - to seek her approval.

## OBITUARY

### Barry Reece

BARRY REECE, from Caerphilly, was a keen and very competitive Special Saloon car driver. His introduction to motorsport was through rallying before turning to the circuits in 1975. He raced a Mini with much success in the 850cc class, finally winning the Wendy Woods Championship in 1982 and the BARC Presidents' Cup.

Immediately competitive in the 1000cc class, he turned in some good results for his sponsor ISIS Plant Hire and gained his first win against Ginger Marshal at Silverstone in September 1983. A fortnight later, at Castle Combe GT round, he had a coming-together with another car during practice, and Barry's Imp was pitched into the barrier at great speed. So serious were his injuries that he was in a coma for three weeks.

An emergency brain operation saved his life, but he was left with speech and other slow-to-improve problems. The Special Saloon Car Register, through its Chairman Ernie Woods, strove to raise money to help support his wife and children, and Bill Chesson, at that time the owner of Lydden Hill, agreed to stage a special race, with a trophy supplied by ISIS.

Through this race, as well as raffles, donations and other means, funds were obtained and the race became an annual event. Six years on and Barry was walking and talking better than ever, but sadly he suffered a stroke and died during the night of October 12.

We extend our deepest sympathy to his wife Jeanette and their two children, Claire and David.

Proposed that Clive Davis of Ilanelli BC be the first award, with Peter Gwynne Denis Carter of BARC to give citations