

REGIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT – 20th August 2014 – Roger Reed & Lock Horsburgh

Just to show how dependent we are on flying there was no-one present from Northern Ireland as their plane was found to be faulty. I was delayed because of staff shortages. Nevertheless the meeting started on time with John Arnold AWMCM in the Chair.

The following actions from clubs were requested:

Please submit applications to Club Development and Rescue Development Funds.

Please submit applications to Club of the Year and Volunteer of the Year competitions.

Promote Inter-Association Events and support teams where possible.

What follows is a Heading/topic based to allow quick access to information.

CLUB MATTERS

Club Development and Safety Funds: There have been 13 Club Development and 16 Rescue and Venue Support applications supported this year awarded £53K for projects totalling more than £200K. (If you are in doubt whether your project will attract funding talk to Allan Dean-Lewis first.)

Overall in the 20 years AD-L had been handling these funds 959 awards have been made for £1.3M for projects totalling £5.9M. He would like to see total applications top 1000 next year.

Club Support Grants: MSA accepting applications from clubs or associations for projects designed to attract new people. (This might apply to our Marshals Project.)

Club of the Year and Volunteer of the Year: Please submit applications either personal or from associations by end of September – also Newcomers Prize Draw (since Jan 2013).

Club Sport Events: A request from ANWCC to add Navigation Rally to the list was turned down. Clubs can run a 12 car on the back of a Navigation Rally to allow non-members to see what happens.

Recognition: There is an ongoing dispute with Sport England about recognition. Community Sports Clubs legislation means lower hire rates for council venues if sport is recognised.

D 11.1.3: Written approval of every registered competitor is required for a Championship date change. Rob Jones agrees that there is a problem and has agreed to talk to Chairman of Council to see if a dispensation can be sorted out. I suggested that non-fixed venues were an issue e.g. Dundrennan dictating dates, clubs getting Autocross venues very close to events. Chief Executive to look at “Force Majeure” definition.

D 20.1 & D 20.1.1: Closing dates/times for entries – organisers do not refuse late entries – they cannot afford to – rules need to accommodate this. Problem will not be solved until full entry lists mean competitors are rejected. Particular problem in North East Scotland with oil business and people commuting off shore with all the problems of cancellation of flights etc. CEO to look into a special case of Nat B single venue rallies.

MSA Insurance Fund: The set up will be completed during this financial year with Price Waterhouse Coopers as consultants. Reduce premiums with higher excess covered by fund. Capture Cell!

Closed Roads: The Media only think of F1. We need to change that image.

Permit Fees: A proposal to charge to per starter rather than per signed on entry is under discussion. Reviewing definitions against FIA definitions. Discussion of permits across one day/two day events.

Child Protection Policy: Now in the final stages of revision. Old CRB now DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service). Child Protection Officer may be a requirement or at least a strong recommendation.

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GoMotorsport: Paper from Jess Fack. This lists various events which have or are taking part including one at Knockhill associated with BTCC. It was agreed that RDOs could use more time. CEO to investigate if this may be possible. We were supposed to discuss the survey results but in the absence of Nicky Moffitt this was deferred to next meeting. Link to the club survey results is below: http://www.msauk.org/uploadedfiles/gomotorsport/MSA_Club_Survey_Summary_2013.pdf

PEOPLE

Environmental Scrutineer Training: There are very few Environmental Inspectors left able to act as examiners and these are poorly spread geographically. It was agreed that under these circumstances the views of Senior Scrutineers will be sought.

MSA Committee Members day: This was successful was held at Cholmondeley Pageant of Power.

Officials Seminars in 2015: Dates to be finalised – format will be changed to be more like this year. Karting at 7 of these venues Cheryl Lynch & Nigel Edwards.

KARTING

Kart Stakeholders Meetings: These were held in June. I asked what the outcome and actions would be. A follow up meeting is to be called. There will have to be work at Board level. One proposal being tried is to adopt the CIK approach to Judicial where the Stewards are involved at first point of contact rather than later. The number of Licence Holders is dropping. A lot of non-MSA events happening. There about 6 clubs doing well and 24 poorly.

Status of ABKC: ABKC is not a Regional Association. This affects A 4 rule changes agreed at June Council. A revision is being submitted to September Council. Hopefully Bruce will be able to report.

RACING

FIA Formula 4: This is meant to be the first rung of the Single Seater ladder – Ford is the successful tenderer to FIA. Young driver's licences held by Club or Championship so that they are limited to those activities. This formula is spreading across the world.

FIA Formula E: Launched in London on Westminster Bridge which was closed for the launch. Battersea Park site inspection for suitability for electric cars. Donnington now has an Engineering Village producing electric cars. Batteries are made by Williams at Wantage.

British GP: A new contract has been set up with Silverstone.

RALLYING

Ulster Rally: The death of a competitor was noted as was the death of the wife of the CoC. Rob Jones noted that these are challenging times with the incidents on the Jim Clark and Ulster Rallies. There will no doubt be issues raised by the various enquiries which we will need to consider.

Jim Clark Rally: Police Scotland are still investigating. A separate Scottish Government Motor Sport Event Safety Review has been set up. Tom Purves, Iain Campbell and Robert Reid are members.

Rally Tyres: Rally tyre list was intended for forest rallies so in 2015 events run under R 1.4.1 will comply.

BRC: This will not run next year – A lot of good will has been lost because of the way it was handled but there has been constructive dialogue since the announcement. This culminated in a meeting on 19th August where an apology was given. Hoping to move forward now.

Forestry Commission Master Agreement: A one year extension has been agreed – so that negotiations can take place on revised Agreement. The Forestry Commission want a single agreement for England Wales and Scotland.

Tracking: Enquiries of the various systems offered were ongoing.

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Safety Radio: Second frequency still in progress.

SAFETY

FHR devices (previously called HANS): A presentation was made to Council at their last meeting by FIA – John Symes has been asked to report to the next Council meeting. There are real issues about the application of FHRs for some branches of the sport. FHRs rely on the Seat and Seatbelt to hold the device in place.

SPEED

Sprint & Hillclimb SubCommittee: A total ban on Tyre Warming is being discussed.

Tyre Lists 1A & 1B: This topic was from Bob Milloy (ANWCC). It contained proposals to change the tyre lists – Response from Ian Davis is that tyre compounds are changing and new tyres will have to be considered. Watch this space for outcome of annual review by Tyre Working Group.

MSA & COMMITTEE MATTERS

Environmental Accreditation: MSA has been awarded a Sustainability Award by FIA. This is the first ASN to receive such an award.

LARA: Mike Sones and Ian Davis reported on recent matters. The Deregulation Bill would have consequences for land access. There are National Park issues. Other matters appear to be England & Wales specific.

Cross Country: No meetings – nothing new to report

Selection of Committees: Regional Committee has three seats on Committees, Sub-Committees and Advisory Panels. A motion for no change was accepted. Election of Delegates to Cross Country Committee, Rallies Committee and Sprint & Hillclimb Sub-Committee – again a motion that the present incumbents should continue in office was put forward – this was accepted.

Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman: I proposed that the current team of Nicky Moffitt and John Arnold should be re-elected. There were no other proposals so this proposal was accepted by the meeting.

Marshals Officials & Medical Teams ???

INTER-ASSOCIATION EVENTS

Road Rally 13/14 September ANECCC Spadeadam MC Countdown Rally

Stage Rally 2nd Nov ANCC Malton Forest Rally to be circulated

Car Trial 14th September WAMC

Sporting CarvTrials 2nd November ASEMC

Autotest – not this year

Sprint – 26th July ASWMC Castle Combe 3 regions ASWMC won

Autocross 27/28th September AEMC Wickford Auto Club – info soon

Cross Country 21 September ACSMC H&BLRO Tyro Trial Vehicles provided

Updated list for next ten years being compiled.

Roger Reed 4th September 2014