

SACC WAY FORWARD GROUP

Report to SACC Meeting – 19th November 2103

The major topic for the Group currently has been how to deal with the concern of member Clubs regarding shortage of officials, and in particular, marshals. Significant effort has been put in here, including arranging a meeting with representatives of the successful Motorsport Marshals Partnership in Northern Ireland. An extremely informative session took place, which will be the basis of our planning for the future to solve this critical issue. I am delighted to report that SMMC, under Rod Howat's Chairmanship, have picked up the baton here, and I would direct you to his report. It will be clear that significant financial input will be required from SACC, member Clubs, Championships, events, and competitors. I am sure that the benefits will be clearly seen, and that such support will be willingly provided.

There are a number of other aspects to this, including accessing the MSA Marshals Register, and working on the possibilities of crossing disciplines to invite race marshals to rallies, and vice versa. We would also like to re-introduce live stage training, and Keith Cowan is working directly on these points.

There is a view that there is too great a demand on support official resources because of the large number of events, some of which appear to be planned without consideration of other demands on the calendar. The MSA have the same view as it affects the whole of the UK. Our view is that there is a need to co-ordinate dates to avoid conflicts, and that SACC should help to control this by means of a Dates Meeting each year. This could also help to expose an excess of events.

Since SACC exists to help and to support Clubs, it would be good to understand how Clubs see the benefits that they would like to get from the organization. Clearly SACC disseminates information and Regulation changes from the MSA, but now that the new Scottish Motor Sport Group communicates with the major agencies of Government, and works with our colleagues in 2 wheeled sport, we are in an excellent position to relate strategic information, with the help of the new full time National Development Officer, directly to our member Clubs. To make

sure we understand what member Clubs would like to see us offer, we hope to carry out a survey – please respond!

Amongst other revisions to the way the Association works, the Constitutional changes, which were approved earlier in the year, recommended that the structure of the hierarchy should include the appointment of –

1. A **PRESIDENT**. The idea is to appoint a figurehead, who could add a little gravitas to SACC. We invite Clubs to come up with suggestions for this extremely important post.
2. A number of (up to 6) **VICE PRESIDENTS**. These guys would be able to support the Executive Committee as appropriate, and would be respected individuals who had in the past, made important contributions to our sport. Again, suggestions from the Clubs would be welcomed.

As part of the process of streamlining regular meetings of the Association, the concept of requiring Discipline and Co-ordinators' Reports to be provided in writing with the Agenda in advance of meetings is proving to be a success. This allows the business of the Regular Meetings to be quickly dealt with, permitting sufficient time for guest presentations, and for discussion on other important topics. It is now considered essential that all Reports are received by Lock in time for circulation before the meeting. Time during the meetings will only be available to take questions, or to update essential points. Please support this objective.

I would like to thank Jillian Shedden for the ongoing support she provides for our meetings, and for other support and training functions at Knockhill Circuit.

The Group would welcome any suggestions for consideration.

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