

MSA Regional Committee – 20th February 2013 – Report by Roger Reed

The first Regional Committee of the year had two delegates from SACC. As Lesley had intimated that she would not be able to continue as Vice-Chairman after the AGM I decided to invite Lock Horsburgh to come with me as second delegate.

WELCOME: The Chairman noted this would be the last meeting for several people. This was likely to be the last Regional Committee for Colin Hilton as he would soon be stepping down as Chief Executive of the MSA. Regular members Gerry Blythe (NE Midlands) and John Whyte (Eastern) had recently stood down from their Associations. New people were present from these Associations. Also Mike Coombes (ABKC) has resigned due to health issues.

The Chairman noted that Colin Hilton would tell us about the developments in Claims Management. (See CEO's report below). We were reminded that it is seen as good practice to copy other Associations with our agendas and minutes. There is very little new that someone else has not tackled so this is seen as saving everybody time. Finally we were reminded that nominations for Specialist Committees and Advisory Panels were needed for 2014. The Selection Panel meets in July so nominations should be in before then. There were very few opportunities for seats on Rallies and Race Committees but seats on other Committees and Panels were available.

MATTERS ARISING: D.11.1.3 – Championship Regulations – Changes to events and dates - This subject was still live. We had raised the issue of having to get the approval of every competitor when a championship date change occurs. This is still being considered.

Lifing of Seats and Belts was an ongoing issue. John Symes will be making his final report to Council in the next couple of weeks. Watch this space for more information.

Fixture List: Simon Fowler told us about the ongoing saga of the "fixture list". There were 2300 events on the system in 2012. They are now waiting for upgrades to the system and if that does not work replacement of the servers are scheduled anyway. The software providers were now clutching at straws and it may be necessary to abandon the current project if it could not be made to work. I suspect that the idea is good but the practice is beyond the attainable. The MSA internal system is the iMIS package, with a bespoke add-on for the fixture list.

Stage Rally Tyre List: Special meeting of Tyre Panel may be required. See Rallies Committee Report. Perhaps for 2014 more likely 2015.

Items from CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Colin Hilton did not expand any further about his plans but it sounds as if he will resign as Chief Executive but continue to work for the MSA as a consultant on FIA matters.

The Claims Management Company had been set up with directors from BRSCC, BARC as well as CEO and Financial Director from the MSA. Nicky Moffitt as Chair of Regional Committee is Company Chairman: Rob Jones is the Company Secretary. £2M3 moved into the new company. The funds will cover the first £400K in any one year (£50K for any one claim). There has been a significant reduction in premiums as a result. Eventually the target is total funds of £6M with a limit of £1M in any one year. Insurance Public Liability moved from Brit to Liberty. Limit up from £30M to £50M and better personal accident cover for officials. Club social cover now included up to £50M. No increase in premiums.

Closed Roads – Contact with the Department of Transport was continuing. One of the DoT personnel has passed away. The MSA is still hoping that the legislation would be out for consultation this spring. A briefing document had been prepared. The MSA will be working on/with stakeholders, Police, Local Authorities etc giving the economic benefit story. There were now 20 events ready to go once the legislation was in place.

B IS: Talks with BIS (Department for Business, Innovation and Skills) have established that the Motorsport Industry should be treated as a separate industry. MIA had supported this effort. The Industry has an annual turnover of £6B. This should help with Closed Roads and other matters involving government including advanced apprenticeships.

Racing Steps: Racing Steps had provided funding for Team UK and the Academies. A new three year contract had been signed with slightly less funding being available.

ASN Conference: The FIA have asked the MSA to host an ASN Conference in June. This would be held at Goodwood during the week before British Grand Prix 30th June and National Motorsport week. National Motorsport week is planned for 29th June to 7th July.

Wales Rally GB: Signed a three year contract with improved funding. Condition is to take the event to North Wales. This is being worked on.

MOTOR SPORT TRUST – This body is set up to overview the MSA and wind up the MSA should it be necessary. Several current members are no longer eligible. Three new members elected from Regional Committee, Regional Committee is the only elected body, the rest are by invitation. Martin Chinnery (Chin), Phil Foster and Roger Reed were nominated and elected. The trust meets annually unless there are other particular circumstances. Chairman is John Arnold (Vice Chair Regional Committee), Ian Davis is the Secretary. Special Member is Nicky Moffitt representing the MSA.

GOMOTORSPORT – Jess Fack (Father and Uncle established car trialers) taken on to bring GoMotorsport in house. Jess sees GoMotorsport workshops as “How to Improve your Club” They should be an ideas pot. 2013 is “Year of the Volunteer”. She is trying to highlight opportunities with a PR campaign at national level. Social media campaign partly to thank those volunteers who do contribute to motor sport. Volunteer Officials Advisory Panel and its Marshals working group very important. Paper from Jess – please circulate. Question – GoMotorsport TV what has happened? (Not answered)

TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT

Licensed Officials Seminars: 8 out of 14 had taken place. Combined Clerks & Stewards and Scrutineers.

Club Development Fund & Rescue Development Fund: £82K allocated in 2012; £57K to clubs for projects worth £123K; £25K to Rescue Units for projects worth £94K. The funds made available last year for “Year of the Club” has continued for 2013. Max £5K again for any one project. Rescue project for 2013 is Vacuum Mattresses (£300 per unit). 10 club projects and 9 rescue projects.

Club of the Year & Marshal of the Year: Shennington Kart Club was CotY 2012. Marshal of the Year will be extended to volunteer of the year for 2013. Think about nominations. Closes early October 2013.

CRB process: New system called Disclosure and Barring Service operated by a company called TMG. If you want to know more look at www.TMGCRB.co.uk. At least this crowd show Disclosure Scotland on their paperwork. MSA stewards such as me are local verifiers for this system. The idea is to bring the process on line. Target is 1st April 2013. Changes to drop down menus are required for our use. From 1st April the disclosure is transportable between jobs (Hooray), but the individual has to apply for that portability, it is not automatic. Post Office will check your documents for £6.

Child Protection Officer Training: Again this is being considered and to include Kart Clerks.

Visits to Regional Associations: SACC dates submitted. Cheryl Lynch booked for 18th June meeting. Motor Club Manual: This excellent volume has now been unpicked so that each section is available as a separate pdf file.

Women in Motorsport: Tracey Louise Muir as Co-ordinator has a guaranteed place despite a rotation of members being proposed. Notes of meetings need to be circulated.

DIGITAL MAPPING

David Powell gave us a presentation of the mapping software the MSA is now using. The MSA is the route authorisation body for England and Wales while RSAC Motorsport has this task in Scotland.

The Software is “Quo” from Mapyx. I have installed the software, bought a couple of maps and tried putting a route on it. Watch that the Quo tile numbering is different from the OS Sheet numbers. You can use Waypoints for controls and Track for the route. Use synch to colour to follow roads. Create

route as pdf and then post to MSA as e-mail attachment. You can show your route on Google Earth. You can create a route card.

It is also possible to create a route in Google Earth and export it as a kml file.

But you need an OS licence to print and distribute maps.

RLOs have been asked for sensitive areas. Is JCL on board yet?

MATTERS ARISING from Cross Country, Rallies and Sprint & Hills Sub-Committee.

Cross Country – I tabled a report which is attached.

Rallies Committee – Phil Foster made a verbal report as Rallies had met the previous week. The minutes are now available and I will précis these as an attachment.

Sprint & Hills – Chin asked for any issues to be sent to him.

MATTERS ARISING from other Committees

Judicial Advisory Panel: W 2.2 Championship Co-ordinator, Stewards and Eligibility Scrutineers cannot be competitors or other involvement in Championship. Talk of this being extended to Rallies! (We probably need another word other than co-ordinator.)

Club Stewards: Concerned about the knowledge of some Club Stewards. Concerned also about the ability to source Club Stewards. They propose that Clubs/Associations should have a list of prospective Club Stewards. Are we interested? Is this a problem in Scotland?

INTER ASSOCIATION EVENTS

At the last meeting of 2012 the Committee had agreed that the process of the winner hosting the next event should be reviewed. Proposal to follow a rotation system like Nav/Road Rally. Nicky Moffitt asked us to tell him those events we thought we could support and then drew up a table. This was adjusted after some local knowledge was given. Below are the first couple of years. A full revised table will be compiled for the next meeting.

Year	Autotest	Autocross	Car Trial	Cross Country	Road/Nav Rally	Sprint	Sporting Car Trial	Stage Rally
2012	ANICC	ANECCC	ASWMC	ASEMC	ASWMC	SACC	ASWMC	EMAMC
2013	ANECCC	ASWMC	ANCC	ACSMC	SACC	ANICC	AWMMC	ASEMC
2014	ASEMC	AEMC	WAMC	SACC	ANECCC	ASWMC	ASEMC	ANCC

Please note that we are hosting the Inter Association Nav Rally in 2013 and the Cross Country event in 2014.

ITEMS from ASSOCIATIONS

ANECCC: Proposal for inclusion of additional events in Clubman Permit Listing. Want Autocross, Rallycross and Speed events included. Good paper but probably no chance of it happening as is. One idea floated to be put to Autocross Rallycross SubCommittee was single start autocross as a taster event.

ANWCC: Sport England & Club Activities – List of events included not complete – This could cause limitations in the future. This at the moment seems to be a Sport England issue but probably worth keeping an eye on. Bob Milloy paper tabled. Ian Davis made a suggestion as to what we might do.

ASWMC: MOD contact – This topic proposes that LARA should attempt to create a unified approach to access to MOD property. This may have some benefits for us.

Event permits merger of Nat A and Nat B – Justification not there in Paul Parker's presentation.

Two days two permits issue – Concern expressed that some events still seem to get one permit for two days – again Paul Parker's presentation did not hold water. All this will do is make sure that the MSA will check permit applications for two day events to make sure they are one event over two days and not two separate events on two days. Clearly two sets of results is two events.

SACC: Red/Yellow Flags and Stage Rallies – Following a discussion between Gerry Potter who had his ears bent at Snowman (before the accident) myself and Ian Davis this item was allowed as a late addition to the agenda. Ian tried to imply that the new rule had not been read and understood but I was able to refute this. Organisers can no longer use red flags on special stage rallies. I asked for the yellow flag rule to be referred back to Rallies Committee. The request is for some form of sign or flag to be available to stop competitors in the event of an incident. This may have to be at notified radio points.

AOCB

DATE of next meeting 22nd May 2013

Rallies Committee Précis

Phil reported on the following:

Lifing of Seats and Belts – John Symes is to report to Council on 5th March. This should provide some news on seats. The lifing of belts is held until the lifing of seats is further investigated.

Weights – Rallies Committee have asked for minimum weights to be implemented. It is intended that this will be investigated this year for tarmac stage rallies. (Currently International events require minimum weights to be adhered to.) Some knowledge of what is currently going on is required.

Rally Review Report – Still some issues not completed.

Chicanes – The construction of Chicanes and the manning of these has been discussed. It is important to restore a chicane to the original spec and not tighter.

Forced Induction for Road Rally Cars: A set of proposals out for consultation. No forced induction for petrol engines but allowed for diesels. Currently allowed for up to 1400 petrol.

Tyres for Road Rally Cars and Endurance Rally Cars discussion and proposals for consultation. Restricted tyres being proposed.

Lighting for Road Rally Cars – rules modified to allow LED and Gas Discharge where fitted as original equipment.

Rallying and the future – Agreed to start the next meeting early 1100 instead of 1400 to allow a full discussion to take place.

Seat Belt Cutter – A proposal for these to be mandatory in stage rally cars. Basic device is about £5 and includes hammer to break glass as well as cut belts.

Stage Rally Tyre Working Group – Some progress has been made. Hoping to build a list of allowed tyres probably for implementation in 2015.

Roger Reed March 2013