

## **MSA Regional Committee – 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2012** – Report by Roger Reed

The Chairman welcomed those present and noted only two apologies from Ronnie Sandham and Lesley Sheridan. To simplify this report topics are shown once.

**Apologies from Delegates** – The Chairman suggested that if someone knew they could not attend they should arrange for a deputy. Members flying to Colnbrook should book flights well in advance and if they then found they could not attend the ticket could be transferred to someone else. This is an ideal opportunity for new people to find out about the operation of MSA Committees.

**LARA** – Associations are joining LARA as associate members. West Midlands, Northern and BTRDA are already members and North Western is considering joining.

**Lifing of Seats** – Safety Advisory Panel and Technical Advisory Panel have been asked to explain why they favour age rather than condition for seats. Chin had done some work for which he thanked Associations for input. Of all competitors on National B stage rallies 42% did one event in 2011. Calculations show that this could increase the cost by 49% for such competitors. This shows that age is not a fair way to evaluate the usefulness of seats. Colin Hilton noted that we are coming under pressure from the FIA to conform to their regime for both seats and HANS. I had an item on the agenda as a result of a complaint I received from the MD of Corbeau Seats about a message on our website. Willie Grieg had said certain seats were not allowed but the Blue Book said they could be used. This is for 2012 only. Willie has been told to back off by the Technical Department.

**Fixture List** – James Betchley deputising for Simon Fowler stated that the demonstration system shown to the committee some time ago had still not been implemented. Various upgrades of the hardware and software had been put in place but with little change to the speed of the service. Simon Fowler was at a demonstration of a new system which it was hoped would speed up the service. This year there were already 1800 events on the system which is a big step forward from 1327 in total in 2011.

**D 11.1.3** – The need to get the consent of every registered competitor for a change in events in a championship was still required. Consultation with legal people had shown that “Contract Law” still required positive approval. The only acceptable method which was allowed was to publish “reserve events” with the initial calendar. The MSA were sticking to the view that we must be seen to be fair to everyone. The meeting asked if there were any timetable constraints in “Contract Law”. Ian Davis agreed to look into this aspect.

**Recalled Drugs** – Following a query a written reply was received. The MSA does not have a relationship with any drug company. If the MSA is notified by a drug company of a recall we will circulate the information by inclusion in “The Marshal”.

**GoMotorsport update** – Ben Taylor reported that the job of RDOs is evolving. The communication between Associations and RDOs is a two way street. You will have seen from Nicky Moffitt’s letter I circulated the proposal for Club Development Workshops. The thought is for Associations to invite all their member clubs to a special meeting or part of an existing meeting to have a round table discussion about the challenges they face, to share each other’s knowledge and experience and to throw some ideas around about what clubs might like to consider to help them grow their club, organise new events, etc. The local RDO will attend, as will Richard Egger who is our nominated Club Development Officer. (We can discuss whether you would like to do this and when on 5<sup>th</sup> June when our RDO will be present.) Ben also reported that much of the information that Clubs need is covered in the Club Manual. But he feels that we need to make it ‘come alive’ and not just expect people to read it and understand it. We also have the option of “Taster Events” to introduce motorsport to the general public. The biggest problem with these is telling the non-involved people that they are being run. Promotion and Publicity are paramount when setting up a taster event.

**Year of the Club** – The MSA has doubled the amount of funds available in the Club Development Fund. Have you applied yet?

**Stage Rally Review** – Rallies Committee are working through their list of tasks. Some testing is required to investigate lifing of seats. MSA and FIA are in dispute about lifing of seats and the application of HANS particularly on cost justification. Regional Committee was tasked with 4 topics:

1. Invite Committee & Advisory Panel members to Association Meetings. We (SACC) have done this by receiving reports from Speed (Raymond Mann) Cross Country (Ian Stuart). Lesley Sheridan and I report on Regional. Bruce Lyle reports from Council. I have asked Sandy Denham to report on Race. There are others still to be asked - Rally (Robert Reid), Judicial (Rod Taylor).
2. Review of Publicity and Press Relations.
3. Regional Championships should be limited to 8 events 6 to count. SRC already comply. There was considerable discussion about this and several Associations advised that they would not comply.

4. BARS – Rallies Committee are looking at this. BARS is perceived as a money making exercise for the MSA and the schools. The syllabus is being reviewed by Rallies Committee. I would welcome any comments so that I can speak on this topic when it is referred to Regional. I know there is some disquiet on this topic.

**Funding of Events** – We need to reduce base costs of running a stage – BRC Costs – Why do they need to be run as International status events. The extra costs are no longer justified. (Examples of unnecessary costs are: Insertion in FIA Calendar and supply of FIA Year Books.)

**Wales Rally GB** – September 2012 remaining in Wales – Now negotiating with the Welsh Assembly for 2013-2015, another region is interested which gives MSA/IMS some bargaining power. (I believe this has now been overtaken by other influences coming to bare (FIA Rallies Commission).) The WRC is in a serious situation. The FIA have appointed EBU as the television provider but of course all the member countries want money to provide the service!

**Insurance Review** – We were asked on behalf of our member clubs to agree a set of rules for the operation of the Retained Risk Programme. Basically the MSA has set up an independent fund with trustees and auditors. The fund now sits at £1M609 and is invested with Standard Life. The fund will cover claims up to 2 deaths (£25K/Death). Cash Back remains as before. The cash belongs to the clubs. Trustees of the fund will be the Current MSA Chief Executive, Finance Director, General Secretary, Chief Exec of BRSCC, Chief Exec of BARC and Chairman of Regional Committee. The MSA CIRG (Clubs Insurance Review Group) has been set up and will meet at least annually and be reported to quarterly. At the moment as there is “soft” insurance market so insurers will continue to provide cover. Once a “hard” market occurs the fund will be used to negotiate reduced premiums. If anyone wants to see the Internal Regulations, I have a copy. (We were asked to minute that we have reported this action so that the independence of the fund can be verified.)

**Closed Roads** – The Government have provided a budget to start consultation. Colin Hilton is meeting the DoT on 31 May. Talking about consultation in the Autumn followed by changes to the RTA. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity. Please help if you are asked to comment. We know that closed roads are not the panacea that some might think but the ability to close public roads may have its uses in other disciplines than Stage Rallying.

**Road Safety** – 17-23 year olds have the most accidents and the most incidents causing fatality. CAMS have started an initiative called “Ignition”. We have found retired Chief Inspector from Northamptonshire Constabulary. He is investigating what we can do. Team UK and Academy members are being trained as Ambassadors. A web based Risk Management facility for schools is being written and will be available by the end of the year.

**Karting** – New engine for Cadet Class agreed. It is from IAME and does not need to be sealed. A British Championship class for Comer engined Cadet Karts will continue for two years. – All British Kart Championships will be put out to tender this year.

**Scottish Independence** – The creation of SMS with Tom Purves as Chairman was mentioned. I gave a brief summary of what has happened since the last meeting. This included the poll of Clubs and the result so far of 29 out of about 50 clubs support retention of the MSA. (including the 4 kart clubs.)

**Training & Development** – Allan Dean-Lewis reported on the 2012 Seminars. Information is now on the MSA website. Next year will be Licensed Officials the team is already working on the programme.

**Child Protection Officers** – Consultation on a new bill scheduled for May 2013 has commenced. Possible changes being considered include issuing only one CRB Disclosure report (to the applicant) and, in order to improve transportability, the option for an applicant to sign up to a central database which would allow other authorised users to access the individual’s information. There may be a cost for this option. A programme of free update training for MSA Club Child Protection Officers, initially planned for late 2012, may have to be delayed to include explanation of these new legislative changes proposed.

**Club Development Fund** – 40 applications received so far decisions have been taken on 39. Total awards of £60K plus £31K for Rescue and Recovery so far this year. We have just passed the £1M mark of awards since 1995 for projects totalling £5M. 43 Defibrillators have been purchased for Rescue Units. If clubs wish to purchase defibrillators for their sites there are other charities (eg BHF) which will help. Speak to AD-L for information.

**Club of the Year /Marshal of the Year** – Once again the deadline is 1<sup>st</sup> October 2012 for submission. The specific criteria, for this year is to be supplied via Andrea Wren. A plea for more applications was made. It was suggested that each Association should submit three nominations for Club and Marshal of the Year. We have had some success but other should consider applying. We should also consider nominations for Lifetime

Achievement Awards and Officials D'Honneur. If we make Regional Lifetime Achievement Awards we are to let the MSA know.

**Schedule of Visits** – We have been notified of two visits during 2012. Cheryl Lynch is coming in August and Allan Dean-Lewis in November. Any specific questions for either of these two please let me have in advance. I have invited our Karting colleagues to the August Meeting and they have intimated that some of them will hope to be here.

**Fraudulent Use of Cheques** – The MSA have suffered from cloning of cheques and other illegal misuse. There is something in hand by Small Business Federation giving cheaper use of credit cards.

**Publication of Training Days** – On a question from ANCC it was suggested that a list of proposed Marshal Training Days should be included in the MSA News or The Marshal publications. The Volunteers in Motor Sport website already has this list (volunteersinmotorsport.co.uk then click training).

**Representation of Regional Committee** - The Chairman indicated that he would allow a discussion about which Committees and Advisory Panels, Regional Committee had representation. These are currently Rallies, Cross Country Committees and Safety Advisory Panel. After some discussion it was agreed that Rallies and Cross Country should be retained. Phil Foster of East Midlands proposed for Rallies Committee and myself for Cross Country. Either Sprint & Hills Sub-Committee or Safety Advisory Panel were considered for third seat. To be re-visited next meeting.

**Nominations to Committees etc** – The Chairman intimated that Regional Associations should look for suitable people to nominate for all Committees and Advisory panels and ensure that everyone who was interested in joining an MSA Committee should be nominated. There had been several occasions when there were no new nominations so the existing people had been put back on. The normal life span of Committee Members was nine years, three terms of three years. I have a recurring nomination for George Ritchie to Sprint and Hill Climb Sub-Committee. I also have a nomination for Ian Shiells to Rallies Committee. There is still time for anyone else to let me know of their interest and with a motorsport CV in hand please get in touch.

**Safety Advisory Panel** - No meeting since last Regional so no Report.

**Rallies Committee** – Remove complexity of multiple permits. This is being reviewed along with BRC as above. – Marshals Reward Day suggested Motorsport Marshalling Partnership in Northern Ireland works. Tyres on Road Rallies – some proposals out for consultation.

**Cross Country Committee** – I highlighted certain items see Ian Stuart's Report

**Other Committees – Technical** – Pillar Reinforcement – publicity has now taken place and this should resolve problem.

#### Inter-Association Events

Event	Association	
Navigational Rally	Central Southern	Nov 2012 - Devizes
	SACC	2013
Stage Rally	East Midlands	Dukeries 09/06/12
	not East Midlands	2013
Car Trial	South Western	Ross & District
	?	2013
Sporting Trial	South Western	Bristol MC 11/11/12
	?	2013
Autotest	Northern Ireland	02/06/12
	Wales	2013
Speed	SACC	Kames 29/07/12
	?	2013
Autocross	Central Southern	2012
	?	2013
Cross Country	South Eastern	01/07/12 Tyro Trial – Tring
	?	

ANCC asked some questions about Inter-Association events. Are they wanted? (Yes) Are there any written rules? (Yes, the notes for organisers will be published again.) Why do they not appear on the MSA website? (good question) Should we publicise them better? (Yes)

**Register of (para)Medics** – ANCC asked about a list of registered medics and paramedics. These are not for publication for reason of data protection. If you need info MSA is prepared to e-mail those in the right area and ask them to contact event organisers.

**Club Manual** – Does the Association need to be involved in a revision of this document?