

Chairman's Report

The 2015 season is now in full swing and I appreciate just how busy everybody is.

Until I took on this role, I was just about aware of the range of events taking place but didn't have a full understanding of just how busy the calendar was.

I now have a better appreciation of this and in particular, the huge demand on the resources of our wide spread and almost entirely volunteer organisation.

President John wrote to all our clubs after the last meeting in March. He talked about trying to make Scottish motorsport more joined up and with a clear strategy for the future. His priorities include:

- Better communication
- Sharing best practice rather than re-inventing the wheel.
- Making SACC more accountable for getting things done and supporting its members in whatever they need to get their jobs done.

We are making changes, some of which you will have seen like the SACC newsletter.

We might not get it all 'right first time' but please bear with us.

In the words of Bryan Adams, "everything we do - we do for you"

A particular challenge for the Association is always to represent all of the member clubs.

This has been difficult over the last year because of the big focus on stage rally safety but there are lessons to learn across all clubs and all disciplines.

I want all of the SACC clubs to feel part of the same strong organisation. We will be more effective if we all work together

The clubs represented by this Association all face up to similar challenges. This is not made any easier by the constant and increasing pace of change.

We need to better understand all of these changes. Only some of these are imposed by the governing body, the MSA.

There are also changes in the market we serve. How can we be sure that the events we are running are what the consumers really want?

Successful organisations are on the front foot; trying as far as they can to be proactive; trying to anticipate the next change.

We need to listen to all of the stakeholders including competitors and volunteer officials. What do they want and how would they like it to be delivered?

Turning to these Association meetings. They do have a formal element and a structure which tends to make them feel, at least to some people, a bit pointless.

It's your meeting. We are going to try again this evening to get through the formal stuff as quickly as possible and to leave time for more general discussion.

Finally I want to repeat the plea I made in my piece for the first edition of the newsletter for people to step forward for roles within SACC up to and including the executive positions.

If we are to deliver on our goals then we need a strong team and an effective succession plan.