

MSA COUNCIL REPORT (following the Meeting on 7th June)

- A minutes silence took place in memory of **Roger Reed** and **Dr Phil Raynor** (Chairman of the Medical Advisory Panel)
- **Closed Roads.** The Secondary legislation is now back on track, and likely to be before Parliament this year.
- **Rally Future.** Ian Davis takes over from Jacqueline Campbell to move this on with commitment from Rob Jones, Chief Exec.
- **Rally Future Seminar** will take place in the Aberdeen Area on 11th August.
- **Rally Tracking.** 5 systems have now been tested, with 2 systems looking very positive. Final tests are now imminent with one taking place immediately after the Council meeting.
- **Marshal Accreditation.** More than 4000 are now signed on, of which 1400 are new to the MSA.
- **Seeding.** This remains a complex question and is revisited at every meeting. It is clear that entries are down by half in BTRDA Rally First, and Historics Cat 1 is now effectively dead in the forests. Despite this, the Group is still unanimous in holding to the status quo.
- **Autotests.** A major review of the Regulations is taking place, with one very important issue, allowing 14 year olds to compete in AutoSOLO events. Ongoing discussions will hopefully permit this from next year.
- **Stage Rally Refuelling.** Can only now take place in designated areas. Roadside refueling is now prohibited.
- **Welsh Forest Charges.** Vital negotiations are taking place to attempt to resolve this critical issue, which could severely affect forest rallying, not only in Wales, but throughout the rest of the UK.
- **British Senior and Junior Karting Championships.** The MSA have announced the relaunch of both these Championships as a 3 round series.
- **MSA Strategic Review.** The MSA has appointed a consultant to carry out a Strategic Review covering all aspects of it's operations. The first part has taken place, and will have been presented to the Board Meeting the day after the Council Meeting.
- **MSA Safety Systems Management Review.** It is 10 years since last reviewed, and one of the first jobs of the newly appointed Safety Director Kate Adamson, is to look at all aspects.
- **Event Entry Numbers.** Rob Jones reported that compared to 2015, entries in all categories are up, and that the sport is in good health.

Consultation Alerts. This is very important. It seems that only 800 folk from all over the UK have registered to be informed when Regulation Changes affecting their discipline are out to Consultation. It is vital that you make use of this excellent facility to keep up to date with Regulation changes that might affect you.

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