

MSA Update – Following Council Meeting 5th September 2017

The major issue currently has been the Fatal Accident Inquiry at Edinburgh. It has now completed, having spent 10 weeks, heard evidence from more than 100 witnesses, and has cost a substantial amount of money. Apart from our local officials, the MSA has had to provide many expert witnesses, which has had an effect on office efficiency. The Report is expected early in the New Year. MSA General Secretary Simon Blunt has attended throughout, and has reported that the sport has been seen in a very creditable light. Although our events are run by volunteers, professionalism is clearly evident, and well understood by the Sheriff. There may, however, be further safety recommendations to emerge.

Rally Tracking is still very much on the agenda, despite significant concerns, particularly in Wales, and at home here, about the effective coverage. There is also a strong view that any system must not be brought in part way through a season.

FIA Fire Extinguisher Regulations are to be adopted from 2019, but non-FIA systems will be allowed until 2022, thus current systems will still be legal for 4 years, allowing 2 Service Cycles.

Control Stickers will be introduced for FHR devices, similar to that used on Helmets. The cost, and how it will be recovered, has not yet been confirmed.

As of 5th September, there are 9487 Registered Marshals – this is considered excellent progress. New marshal packs are being well received.

Colleagues in Wales are concerned about the lack of consistency of Safety Delegates. Nicky Moffit confirms that all Delegates receive Reports from the others, and annual meetings are held to assist in achieving standardisation.

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