

## NEWSLETTER / Chairman's Report to SACC Meeting 17<sup>th</sup> September 2013

First I have to report that I have received a letter of resignation from Iain Campbell as Vice-Chairman citing family commitments. While disappointed I have accepted this and we now need to look for a replacement.

What sort of person are we looking for? We need someone who can take over from me as Chairman should I be unable to chair our Association Meetings and also represent us at Regional Committee. Whoever is elected should eventually be prepared to take on the role of Chairman. In the meantime the Vice-Chairman will be expected to lead projects towards the development of the Association.

The Role of Association Delegate to Regional Committee is to provide a two way communication path between the MSA and Clubs. Delegates have direct access to MSA Executives and receive all MSA Council, Specialist Committee and Advisory Panel Minutes. They also have the chance to meet with delegates from other Associations and share ideas. This does involve three full days for us in Scotland. The meetings are scheduled for 11.00 start and finish about 1530. The only way this is possible without an overnight stay is by plane.

I would like to hear from anyone who would like to put themselves or anyone else forward for this role.

We are also looking for someone to take on the task of Chief Marshal for the Association. The number of marshals particularly in rallying has been dwindling and Iain Campbell had agreed to lead a project to look into what could be done to change this decline. I am sure many of you will have your own ideas on how we can do this. One idea is to create a Marshals Register for the Association and then maintain this as time goes by. Keith Cowan has taken on the role temporarily but does not have the time to devote to this permanently. Please let Bruce or me know if you can help with this project in anyway.

We are always interested in finding younger people who want to help with the Association. Again please contact Bruce or me if you and anyone you know fits this category.

Finally a reminder: The new Chief Executive of the MSA Nick Bunting is visiting our next meeting. He has been to several Association meetings already but probably doesn't yet have a handle on the Scottish perspective. If you have specific questions already formed please let me know so that I can forewarn him, he can investigate and bring answers with him.

Roger Reed 31<sup>st</sup> August 2013