

Report of MSA Judicial Advisory Panel meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2013-03-15

Firstly I must send my apologies for being unable to report in person. The JAP only meets on two occasions during the year. These are the details of January meeting and the next one is scheduled for October 15<sup>th</sup>. As many will know Steve Stringwell is the current chairman, but Richard Norbury will be taking over the chair in 2014.

A request from Karting was discussed. With the new Kart Parent/Guardian now in force situations had risen where a Junior's licence had been forgotten at an event and obviously attracted a Non Production fee. Generally speaking the KPG licence was in the same place and a second fee was being levied. This was deemed unfair and it was agreed to recommend to Executive and MSC that only one fee would become due. This has subsequently been approved by MSC and has come into force immediately.

Discussion took place concerning "Judges of Fact". It appears that some event are stating for example "all marshals are Judges of Fact" which is not correct as per G10.2. as the neither the officials nor the facts that they are judging are detailed. It is proposed that this is strengthened by changing G10.2 to *"(G)10.2. The SRs for an event will specify the facts to be judged and the specific Officials who will judge them. The names, both first and last, of the officials appointed as Judges should either be listed in an Official Bulletin or posted on the Official Notice Board no later than 30 minutes before the first competitor is due to start."*

Discussion took place relating to the "grid place penalty" trial in race which seems to have been well received. In essence this is similar to F1 where a competitor could take a grid place penalty forward to a future meeting. This was detailed in the December MSA news. Cheryl Lynch reported on the Kart penalty system trial. It was still not working correctly and MSC have provided an extension into 2013. The main concern is that some Clerks and some Stewards are not following the guidelines. A new mandatory penalty form is to be used and a series of seminars will take place shortly.

There was also discussion on Regional Association rosters for Club Steward which is now referred to Regional committee; the possible re-titling "Club Stewards" which is being referred to the Clerks & Stewards Working Group; Anti-Doping procedures and which officials should be involved and then finally clarification of time limits for appeals.

As already mentioned our next meeting is in October, but if anyone has any matters that they wish me to take to JAP then please feel free to contact me.

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