

### **Intro**

Nicky Moffit chaired the meeting and welcomed delegates.

Alan Page is now a permanent member of staff as Training Officer.

Nominations for specialist committees should be submitted by end of June

Council now meets only 3 times a year instead of 6 or 7, so the June meeting is important for getting something approved by council in time for the next Blue Book.

### **Club Recognition**

New wording in A 4.1 – requires clubs to *remain* members of regional associations.

### **Rob Jones, Chief Executive**

Ben Taylor is now MD of IMS.

About (next few days) to appoint a new General Secretary (Rob's old job) [since confirmed as Simon Blunt].

Club Survey: First ever?

Of 740 recognised clubs 300 responded. Details later from Jess Fack.

Ian Davis is on 3rd version of road closing legislation; nearly done. Problem is getting a slot in parliamentary programme, with election next year nothing will happen after about March. Making separate provision for Scottish Government and Welsh Assembly to have the control, rather than delegate it to councils. Next reading 9th June?

Steady progress on self-insuring risk retention scheme, substantial savings on premiums and increased rebates to clubs. 30% for 2013 season.

Rally Championship tenders – good progress.

Formula Four tender – announcement anticipated shortly.

Noise is our biggest concern.

Not just engines – tyres, PA systems too.

Councils encouraging people to complain about noisy neighbours.

Year-on year statistics on sale of licences, and numbers of events and entries, are fairly encouraging. Licences are slightly down (by 250), but entries are up. See tables below.

<b>Licences Sold</b>		
To 21 <sup>st</sup> May	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
Karting	3516	3367
Kart Nat A	1464	1329
Race A	3753	3963
Race B	3127	2997
Stage Nat A	1761	1686
Stage Nat B	3155	3129
<b>Total</b>	<b>30228</b>	<b>29975</b>

	<b>Events</b>	<b>Entries</b>	<b>Events</b>	<b>Entries</b>
First Quarter	<b>2013</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2014</b>
Autosolo	19	315	30	508
PCA		435		559
Stage Rally				
Up to 45 miles		605		676
Over 45 miles		231		174
Single Venue		1097		1134
Kart Short Circuit	47	4640	61	5540
<b>Total</b>	<b>563</b>	<b>15990</b>	<b>620</b>	<b>17863</b>

**Alan Page, Training Officer**

New format club seminars very successful, best attended ever.

Club Development Fund made grants over £1.3M

New category of grant to be introduced "Club Support Grant" to help with admin, marketing etc. Regional Associations and RDOs will be asked to advise.

MSA Club of the Year and Volunteer of the year – forms available on MSA web site, submit by end September.

### **Ian Davis - LARA**

Ian is Vice Chair of LARA.

Problem with funding – ACU has reneged on promise to become full member (and thereby share the costs), and AMCA downgraded to associate membership to avoid paying any more than ACU. MSA pays full contribution.

Concern that some “anti” lobby will ambush the deregulation bill and slip something into it at the last minute, eg to ban vehicles from unsurfaced roads.

### **Rallies Committee Minutes**

Phil Foster reports ongoing debate on “the route into rallying” – looks like calls for entry level category with lower safety requirements will be unsuccessful.

Concern about increased safety costs.

Rallies Committee have called for more data to base safety decisions on, and called for buying advice on seats.

Need to ease Upgrading requirements – upgrading used to depend on road event signatures.

No progress with new radio frequency.

### **Sprints and Hills Minutes**

Chin reports no success with proposals for lower cost entry level categories.

### **Race Minutes**

Lock noted discussion of D11.1.3 in Race Minutes, and suggested that these regulations, which require the signature of every registered competitor to change a championship date, were appropriate for high-end race or rally championships, but less so for some lower status events and completely unworkable for some disciplines – e.g. autocross, entirely at the mercy of the weather, where you wait for the farmer to decide the grain is ready to cut, and you have one weekend to run an event before the field is ploughed and sown. So your calendar is completely dependent on the weather.

Cheryl says this has been discussed many times,  
Rob Jones would discuss with the Chairman at Council.

### **Motor Sports Council HANS/Forward Head Restraints.**

There has been discussion about enforcing use of FHRs.

Rallies - Need to take account of cost – we have recently had issue with seats and belts, would need new helmets, new belts, maybe new seats in some cases.

Sprints & Hills –

Ian Davis – fitting is vehicle specific, problem for those who compete in more than one vehicle.

Issues in cross country – esp Land Rover upright seating position, device forces head forward, drivers suffer problems from having to look upwards.

Only current mention in blue book is in Competitor Safety K10.4 It is permitted to incorporate the use of an FIA approved HR Device fitted in accordance with FIA regulations.

General agreement that use should be recommended. Most (not all) present thought that use should then be made compulsory, perhaps after 3 years, but others thought at least 5 years.

### Jess Fack – Go Motorsport

#### Club Survey

Out of 740 clubs, 300 responded.

Those 300 clubs have 117,023 members

77% have less than 200 members.

More than half say membership is stable, but most get 1-25 new members each year – churn.

40% do not attend regional meetings; distance, travel time, manpower, just not relevant.

6% said don't get info about meetings.

Problems – recruitment of members – retention of members.

Biggest threat – rising costs

### Items from Associations

From EMAMC

**D20.1** “closing of entries ... not less than three days before the event” Also regulation to publish entry list 48 hours before the event.

Many events take entries till last minute. Is this regulation necessary at all?

Should clubs be allowed to vary this in SRs?

Nicky will refer this to Ian.

### Two Day Events – one permit or two permits?

A two day race meeting needs only one permit to cover many races over two days.

But many events, like autocrosses, sprints, apply for two permits “because separate results” or “different entries”.

Is this necessary?

### MSA Club Seminars

Some specific feedback was presented on the recent round of MSA Club Seminars. Attendance levels at these events were very encouraging and response to the new format broadly positive. Clubs are asked to think about any topics that might be covered at future such events.

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