

## **Cross Country Committee**

The Cross Country Committee has met at the start of March. Topics discussed included electric and hybrid vehicles, and the scrutineering (and rescue) operations with these. At the moment there are no competitive EV/Hybrids in use in Cross Country that are not production vehicles. The production vehicles we do see are in lower risk events such as Tyro Trials and so the risk is not considered unmanageable, especially with the eLearning packages available for scrutineers and other officials on the MUK Learning Hub. EV/Hybrid Modified Production and Prototype vehicles will be a topic of continued discussion.

Much of the discussion focused on the potential for encouraging younger competitors into cross country, and discussions around a Junior Safari Championship in the future. Consideration is being given to potentially running a test event later in the year, and a working group has been established to consider this further, and engage with the Technical, Safety and Medical departments.

Plans for the British Cross Country Championship have evolved, and Scotland is no longer represented within the Championship. These plans emerged just before Christmas and it is hoped that establishing a Championship Steering Group (similar to the Rally Championship Steering Group) will help Cross Country clubs plan their seasons, and balance the draw on the same marshalling and safety services as rally clubs, in the autumn in future.

Other matters considered included travel across the Irish sea post Brexit, clarification on the need for a CMO/Chief Paramedic at Comp Safari Events (Regulation P12.4) and ROPS cage design.

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