

Report to the SACC Regular Meeting, Tuesday 15 September 2015

Training has remained an area of interest for the Association over the summer with the main areas of note being:

1. Unfortunately pressure of work has meant that Graeme Barrie has had to tender his resignation as SACC Training Co-ordinator. Graeme has brought a great deal of enthusiasm and many ideas to the role over the last couple of years and we are fortunate that he will continue to support Scottish Motorsport as a highly capable Training Instructor. I would like to offer Graeme my thanks for all his hard work!
2. Following on from the discussion at the last Regular Meeting, SMMC have made a really good start drawing together a provisional training programme for 2016. A small training executive met (with many thanks to Rod Howat for organising the meeting) on 15 August and discussed ways to engage the wider training community, plan a programme of training for 2016, and raise funding to support the training. The three MSA Training Co-ordinators in Scotland will continue to take this forward through the autumn.
3. A full meeting of all MSA Training Instructors, Lead Trainers, International Trainers, Training Co-ordinators, and Instructors under training will be held in Bridge of Allan on 30th October. This will concentrate on finalising the training programme for 2016 seeking to balance the needs of the clubs, the need to design a training programme that provides development pathways in each discipline through the various grading schemes, and to cover the geography of Scotland, and the availability and skills of the training instructors (including continuing the development of the instructors in training). We are currently gathering the requirements and plans from individual instructors and a provisional plan will be prepared to aid discussion on the 30th, after which a final proposal will be circulated to clubs. The costs of this meeting are being met by the SACC
4. We are also in the process of gathering requirements for financial support for training. The annual invitation to bid for funding from the British Motor Sports Training Trust has been received and an update on this will be provided at the meeting. The bid will be based on the plans provided by Instructors and the developing training programme, but I would welcome any specific requirements from individual clubs. Any requests should be sent to the email address above by return (***please note that the submission date for the bids is before the meeting!***)
5. We have a number of new instructors in training as reported at the last meeting and part of the training strategy for the next 12 months will be to support them reaching fully accredited Instructor status. There are also a number of Scottish delegates attending the next MSA Training Instructors course on 26/27 September from which we hope to add a few more instructors to our team!

6. In addition to the plans for the training programme we are starting to consider ways to support the work of both the MSA and the Association in marshal recruitment and retention, including the development of web resources to help marshals identify and register for training, and ease the administrative burden on instructors organising training events. These plans will continue to be developed and a report submitted to a future meeting.
7. The BMSTT provide financial support for training on a part funding basis. As a result instructors look to clubs or the regional association to support the balance of the costs. We are able to get many venues at a reasonable costs, and Knockhill Racing Circuit have been extremely generous in the past in allowing us to use their facilities for training without charge. Despite this some costs are likely to remain.
8. I would like to propose a budget of £400 for the period through to the next AGM, in addition to the expenses for the current meeting. Provisionally this could fund another two gatherings (either of trainers, regionally, in the new year, or as contributions towards training early in the New Year). As the new training programme and plans progress, an update will be provided.
9. Forthcoming training events include:
 - a. Cross Country Marshals (three concurrent sessions on Introduction/Spectator Safety, Incident Reporting and Communications, and Hillrally Navigators and Timing), at a venue TBC in St John's Town of Dalry, Dumfries & Galloway on Friday 20 November 2015
 - b. Rally Marshal training in Elgin on 28 November 2015
 - c. Specialist Medical/Rescue/Recovery Training at Knockhill over the weekend of 5/6 December 2015

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