

## Report on MOTOR SPORTS COUNCIL Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> March 2016.

- MSA has made two new important staff appointments. Jonathan Day started a completely new role as Director of Development in January, and Kate Adamson starts on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> as Safety Director, directly from McLaren.
- Jonathan comes from British Cycling, with considerable experience in sport development and database information collation of officials. He will be working closely with Clubs, through SACC, and SMS. He expects to be reviewing the current GoMotorport programme.
- From now on, it will be possible to get a single Event or Meeting Permit allowing multiple days on the one Permit.
- Latest figures show Autosolos and Targa Rallies are attracting most interest, but Karting is falling back.
- The Forestry Master Agreement has been signed showing a 0.7% increase. ( Already reported from Regional Committee)
- Rally Future – Ian Davies reported that a meeting was held with the Scottish Government in January, which declared that it was satisfied with progress so far. 21 of the original recommendations are now in place.
- 40-50 Journalists have now been accredited by the MSA.
- The MSA are to return 30% of insurance premiums to Clubs. This amounts to £575k in total.
- In Europe, Rally Competitors are face with insurance premiums amounting to around €250 per event.
- Rally Radios need to be kept operational until all recoveries are complete.
- 2200 individuals have completed on-line Marshal Registration, of which 610 are new to the MSA.
- Tests on Rally Tracking systems continue, but so far, no system has emerged which is cost effective. Research continues.
- There will be more emphasis on FHR fitting, as on the first rally this year in Northern Ireland, it seems that about a third were not fitted properly. The main fault was fitting the belts below the HANS device!

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