

Report to the SACC Annual General Meeting, Tuesday 15 March 2016

During 2015 the Association has developed a marshals training programme across Scotland to support clubs in their recruitment and development of marshals. During the autumn we brought together all of the instructors, both current and in training, and used their expertise to build a training programme to cover the disciplines, geography and levels of expertise needed to support events. Details of these proposals were shared with clubs and feedback sought prior to rolling the programme out at the start of 2016.

The programme is being extensively supported by the British Motor Sports Training Trust with the Association successfully bidding for c.£17k in funding from the Trust to support training. The Association has also undertaken to top up this funding so that this training is free to marshals and clubs at point of delivery.

The training programme started in January and during January and February we have trained 94 individuals across eight events covering Rally Safety and Spectator Control, Rally Radio, Rally/Speed Incident Handling, Motorsport Rescue, Stage Commanders, Senior Officials and Club Stewards. To achieve this we have had 16 Instructors deployed to deliver these events. SMRC have also run their Race Marshals training event as part of the programme last Sunday (delegate and instructor numbers not yet available). Cost to date has been c.£3.5k, currently met by SACC whilst this is awaiting reimbursement from the BMSTT.

The delivery of this programme has involved a very significant amount of co-ordination, thanks for which go to SMMC and particularly Claire Headridge for their hard work in making sure these events happened. Publicity of these events has been challenging with events advertised on the SACC and SMMC websites, Facebook, and through mailshots to registered marshals across Scotland. Some events have seen particular success when local clubs have promoted them amongst their members but we would really welcome help from clubs in promoting these activities.

Feedback from the training events has been good:

“after a frustrating 2015 as a new marshal trying to find courses to complete the required training modules, this year is a 100% turnaround... they have sparked the enthusiasm again and I am now trying to decide which route to take up the grading scheme”

“Practical training, theory is good but hands on gives far better idea of incidents”

“It brought me up to date with duties of a stage commander and also refreshed my previously learnt knowledge”

“Interactive; extremely useful input from participants with very different range and level of experience”

The programme will continue through 2016 and we will be starting to plan budgets and training events for 2017. The clubs role in this will be vital. We would welcome requests for specific training

from all clubs and again we will publish a draft programme for comment in the autumn when we would request club delegates feedback any date clashes. We are intending to develop some specific speed training for 2017 (and may run a pilot course in 2016) as well as trying to provide sufficient coverage of the modules in each discipline that marshals can start, and move through, their development.

To aid this engagement with clubs is essential, and I would welcome feedback on the proposal that each club nominates a 'training champion' to promote training for their club and help ensure that the club's interests are represented in the training programme.

Forthcoming events are:

Date 2016	Topic	Venue
26 March	Rally – Running an event / Safety / FMOS	Elgin
3 Apr	Rally/Speed - Incidents	Dumfries
21 May	Rally – Safety & Spectators	Mid Scotland
28 May	Recovery	Perthshire
28 May	TBC – Rally/Speed Incidents	North of Scotland
1 Jul (eve)	TBC ? Setup/Timing	Machrihanish
20 Aug	Rally/Speed TBC	Aberdeen
3 Sep	Rally/Speed 'A'	Mid Scotland
24 Sep	Rally/Speed 'B'	South Scotland
6 Oct (eve)	Spec Safety/Radio	Mull
18 Nov	Cross Country TBC	St John's Town of Dalry
2-3 Dec	Rescue/Recovery/Medic	Knockhill

We will also be supporting the introduction of more doctors into motorsport by running a training event for medical students at the end of March and plan to run some medical training for doctors and paramedics towards the end of the year.

Hot off the press is the announcement by the MSA of the details of the Safety Car Training which is available at <https://www.msauk.org/ass.../msasafetycarworkshops2016info.pdf> It is recommended that at least one member of each safety car team must have attended an MSA Safety Car Training Session for 2016, and this requirement will become mandatory in 2017. By 2017 all Safety Car Crew Members must have undertaken the on-line accreditation modules and one member of each safety car team (whole event) must have attended the training. By 2018 this rises to at least one member of each safety car crew. Applications will only be accepted from events via Clerk of the Course nominations and whilst there is a course running in Carlisle on 23/24 April, there is also one in Perth schedules for 24/25 September.

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