

SACC General Meeting 21 June 2016 Chairman's Report

At the AGM in March, before being elected to the chair, I stood in for Roger Reed who had given his apology for absence. We all knew he was unwell and some of us knew that it was more serious than he wanted generally known. But even that didn't prepare us for saying a final goodbye just 6 weeks later.

I already knew that I was taking on a big challenge in trying to follow Roger given the way that he had shaped and steered SACC, and before that EASACC, over many years. We had spoken about this many times in the 30 months since I became vice chairman and I had always said to Roger that if I did eventually take on the role of chairman, it would be on the understanding that I could continue to rely on him as a mentor and guide and he readily agreed to this. Sadly, he will not now be able to deliver on his promise and I can only try to do my best based on what I learned from him over such a short time. I will miss Roger.

Turning to better thoughts, the highlight for motor sport in Scotland since the last SACC meeting is the final confirmation from SportScotland of their support for the four year plan presented by SMS. I hope you will all have seen the news of this spread across various media outlets including valuable TV exposure. We will cover it in more detail in the appropriate agenda item but suffice for me to say that this is a very positive step and will put in place a strong structure through which to provide ongoing support and guidance to all of the SACC member clubs. I want to congratulate Rory Bryant on his promotion to Development Manager and look forward to welcoming a new development officer when the recruitment process has run its course.

I am writing this report more than 3 weeks ahead of the meeting because I am going away for a short holiday so there may be more current things I need to speak about on the night but if the is, I will try to keep it brief.

Pete Weall

Chairman