



## **SACC Meeting 21 June**

### **SMS Report**

It's been a fairly busy time for us since the last SACC meeting. As you will have no doubt seen, earlier in May we held a launch event at Ingliston to officially announce sportscotland's £360,000 investment into motor sport. A full report on the announcement has been included in the upcoming SACC newsletter, so for now I would simply like to say that it is fantastic and long overdue for our sport to gain this new public recognition and support.

To date, there has been a huge amount of work put into gaining this support but now the focus switches to delivering on the targets set out in the strategic plan. The ultimate aim is to increase overall club membership and participation in motorsport, whether it's as a volunteer or competitor. To achieve this growth, there will be a focus on club development, volunteers, taster sessions, student motorsport and coaching.

With this in mind, we have been recruiting for a new increased and restructured workforce to deliver the strategy; Interviews to recruit a National Development Manager took place in early May and following this process, I am absolutely delighted to have been appointed into this role where I am very much looking forward to working with the governing bodies, the SACC and our member clubs to grow the sport. The recruitment of the development officer role is still ongoing and we aim to have someone appointed before the end of June.

Thanks to the new investment and the soon to be expanded workforce, we are now able to take on a more visible role within the Scottish motor sport community. This role will have a strong focus on delivering services that support you as clubs; we understand that strong clubs are absolutely essential to the future growth and success of motor sport in Scotland.

With this in mind, we have launched our Club Development Programme, which you will have received correspondence on recently. In short, this programme aims to support clubs to become stronger, with a focus on: sustainability, improving governance and increasing club membership.

As well as encouraging clubs to take advantage of the professional support we are able to offer, the programme also sets a series of club challenges. We've asked each club to complete two or more of these challenges before the end of 2016 and will be dedicating some time during the meeting to discuss this.

In other news, I recently had a meeting with a lecturer, Chris Wallace, at Motherwell College to discuss various opportunities. The College has state of the art automotive facilities and during our conversation we discussed the potential to use the venue for marshal training; they have space to facilitate car extractions indoors so it may be worth bearing in mind as a winter time venue! Clearly there could also be opportunities to involve the college students in such training as well so it may be a good opportunity to help recruit new volunteers. If this is of interest, please do get in touch.

Best regards,

Rory Bryant