

Notes of the Motorsport UK Safety Committee Wednesday 12th. June 2019

Motorsport UK Permits.

There was discussion regarding the fact that all permits are issued by Motorsport UK on a 'Midnight to Midnight' basis, and that they are not able to be withdrawn for any period within that time. The matter, including possible liability with potentially large insurance claims, was discussed at length, with several situations being highlighted, and The Chief Executive Officer, Hugh Chambers, will give further details in a future edition of Revolution. Meanwhile, Clubs are advised to notify Motorsport UK well in advance of any additional events which are organised or run by others to be included in their programme. Guidance documentation on Parades and Demos will be available shortly which will explain the process and notification period.

Near Misses.

'Near Misses' were discussed and it was agreed that 'Near Miss' forms should be included in Safety Plans to allow incidents which did not conclude with injury or damage to property but which in other circumstances could have done, to be recorded and passed to Motorsport UK as appropriate.

Safety at Cross Country Events.

An observer's report on the Scotia Winch Challenge was discussed. The report concluded that the event was well run on a site providing an exceptionally competitive challenge for those attending, and was run by an experienced and capable set of officials who discharged their duties well, and it was run within the General Regulations.

Further to the above report, the committee discussed the safety requirements for all Cross Country events, in particular those which concerned the need for, and where these were mandated, the level of, Medics, Rescue Units and Recovery Vehicles which were required, and these will be assessed by the Motorsport UK Safety Director and if necessary new guidance and regulations will be published.

Junior Race Formula Technical Requirements.

A working group had been formed to review the requirements for the power to weight ratio covering vehicles for classes which include 14 year olds.

Six Point Harnesses.

The discussion concerning 6 point harnesses continued but is nearing conclusion with 6 point harnesses to be prescribed for almost all Rally vehicles. Mandating 6 point harnesses would cost very little more than 4 point harnesses and the vast majority would not require to change their seats.

Ongoing Re-organisation of the Committee Structure.

All committees will be reformed in the Autumn, and all current members must re-apply if they wish to remain on the committees that they serve. It is likely that the remit of some committees will be revised at that time.

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17th. June 2019