

Chairman's Report to SACC Meeting – 21st November 2017

As the 2017 season draws to a close, a very brief advance written report from me ahead of this meeting although there may be more to add on the night.

I have learned this week that the findings of the Fatal Accident Inquiry are due to be published in the week of the meeting, possibly as early as Tuesday. I know that everyone is eagerly waiting for the results, not least the MSA.

Two of the topics I covered in my report to the last meeting continue to be some cause of concern. In particular, the very full calendar of events either organised by or in some way supported by SACC member clubs. There are already issues emerging with date clashes in 2018 and I urge all clubs to consider the impact of their planned events on all of the relevant resources including competitors, senior official, safety crews and marshals.

Please, please, **please** get dates in to Raymond as early as possible and also advise him of any changes so that he can at least highlight emerging issues. Please also alert him as and when you become aware of any events run from outside Scotland but which come into our area. Recent events including the RAC Rally and LeJog have drawn volunteer resource from amongst our ranks.

I could also write again about social media but I fear I would be wasting my time. No sooner had I made the point about this at the last SACC meeting did we hear about the MSA National Court case involving a photograph of Facebook. I don't want to comment on the case other than to make the point once again that Social media is an undoubted force for good in so many ways but it is also something over which none of us have enough control to stop it being turned against us. Please be careful.

Finally, as the competition concludes, we move into the 2017 award ceremony season. I want to congratulate everyone on their achievements throughout the year and wish you every success for the year ahead.

Pete Weall

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