



Scottish Association of Motor Sports Clubs

Marshal's Advisory Group

Background

The first meeting of the Motorsport UK Marshal's Advisory Group (MAG) was held at the end of January at Colnbrook. Covid-19 put paid to a face to face meeting at the end of April and this was replaced by a short 'Zoom' call.

The MAG evolved from the Marshals Working Group (MWG). As part of the restructuring of the Committees, five members left what was MWG with three new members, including myself, joining what became MAG. The chair continues to be Nadine Lewis who is also The National Chair of the British Motorsport Marshals Club.

The scope of the Group includes:

- To review the recruitment initiatives for new marshals and the retention and recognition initiatives for those already registered. This includes the Marshals Grading Scheme;
- Submitting any proposals to the Volunteer Official's Committee; and
- Looking to optimise the co-operation across other Specialist Committees including Safety, Judicial and Medical.

Key Actions

The following are the key actions currently being progressed by the Group:

At the start of May, Motorsport UK issued a survey to understand what encourages people to volunteer. The answers are currently being analysed and these will help shape the Sport Development Delivery Plan including making sure the recruitment, retention, recognition and welfare of marshals receives the high profile deserved within the wider scope of Motorsport UK activities.

I have suggested to the team within SAMSC that are looking at marshal recruitment and retention (Bruce Lyle, Grahame Douglas and Stewart Paton) that this be put on hold until the outcome of this national survey, and any actions being taken centrally by Motorsport UK, is known.

Work is also in hand to define the role and responsibilities for the various positions undertaken by marshals. In basic terms developing a job description. This will help people looking to progress their marshalling activities.

The MAG is also looking to simplify the understanding, documentation and training requirements associated with the Marshal Grading Scheme – something that is regularly raised as a bug-bear of marshals across the country.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Group is currently scheduled for 20 October. If you have any matters that you would like to be considered please get in touch (garryheadridge79@btinternet.com).

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