



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.

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

There are a couple of key actions in course that I want to bring to your attention

Motorsport UK will shortly be releasing a survey to understand exactly what encourages people to volunteer. Please answer this as honestly as possible for all the roles you perform (the questions will be repeated for different areas) – this will help shape some of the work of the MAG in ensuring 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, Grahame and Stewart) that this be put on hold until the outcome of this national survey, and any actions being taken centrally by Motorsport UK, is known.

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

Next Meeting

COVID-19 permitting, the next meeting of the Group will be held on 28 April. If you have any matters that you would like to be considered please let me know so that I can take your feedback to the Group.

Garry Headridge
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