

MOTOR SPORTS COUNCIL

8th September 2015

We had 53 pages of Regulation Changes and/or updates to deal with today! Thankfully, Chairman Tony Scott Andrews decided to take most of them as read, only taking discussion on particularly important issues, and all of the Changes were completed within an hour.

A major set of changes from Rallies Committee were those relating to the additional Regulations required by the Safety Review in respect of the Safety Delegate and Safety Cars.

All stakeholders in Multi Venue Events are happy with progress, and are now positively on side, especially in Scotland, on all aspects of event safety. Rob Jones particularly thanked Andrew Kellitt, Ian Davies, Jacqueline Campbell, and Sue Sanders on the work they had done to move this on.

It is intended to bring in Tyre Testing to all disciplines, similar to current Fuel Testing.

FIA have issued advisory info on the correct fitting of FHRs, which needs to be publicised to competitors.

Tyre lists for Historic Stage Rallying is to be relaxed due to lack of availability.

Chief Executive's Report.

Alan Dean Lewis retired in July, and is now a consultant

A new position, Director of Development, to include Training, is now being advertised.

Alan Page is now Training Executive.

Tim now acting Head of Communications.

License Numbers update at the end of August - Race up 242, Rally up 33, but Karting down 175 - this is causing concern.

There is general concern about the number of non - regulated events taking place, particularly in Karting. Jacqueline Campbell cited The Ingliston event this weekend. In Ireland, there are also a number of non regulated rallies. The reason appears to be cost, and not so strict equipment regulation. Dialogue with organisers is happening now, particularly in Karting, and it is agreed that the way forward is to try to bring these events on board if possible. The time would appear to be right to get Government support for this.

Using a bit of common sense, the number of Marshals required by an Event Safety Plan will now be treated as a "prediction" rather than being mandatory. Chris Hobson, Volunteer Officials Delegate voiced his concern re the number of marshals likely to have registered by the 2017 deadline, and the effect this could have on the potential survival of some events and smaller clubs. "Please do not over-regulate" is his plea.

Concussion. A survey is under way to get a better understanding of the extent of this problem. The findings will be presented to the Medical Advisory Panel, and to Council by email as soon as it is available. This issue is more serious than previously understood, and is being treated as urgent.

According to Ian Davies, Closed Roads Legislation is going ahead in England and Wales, and events could take place before the end of the year. In Scotland, the whole process is on hold until matters are resolved to the Scottish Government's satisfaction on safety. Why only Scotland, we will need to ask Nicola!

The Chairman, and all Council Members send their best wishes to Roger for a speedy recovery.

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