



Buchan Off Road Driver Club – SACC Chairmans Report.

I. Chairman's Report – Brian McErlean.

Highlights:

- Committee activity high with new committee members up from 7 last year to 12 in 2016 and 14 in 2017.
- Club Web Site Status improvements ongoing with:
 - PayPal improvements made and working well for membership fees and club shop; and
 - Facebook very active with over 500 followers.
- Membership numbers steady, with new membership packs issued for 2017 which included updated club membership cards and MSA disclaimer on the back as recommended by MSA observer in his report on our trial at the Fetteresso 18th December 2016:
 - Numbers of members 2016 is 63 plus 3 active honorary members i.e. past club chairmans; and
 - Attendance at events steady with new members signing up all the time.
 - The scrutineering sheets have been modified wrt mudguards following a request by Simon Fowler of the MSA.
- No changes to the competition class structure for 2016, which include road tax vehicle and trailered classes for long and short wheelbases.
- 2016 trophies issued at the annual prize giving 10th March 2017.
- Full calendar of events held in 2016 include:
 - 11 x CCVT's;
 - 1 x TYRO event;
 - 4 x Orienteering Events;
 - 2 x CCVT Interclub Events with Edzell Off Road Drivers;
 - 1 x Forest Drive at Sluie Woods, Potarch;
 - Mayhem event attended by club members with Club sponsorship of £100;
 - 2-day event and BBQ at Lumsden well attended;
 - BA Stores well supported and charitable donation of £200.00 and collection on the day of £381.52;
 - Royal Deeside Speed Fest (RDSF) event supported with £295.00 donated to the event organisers Black Dog Events and £295.00 donated to Macmillan Cancer;
 - Fraserburgh car rally supported with a vehicle display.
- SACC MSA Committee Pitlochry meeting attended by committee members.
- Event Paperwork:
 - Risk Assessments process updated and working well for Forestry commission events.
 - Application process for Forestry land improved and events back at Fetteresso and Rosarie this year for the first time in a while.

- Financials Still Strong, see separate sheet:
 - Propose no change to membership annual fees;
 - However FC now charging £60 for each permit requiring FC event fees to be increased to £20 per driver for FC land.
 - Rebate from MSA for insurance, £213 for 2016.
- Club merchandise available online with payment via PayPal for:
 - Club Clothing; and Stickers.

Lowlights:

- Variety of off-road sites still limited and is dependant on a small number of quality sites; in particular Potarch Sluie Woods and Longlands by Lumsden; with land at Longside no longer available; however the club has made more use of Forestry Commission land in 2016 but admin and risk control measures at FC sites require a lot of work for the club with increased permit costs from the FC.
- For 2017 The Forestry Commission (FC) have increased their permit fees in line with the MSA Master Agreement from £60 to £362 per event with a mileage charge of £60; this will now put FC land out of reach for the club. The master agreement was intended for stage rally events, however off-roading doesn't use the forest tracks, only scrub land and quarry areas. The rising costs have been raised with the FC, MSA and SACC but there is an unwillingness to assist or recognise the clubs issues as we are a casualty of providing access for stage rally events on FC land under the master agreement.
- Club members attended Marshall training in 2017 with further training planned for BORDA level offroad driver training and winch recovery later this year.

II. Treasurers report – Brian McErlean.

• Opening balance	£8,160.74
• Income	£7,095.05
• Expenditure	£8,443.25
• Closing balance	£6,565.89

Highlights:

- Strong Bank Balance although funds depleted due to higher Costs and spending

Lowlights:

- Losing money on FC events which will get worse in 2017; but
- Costs balanced with passenger fees and increased charges for events at FC sites.

III. Club Objectives and proposals for 2017.

- Maintain competition Classes as per 2016 for 2017:
 - SWB up to 90inches – LWB 90 inches and over.
 - Road Legal & Taxed with valid MOT – Modified Road legal or not MOT'd & trailered.
- Renew MSA Registration and Insurance renewed for 2017.
- Club constitution updated for 2017 to reflect it is a not for profit organisation to permit continued use of PayPal.

- Competition rules updated for 2017 and include a change in the calculation of the Max+ scoring for missed gates or failure to complete the course.
- Fees for 2017:
 - Membership £30
 - Competition;
 - Cross Country Vehicle Trials private land £15
 - Cross Country Vehicle Trials Forestry land £20
 - Orienteering £25
 - Passengers £10
 - Setup Discount £10
 (maximum 4 people per CCVT event 8 people for orienteering event)
- Driver Skills courses to be funded by the club in 2017 include;
 - Off road driving skills;
 - Winching training; and
 - Course Setting Skills.
- Officials training will also be supported by the club and include:
 - Clerk of the Course
 - Scrutineer
 - Marshall
- Club Radios:
 - 6 MSA Safety Radios which have been refurbished and available for use.
- Survey of club members in 2017.
- Find new off road sites; 3 have been added already to the 2017 calendar to replace FC land.
- Proposed Event Frequency 2017:
 - CCVT 3rd Sunday of the Month;
 - Orienteering 4 per year normally the 1st Sunday in month the first was held February, ;
 - Forest Drive 1 per year; and
 - TYRO events planned to attract new members.
- Types of event for 2017.
 - Tyro
 - CCVT
 - Orienteering
 - Forest Drives
 - Point to Point Comp Safari as new event?
 - Comp Safari event with Edsel Club, possibly at Potarch or Lumsden