

GUYSON SCOTTISH HILLCLIMB AND SPRINT CHAMPIONSHIP

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE #23

Welcome to the post AGM message, some of you will not be aware that Steve Marr resigned from his post as Chairman of the Committee just before the AGM.

I was the only person nominated for the post and accepted the position willingly.

The AGM also saw Iain and Leslie-Ann Scoular resign from their posts leaving a vacancy for Sprint Co-ordinator and Secretary, at the moment Colin McLatchie and David Loomes are helping out.

The seasons results have been published and congratulations to all our worthy champions we hope to see as many prize winners as possible at next months awards presentation in Aviemore; our thanks to Vicky Park who has worked tirelessly to organise the evening. (see the website for further details)

Unfortunately, it looks as if we shall not have finalised all of the Speed Championship results before our Awards Night. These remain provisional after disputes in the interpretation of Qualifying Scores that have now been referred to the MSA's National Court. Whatever the outcome, we are sorry not to have anticipated the questions before, and have certainly agreed to revise our Regulations to make those clearer for future.

It is understandable that any of us near a judicial decision could become upset. We are all entitled to an opinion, and even the odd former champion has enjoyed a rant in F1. But I should remind you that the MSA's Code of Conduct is clear that we must treat all competitors and officials with respect, and behave in the best interests of UK motor sport. Neither the MSA nor the Championship is going to tolerate abuse in our sport, and competitors who disregard the Code put their competition licence at risk. In an age of social media, I would ask not just for the exercise of self restraint, but that we think about whether we could tune-up the content of our timelines to advance the spirit of positive competition we know exists in our paddock.

The committee agreed an intention of eliminating class A8 from 2018. Your comments would be very welcome as we recognise this will likely have knock-on effects for other classes too. But it was felt

that the original reason for this particular class had run its time.

Still on the subject of classes the Committee agreed for an inclusion of A9 for 2017 to be run along the lines of the The Scottish MX5 Hillclimb and Sprint register, this too welcomes opinion although the draft regs will soon be complete.

Finally in the off season we are always open to communication and you should make yourself aware of who your club rep is that sits on the committee and discuss any items with them

I intend to prepare a further message during the closed season.

Kind regards

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