

## GUYSON SCOTTISH SPRINT & HILLCLIMB CHAMPIONSHIPS

### Chairman's Report on Committee Meeting 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012

**Registrations.** The registration for the Hill Climb, Sprint and Speed Championships has now closed and the total numbers registered is 121. This splits down as 104 for the Sprints; 110 for Hill Climbs and 93 for the Speed. These numbers are down slightly on last season but what is very pleasing is to see that we have 18 Newcomers in this number.

**Sponsor's Stickers.** Every Registered Competitor is obliged to have Sponsor's Stickers on their car in order to receive championship points. Everyone registered will get stickers posted to them before the start of the season.

**Speedsport.** You should have noticed that the Registration Fee remains the same for this season, while costs continue to rise. One of these costs is the Speedsport Magazine which is always well received and popular in its hardcopy through the letterbox format. With the impending postage cost increase, it has been decided to reduce the number published each year from 5 to 4.

**2013 Regulation Clarification.** Recent wording changes in the MSA Bluebook have introduced uncertainty with regard to Single Seaters and the ROPS (Roll Over Protection Structure). Our Championship Scrutineer Rob McKinna has been in touch with the MSA for clarification and tells us that **"No immediate action by anyone is required. If the ROPS has been accepted up till now, it will continue to be accepted. The whole issue of ROPS will be addressed and guidelines issued when the investigation is completed."**

**Dinner Dance and Awards Presentation.** With the recent success of our annual Dinner Dance, a sub-committee led by Steve Marr has been formed in order to organise our next one on the 24<sup>th</sup> Nov 2012 – same venue; same band – put that date in your diary!

**Club Reports.** All organising clubs are making plans for the 2012 season. Lothian are planning to resurface Doune after the April event and before the June National event. It is 20 years since it was last done and records tumbled at that time. East Ayrshire are creating an AHASS at Kames (Association of Hillclimb and Sprint Schools). This investment will allow drivers to upgrade their licences. From 2013, 14 year olds will be allowed to compete in certain vehicles if they have attended an AHASS. Grampian is installing a new sign-on hut at Fintray. Forrestburn has signed a 25 year lease agreement which allows them to invest more in the infrastructure. Major improvements are expected before the June event. These club actions, and more, typify the amount of time and money that clubs are spending on Scottish Speed Motorsport which is all very encouraging for the future.

**2013 Regulation Changes – advance notice.** 1. All cars in A8 must comply with: S 11.5.1 of the current MSA Competitor's and Officials Yearbook. 2. The Overall and Divisional winners will not be excluded from winning the Division and Class also.

George Ritchie – Chairman 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2012.