

Minutes of the North West Regional Committee

Your North West Regional Committee met on 3rd August, 2021 at 19:30 via Zoom.

In attendance were:

Mike Broadbent; Paul Newns; Dave Smithson; Duncan Fitzgibbons; Andrew Pratt-Fryer; Bill Gray; Jan Williams; John Edwards; Mike Thomason, Rob Mugurian; and Ian Briggs.

Apologies were received from: Eric Ridler and Sam Collinson

Reports were received from:

Mike Broadbent (Chair); Ian Briggs (Rally); John Edwards (Membership); Duncan Fitzgibbons (Recruitment); Rob Mugurian (Grading); Dave Smithson (Regalia)

These were accepted by Committee.

- Ian reported that events which have taken place and mentioned future events.
- John reported:
 - a small increase in overall membership, up from 575 to 580.
 - Two new members welcomed were Joseph Smith and Phillip Seaborne.
- Rob reported on a number of upgrades which have been approved:
 - Trainee to Track: Andrew Rees and Marcus Richardson
 - Track to Experienced: Paul Tilsed
 - Incident Officer to Post Chief: Lee Nelson
 - Trainee Specialist to Specialist: Peter Goode
- Duncan reported that 24 people had attended taster days so far, with the next due to take place on 14th August.
- Dave reported that regional regalia sales are now permitted and that payments can now be taken by card.

Additional topics discussed included:

- The tragic events at Brands Hatch
- MSUK's new "Marshals' Pathway"
- The electronic registration and signing on procedures.
- Concerns over the state of the banking in places at Oulton and Anglesey
- Concerns over unsafe practices by some recovery crews
- Ways of improving communication to marshals, including use of social media

The meeting ended at 21:35.

The date of the next meeting is still to be arranged.

If there are any issues you wish to have raised please contact a Committee member. Unless we are aware of a problem we can't do anything about it. Social media is not an appropriate forum to raise issues and will not see them resolved.

Committee are seeking nominations for our annual awards so if you know someone you feel deserves consideration, please submit their names with a brief note as to why they should be recognised to the Regional Secretary, Paul Newns.

The details of all Committee members can be found on our website

(<https://www.marshals.co.uk/northwest/committee/>) and on the last page of the Outpost.