

## BMMC South Midlands Committee – Activity Summary end Jan 2022

Here is a summary of the topics that the committee discussed in January 2022:

- feedback from the Virtual Taster Day sessions, which have so far been given to over 60 people (and counting) who had contacted BMMC and expressed an interest in marshalling. As we cannot offer any Taster Days in the winter, and we had a backlog of requests from the last two years when Covid had impacted our Taster Day plans, this presentation has been used to explain marshalling in some more detail. When the schedule is finished it will have delivered the presentation to all the people on our backlog, inviting them to our training if they are still interested in marshalling, and encouraging them to either start marshalling for themselves or put them on the list for a Taster Day once the season restarts;
- planning for physical Taster Days with the Silverstone team and reviewing what improvements could be made to how they are run so they are even more effective. For example, attendance has been lower than expected, with a disappointing number of “no-shows”, so we are discussing a different invitation process to make sure that all places are filled;
- planning Recruitment stands for 2022. As well as considering our usual venues and events we have been analysing BMMC recruitment data from across the country to find out which type of events attract the most marshalling recruits, so we can focus our limited resources to reach the best number of potential new marshals;
- planning for marshals training in February 2022. The circuit training is to be a mix of virtual sessions for the theory modules and practical sessions for incident handling and fire training, which are again being held at Bedford Autodrome. In 2021 the theory sessions were really popular and we had a wider attendance than just our South Midlands region, as they were approved by Motorsport UK as qualifying for module signatures for upgrades. We are also planning Kart training for the first time, to be hosted by Hunts Kart Racing Club at Kimbolton, where both theory and practical sessions will be delivered on site;
- welcomed two newly certified Motorsport UK Trainers to our team of regional trainers, in Keith Madderson and Marion Quarrington, who will both be delivering courses at our training events;
- welcomed Ian Whiting to our Committee as Regional Grading Officer following the well-earned retirement of Malcolm Flippance. There will be a lot of discussions soon around grading as we learn more about the New Marshal’s Pathway, and we will be hosting some Zoom calls to gather feedback on the proposals, just as soon as the full scope of the proposals is sent out for consultation;
- following up on some points raised by our members at our “Meet the Committee” Noggin and Natter regarding marshalling conditions at Silverstone. Meetings with the Silverstone team are being arranged to carry these points forward;
- planning further Virtual and Live Noggin and Natters, to run alongside the “physical” meetings which have been organised by Bob Sketchley. Our next confirmed “virtual” speaker is Hugh Chambers, who is CEO of Motorsport UK and a recent attendee on a Silverstone Taster Day! We shall open up the applications to join as soon as we can agree a date in his busy schedule.

The dates for 2022 Committee meetings are

February 7 <sup>th</sup>	March 7 <sup>th</sup>	April 4 <sup>th</sup>	May 9 <sup>th</sup>
June 6 <sup>th</sup>	July 4 <sup>th</sup>	August 8 <sup>th</sup>	September 5 <sup>th</sup>
October 3 <sup>rd</sup>	November 7 <sup>th</sup>	December 5 <sup>th</sup>	

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