



British Motorsports Marshals' Club

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2016 Annual General Meeting Minutes



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BRITISH MOTORSPORTS MARSHALS' CLUB LIMITED

Minutes of 59th AGM – 4th December 2016 at The Marriott Hotel, Leeds

Present

Council Members

Chris Hobson; Stephen Woolfe; Colin Barnes; Mike Cadwallader; John Watson; Mike Grantham; Paul Harris; Wendi Batteson; John Cunningham; Jon Cordery; Mike Shorley; Peter Wilson; Lynne Kendall; John Gerrard; Mark Jarvis; Eric Ridler

Members

Apologies

Steve Malec; Dave Reed; Steve Hill; Julie Hill; Sean Clarke; George Copeland; June Copeland; Chris Whitlock; Bob Wright; Neil Stretton; David Owen; Paul Sutcliffe;

Previous Minutes

The Minutes of the 58th AGM of BMMC Ltd held on 6th December 2015 were accepted as a true record of the meeting

Proposed: Mike Cadwallader Seconded: Jon Cordery

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes

RESOLUTION

- That clause D.2.1 of the Clubs Rules, namely:-
- “ The annual subscription for membership shall fall due on 1st January each year. New members joining on or after 1st July shall pay 50% of the appropriate subscription rate. For those joining (or renewing) on or after 1st October payment of the full appropriate subscription shall provide membership for the remainder of that year and the year after. Acceptable methods of payment are shown on membership application and renewal forms”

be amended as follows:-

“The annual subscription for membership shall fall due on 1st January each year. For those joining (or renewing) on or after 1st October payment of the full appropriate subscription shall provide membership for the remainder of that year and the year after. Acceptable methods of payment are shown on membership application and renewal forms.”

Proposed: C Hobson, Chairman Seconded: S Woolfe, Secretary

- That the following clause be inserted after J.3.6 of the Club Rules, namely:-

J.3.6.1

Each nominee must initially be agreed by a vote of the Directors as a suitable candidate for the vacant post.

Proposed: C Hobson, Chairman Seconded: S Woolfe, Secretary

REPORTS FROM THE CLUB'S OFFICERS

The Chairman's, Secretary's and Treasurer's Annual Reports were read out by Chris Hobson, Stephen Woolfe and Colin Barnes respectively to those present. Copies of the reports will be found elsewhere in the Club's Annual Report together with reports from the other Directors and Executive Officers.

Appointment of the Club's accountants: The treasurer reported that Booth Ainsworth the club accountants for 2016 had delivered all accounts on time and met all statutory requirements, he proposed that we retain their services for 2017

Proposed: Colin Barnes Seconded: Mike Cadwallader passed unanimously

Ratification of the election of Nadine Lewis as Club Chairman: In accordance with Club Rule J3.2 Chris Hobson retired on rotation as Club Chairman and did not seek re-election. Members were invited to apply for the vacant position and subsequently two candidates emerged. Consequently the membership were invited to vote for their preferred candidate and Nadine Lewis was elected. Members present were asked to ratify the election result and appoint Nadine the new Club Chairman. **There being no objections Nadine Lewis was appointed as Club Chairman.**

At this point, Nadine took the Chair.

John Cunningham made a presentation of a gold signet ring to Chris Hobson in recognition of the excellent service he had given to the Club and its membership. Chris was also awarded Life Presidency and Life Membership.

Annual Awards: The recipients' names are being withheld so that presentations are a surprise:
BMMC Marshal of the Year Unipart Trophy goes to South Mids region
BMMC New Marshal of the Year John Nichol Trophy goes to Midlands region
BMMC Cadet Marshal of the Year David Leslie Trophy also goes to North West region

**Stephen Woolfe
Club Secretary**

Directors' Reports

National Chairman's Report

2016 has been a good year for the club.

We have continued our representation on a large number of MSA committees, these include Race Committee, Marshals Working Group, Volunteer Officials Advisory Panel, Drag Race Sub-Committee, the Association of British Motor Racing Clubs (ABMRC) and the Sprint and Hillclimb committee.

The impact of the unfortunate fatalities on the Scottish Rally is still being felt throughout the sport. The MSA has implemented major changes to the way in which safety plans, operating procedures, training and licencing of officials, and the management of spectators and media are carried out. This has had a marked effect on all our rally members in 2016, with all new volunteers having to complete on-line training and testing before being allowed to marshal and all existing marshals having to do the same in order to receive a registration for 2017. Indeed all marshals who may help on circuit based stages will have to complete the on-line tests, even if they are registered circuit or speed marshals.

During this year the MSA, for the first time, decided to check on compliance to its rules for maintaining a grade. All Examining Post Chiefs were asked to send copies of their PRCs in for checking. Since most had not bothered obtaining attendance signatures this proved rather difficult. However, it has enabled the MSA to understand the problem and has, I hope encouraged our "X" grades to attend training days and get their attendance signatures at meetings at which they officiate. Be warned – eventually it will be expanded to cover all grades.

Maintaining our membership numbers is still a challenge. We experience a 10% turnover in membership each year, with many of those leaving the club being those with less than two years' experience. But we also lose too many experienced marshals each year as well. The average age of marshals is slowly creeping up – it is now in the high 50s! Thanks to the recruitment efforts of Peter Wilson and the regional teams we have managed to almost maintain our numbers, but we must continue to place major effort on ensuring we have a constant input of new members. To do this means ensuring we get as many as possible to taster days, for this is by far our best method of turning interested spectators into members. My thanks go to all involved in these days throughout the country.

Maintaining our membership depends on keeping our members happy with what the club offers them. Retention is far more effective and cheaper than finding new members! Our circuit representatives give a direct path to circuit management, and the interactions between National and local committees and our members is vital to ensure all know we are working to their benefit. We must encourage a two-way conversation with our members and act upon their suggestions and requests. This must continue to be one of Council's driving activities..

The insurance cover we have for our members is still head and shoulders above that offered by any other club, and is a very welcome top up to that provided by the MSA. Indeed, our cover is far wider than that of the MSA and includes shows, events and activities outside of MSA permitted events. Our repatriation insurance is unique. The MSA specifically tells marshals they are not covered whilst marshalling abroad (and this includes the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man) and most standard travel insurance policies class marshalling as a hazardous activity not covered unless specifically requested and paid for! Our insurance and repatriation cover is essential if you are marshalling overseas!

We continue to work with our sponsors and suppliers to keep the costs of overalls, wet weather gear and other marshalling items as low as possible. I am pleased to say our National PRO has successfully found some new sponsors this year – Autosport Polyfloor and REIS. When you add these to TIGA, NGK and MGCC I believe we are well placed to continue our subsidies. Our National Regalia Officer is also looking for new items suitable for our members. Your suggestions are always welcome.

The National Volunteering System has been improved over the last year following comments from members and Chief Marshals. We realise there is still work to be done and our National ITO has this well under plan. With the ever-increasing importance on IT please let him know of any problems or suggestions for improvement on any of our systems.

Steve Woolfe has proved a great resource as National Secretary, bringing his business experience to help us ensure we run the club correctly, whilst in his second year Colin Barnes has our finances well under control and has provided Council with all the information we need to ensure we maintain our strong financial position whilst using our funds for the benefit of our members.

At the last AGM I announced my decision to stand down from the post of National Chairman. In 2004 I agreed to take on the post for three years to help out the club – it has now been 12 years and I have enjoyed every minute! During my tenure, we have seen some turbulent times both inside and outside the club. We have improved our membership from 1500 to 2200. The club has been at the forefront of developments at the MSA with our views and contributions being heard and felt at all levels. Our establishment of Circuit Representatives has helped lead to marked improvements in marshals' working condition. Our involvement in Marshals Working Group and Training Working Group has directly brought about better training modules, some sensibility to the grading scheme and has strongly influenced the MSA's views on recruitment and retention.

This is my final National Chairman's report, and to conclude, I would like to thank all regional committees and members of Council for their hard work running this club and all those with whom I have had interactions over the past 12 years. We must all remember that this club is run by marshals for marshals. All are volunteers who put in a tremendous amount of time, in many cases at their own expense. Without them there would be no club. I firmly believe that our club really is THE marshals' club! Virtually everything the MSA and other clubs do for marshals is based on this club's initiatives, from grading scheme to rewards, training to improving marshals working conditions. The club continues to push forward, to support marshals in their chosen hobby. We are the most professional amateurs in sport.

It has been an honour to serve the club. I wish my successor Nadine, all members of Council and all members the greatest of success in the future, I hope you will continue to move the club forward and keep it at the forefront of MotorSport in this country.

**Chris Hobson,
National Chairman**

National Secretary's Report

This year has been very much a learning curve for me and I wish to place on record my thanks to all those Council members, past and present, who have been instrumental in guiding me through the last 12 months.

Being appointed to a position without ever having served on a regional committee or national council was a drawback in that my knowledge of the machinations of the MSA and the areas of debate within UK motorsport were unknown to me.

However what has impressed me is the breadth of knowledge around the Council table and the unstinting efforts of Council to make our voice heard. For the record Council met 4 times in 2016 – 3 times in Birmingham and once in Leeds.

The now familiar topics of Training, Membership retention and the web/volunteering site were again debated frequently, although I felt great progress was made in these areas.

Average attendance was 16 out of a maximum of 22 which is good, although the length of meetings sometimes exceeded an average meeting at Donnington.

This is something that the new chairperson is looking to reduce.

Once again, many thanks to those who have helped me through my embryonic year.

Steve Woolfe
Club Secretary

National Treasurer's Report

Under Club rules I am required to present suitably prepared accounts for 2015.

These accounts were approved at our May Council meeting and formally signed-off by our accountants on 1st July and duly filed at Companies House on 7th July thus fulfilling our statutory obligations

The accounts along with a summary commentary I prepared have been posted on the member's section of the Club website and to date I have received no questions from any members.

I therefore propose to present only a brief recap of the headline figures, as follows: -

- We returned an acceptable surplus of £7,105 compared with £15,844 in 2014. This was due to a combination of slightly lower income and higher expenditure across Regional & National Administration and £3,348 directly on benefits to members.
- With only a minimal tax charge our retained surplus increased our Balance Sheet reserves to £123,022 (£115,320 in 2014). Our bank accounts showed a very healthy £84,500 balances.
- Once again we were able to recover a very high percentage of all expenditure on training events from British Motor Sports Training Trust and my thanks go to all Training Officers for their support in dealing with the essential paperwork. We also recovered all recruitment costs incurred at BTCC events.

[2] 2016 Financial Performance:

As we approach the end of 2016 I am confident this will be another good year financially and as such I am pleased to confirm that Council has agreed there will be no increase in subscriptions for 2017 and hopefully not in the foreseeable future.

We have again been very fortunate to receive donations and I wish to recognise and record our appreciation.

MGCC (£1250)
Historic Formula Junior (£1097)
Mini 7 Racing Club (£400)
Classic Saloon Car Club (£1157)
Donington (£2500)
Kop Hill (£2000)

I also wish to record our appreciation of the continuing efforts of Steve & Julie Hill organising two annual sprint event meetings which for 2016 have contributed a further £2,747 to Club funds.

2016 has been a slightly disappointing year for sales of regalia and Council will be undertaking a full review in February once all regions and BRMC have considered their options. I again thank our National Regalia Officer, Eric Ridler, for his sterling work not least sourcing items for the Diamond Anniversary commemoration.

Where possible we have contained expenditure but there is little scope for budget cutting.

In recent years the Club has carried very healthy bank account balances, arguably well above our needs for funding normal operations, and nowadays earning minimal interest. As 2017 marks a key milestone of the Club's Diamond Anniversary this has given Council the timely opportunity to invest a prudent amount of these reserves in an equitable distribution by way of a gift to all current members renewing 31st March 2017. This expenditure will result in a planned "loss" in the 2016 annual accounts.

[3] Sponsorship:

It is important to record our thanks to the companies who sponsor our overalls (AWS) and wet weather clothing (FRS) allowing members to benefit from significant subsidies. In 2016 we are indebted to -

NGK
TIGA Cars
MG Car Club
Quaiffe

I am pleased that NGK, TIGA Cars and MGCC are able to continue this support in 2017 and hopefully Quaiffe will be able to return when the time is right.

I now wish to announce and welcome new sponsors for 2017 –
Polyflor
REIS Insurance
Autosport Magazine (tbc)

As a result of this support we are able to maintain our subsidies at £50 and £16 for AWS and FRS clothing in 2017 and I would ask all members to show respect to our sponsors ensuring their badges are always visible on clothing.

[4] Insurance:

Council has agreed, subject to receiving acceptable terms and premium quotations, to renewal of all our insurance policies covering Personal Accident, Emergency Medical Repatriation and Public Liability.

Insurance is a major item of expenditure but Council views this as a key benefit of membership, not least Emergency Medical Repatriation which provides essential cover for anyone marshalling outside UK.

Colin Barnes
National Treasurer

North Region Chairman's Report

Before we start, I must mark the sad passing of Mick Sharp, a real character with an immense history of contribution to our sport.

Our membership secretary, Nadine Lewis, was elected national chair of the BMMC this summer, and will formally commence her duties following this AGM. sincere thanks and best wishes to our retiring chair, Chris Hobson.

I have reluctantly accepted Andy Holley's resignation from committee. Andy was a truly mega training manager and subsequently served on committee as member without portfolio.

I am pleased to report that BMMC national council endorsed our nomination of three north region colleagues as life members of our club.

John Wood is virtually a founder member. He has given so much to north region, and to motorsport in general. His contribution demanded recognition.

Magdalen Scott marshalled for years before going indoors to help administering meetings. She is a key player for BRSCC. Magdalen carried on her duties during the years when her daughter, Shelagh, suffered so much, a true stalwart.

Bill Turnbull, Shelagh's husband also continued to support our club whilst taking care of Shelagh, and bringing her to race meetings whenever she felt able. Bill has returned to "work" after Shelagh's passing, an honourable enthusiast.

I think I can say that we have enjoyed a decent season at both our circuits. The racing is always good, and all our posts offer interesting and rewarding marshalling experiences.

Two matters have, however, troubled our committee:

Circuit alterations: much of the remodelling around Oulton Park has favoured corporate event requirements and, more intrusively, motorbike racing. We car marshals are further away from the track, have to struggle across gravel traps and are confined behind safety fences. The fences and protective padding have also intruded on the correct and efficient display of flags at several points. It is difficult to operate if you can't see up- or down-stream flag points and problematic when assessing flag (or light) display when you can't see clearly the approaching traffic.

This issue, and the generally low priority of car marshal operating needs, has been reported at BMMC national council. The club will escalate our (and those of other circuits) concerns via MSA working groups.

Midday rest breaks: note, I don't say "lunch hours". We no longer expect an hour for lunch. However, when we volunteer marshals get up between 5 and 6 am to be at the circuit between 7 and 8 am, then work non-stop until 6.30pm and get home around 8 pm, we really do need a substantive rest break at some point during the day. Packed timetables are the root of the problem. The now universal practice of running races before a published midday break exacerbates this by shrinking that break to absorb overruns in the morning races.

It is often said that marshals should simply rotate stand-down periods while racing continues. No marshal worth his salt wants to sit in their car while racing is in progress. Post chiefs and flag marshals rarely have deputies anyway to facilitate said stand-downs.

Whenever mentioned, this proposal is contested vigorously. It must never be established by default as the official antidote to vanishing midday breaks.

The impact of morning races on our vanishing midday breaks has also been discussed at BMMC council, and will be escalated to the MSA. Clubs have a duty of care for their volunteer workforce and must recognise that 12-hour working days with no substantive breaks are just not humane.

Our regional awards were presented at our February training weekend. our 2015 winners were:

the Cliff Hammond for best newcomer:

Darren Gallagher [Darren also scooped the national John Nicol trophy.]

the Bellini trophy for outstanding contribution:

Heather Roberts

the Stan Foulds award for immense service:

Gill and Ray Sumner

the Stuart Ashford trophy for the most deserving cadet marshal:

Natasha Hunter. [Natasha won the national David Leslie award.]

the Fred Byatt award for extraordinary action:

James Curran

Membership:

We maintain membership at around the 630 mark. This may not look like extraordinary business, but it is! We, like all organisations, suffer a degree of early-years wastage (people who find that marshalling is not really for them) and fall-out at the top end of the age range.

However, our recruitment gang, and all of us helping with retention, have ensured that we remain around the status quo.

Training:

Training and experience, training and experience. These truly are the essential prerequisites of successful marshalling.

Over 250 of our members attended the training days at Oulton Park in march.

The training was delivered to our usual high standard and received praise from attendees and other officials and competitors who attended. .our thanks must go to all the trainers for their input.

Special thanks go to Andy Holley and Peter Preston Hough who stepped in to organise the training at short notice.

Our new training coordinator is Bill Gray who took over in march.

We also carried out training at the BTCC event in June, 30 members attended who had training on first marshal on scene, how the rescue unit operates, and driver extraction. Thanks to BARC rescue and Mark Noble who acted as the stricken driver.

The training in 2017 is arranged with Oulton Park and is pencilled-in for 11th and 12th March 2017, further details will be sent to our members early next year.

Grading:

50 NW upgrades have been processed since the 2015 regional AGM.

Female	Male	Total	Upgrade
4	18	22	trainee to track
1	9	10	track to experienced
0	4	4	experienced to incident officer
0	4	4	experienced to flag
1	1	2	incident officer / flag to post chief
0	2	2	post chief to examining post chief
1	3	4	trainee specialist to specialist
1	1	2	specialist to examining specialist
8	42	50	Totals

Speed:

Speed events, hillclimbs and sprints, are supported in our region by a small number of enthusiastic marshals for both national and local championships.

This is the first year that speed events have been available on the national volunteering database allowing BMMC members to volunteer on line for these events. Members have dived-in enthusiastically.

Over 30 speed events took place this season culminating in the final rounds on the British championship for hillclimb at Loton park and for sprint at Anglesey.

Volunteering:

Our second year "on-line" has gone smoothly. Some minor problems, brought up in national roll-out were sorted through the good offices of Colin Barnes.

Our organising clubs:

Last, but by no means least, I record our thanks to our 2 local race organising clubs, BARC (NW) and BRSCC (NW)

Margaret Simpson (chief marshal for almost everything!) is an exceptional friend to we marshals. We thank her for looking after us through thick and thin, and especially over the introduction of e-ticketing!

M C Cadwallader
North Region Chairman

North East Chairman's Report

Our Regions year started with the annual Race Training Day, and it was decided to continue with the new modular system that was used during the last two years. We have carried on in the same vein, and I'm happy to report that the day was considered a success by the delegates, and was well and truly enjoyed by all. Following Comments on the feedback forms from last year, and the subsequent Instructors de-brief a weakness in the Practical Training was dealt with, and this was addressed for the Training Days that were held in February and November this year. The November Training Day is primarily focussed on Fire and Incident training for Trainee's, Track marshals and Specialists who required signatures.

Theory sessions were held at the Trinity Centre in Louth and practical sessions at Cadwell Park. The days are funded by the MSA, and as the days have been very well received, the NE region will again be holding 2 Training Days in 2017. One in February and one in November, applications for funding for both days are expected to be granted by the MSA within the next few weeks. Our congratulations and thanks go to Lynne Kendall, the National Training Officer and N.E. Region Training Officer, for organising and conducting very Professional and enjoyable days. Rally Marshal Training was dramatically changed by the MSA earlier this year, with the basics of Rally Marshalling being completed on-line. In addition this module is now compulsory and has to be completed by a Marshal before being allowed to take part in any duty on a Rally.

2016 will once again be remembered as a most successful year as we turned up for a multitude of events, be it for Race, Rally, Speed, Hill Climb, or Karts, did a very professional job, enjoyed the company while on duty, went home and got ready for the next weeks event. It was a year when our marshalling fraternity overcame all that was thrown at them with a great deal of enthusiasm and very good team work thus ensuring that all the events in the North East region were adequately covered to take place safely.

The North East Rally Section continues to provide Key Marshals at many rallies throughout the UK, and on the Continent, as well as having maintained and strengthened their presence in Europe, they have been seen as excellent Ambassadors of the British Marshals fraternity. They continue to be involved in running stages of the MSA Rally taking place in Wales.

On the Race front, it has been another good year, with well supported meetings at all our Circuits. Marshalling numbers have once again improved this year and it has been nice to see quite a few new faces on the bank many of who have arrived via the "Taster Day" route which continues to be a very effective recruitment tool in conjunction with the on-going efforts of our own Peter Wilson. Once again Peter is to be congratulated on his dedication to Marshals Recruitment and the Retention of Marshals within our Club, it is easy to see that his efforts have certainly borne fruit. We have been privileged to have him as a member of the N.E. Committee and National Council. The living proof of his success is the increasing number of BMMC numbers. It is also noticeable that the retention of Members has also improved.

The Region has also been very active and successful in officiating at Speed and Hill Climb events. They are heavily involved at Harewood and continue to gain strong links with the relatively new venue at Blyton who hold Speed and Rallycross events.

Once again, our Regional AGM was held on November 19th with the same format as last year, as it has seemed to be well received and well attended by being held on a Saturday, to make it a bit more of a social event as well, hoping to make it easier for Members to attend.

Two of our Committee Members stood down from our Committee, namely Tim Bendelow, N.E. Speed Rep, and Jim Little, N.E. Rally Rep Our sincere thanks go to both of them for their support on our Regional Committee and for the work that they have put into their relevant disciplines. In addition to the re-election of the remaining Committee Members, three more Members were elected to the N.E. Region Committee. They were Katy McHugh, Brian McHugh, and Joyce George, who were all given a warm welcome. Committee positions and duties will be decided at the next Regional Committee Meeting.

The Regions annual awards were presented during the social period following the official business.

The award winners were:-

Race Marshal of the Year: Andrew Palmer

Rally Marshal of the Year: Joint winners – Keith & Rob Miller

Speed Marshal of the Year: Katie McHugh

Newcomer Marshal of the Year: Carol Smart

Specialist Marshal of the Year: Payton Williams

The Cadet Marshal award was not presented this year, as the two Cadets nominated ceased to be cadets following their eighteenth birthdays in March of this year.

As this year ends, we look forward to 2017, and we will be confirming our aims and objectives. To continue to develop the way forward in training, to encourage membership of the BMMC by promoting the benefits of Club membership, to recruit new marshals in all disciplines, and to retain the services of existing marshals. It is my intention to continue to hold committee meetings in different areas of the region, and invite members to attend as observers, followed by general discussions on marshalling matters so that we, as a committee can be truly representative of their views and what they expect from our Club.

In conclusion, I thank all my fellow Committee Members for all that they have done throughout the year, and congratulate the Regions award winners.

This report could not end without our Regions very special and sincere thanks to our retiring National Chairman, Chris Hobson, who will be standing down at this meeting, for his exceptional and dedicated efforts at all levels of motor sport in promoting our Club and making it what it is today. Chris, thank you from the bottom of our hearts, we hope that you will find something to do with the enormous amount of spare time that you will now have. You will be greatly missed. Enjoy your retirement, but we hope to see you around the motor sport venues sometime soon.

And finally, the N.E. Region welcomes Nadine Lewis to the Chair and wish her well in her new role as our leader. Nadine you have a very hard act to follow, but I can assure you that you have our support. Good luck.

Stay safe and enjoy your chosen discipline in 2017,

John Watson
North East Region Chairman

Midland Region Chairman's Report

We've had another successful year in the Midlands region, our members have been busy with all kinds of motorsport activities. 2016 started with our usual training days at Donington which were well organised as usual by Jim Whitaker and his team of helpers, many thanks to Jim and his team for making the training so successful. The 2017 training dates have been released and the details are included within Jim's report.

We carried out recruitment at the Donington round of BTCC and at the Donington Historic Festival weekend. Both were very successful and most of the names that were taken attended one of our tasterdays.

Tasterdays are a first class way of introducing members of the public into marshalling and they are an excellent way of producing new members, this annual influx of new marshals helps to keep our membership numbers stable. Many thanks to our tasterday team, Donington management and Donington ES for playing their part in the tasterday process. I must also add my thanks to the marshals on post who look after our tasterday people during the afternoon, their enthusiasm and willingness to help is amazing.

Donington have had another busy season and Mallory have had a limited number of meetings too. Our two BMMC Sprints at Curborough were well supported again, many thanks again to the marshals that helped over the two weekends. Next year's sprint dates are in the diary and are down to be held on the 13th May and the 26th August. (subject to confirmation).

Our revamped club website is now fully operational and despite a couple of teething problems it's now fully populated and is full of useful information. In order to access the members part of the site, members will need to register on the website, there is help on the opening page which explains how to register, just click on the BMMC membership link and all will be explained.

BMMC or BMRMC as it used to be known as was formed back in 1957 so next year the club will be celebrating its 60th anniversary, we are hoping to be able to celebrate this achievement later in the year, details to follow.

The final event of 2016 for the Midlands Region is the Orange Army Christmas party, which is being held at the Jurys Inn, East Midlands Airport. Our BMMC marshal trophies will be awarded during the evening and all profits from the evening will be donated to Donington Park Racing Association Club. Many thanks to Julian and Rachel for organising what I'm sure will be a huge success.

All that remains is for me to thank the Midlands Committee for all of their support and commitment during the year and also a huge thank you to Donington Management and Donington ES for all of your help throughout the year.

Mike Grantham
Midland Region Chairman

South Midlands Region Chairman's Report

The year has been a good year for the region we have made progress in a number of areas. I think it is safe to say that the relationship between the region and SMT has improved greatly during the year, and grateful thanks go to Dave Brice for playing a big part in that improvement. As taster day organiser he has managed to organise several taster days this year at Silverstone through the organising clubs, rather than jointly with SMT, as we have tried to do in the past and this has worked. We have had a few no shows at the taster days but then we always will, but that is no reflection on the ability and dedication of Dave and his team.

In January, the region held its annual training weekend at Rockingham. It was extremely successful and many positive comments were made to us. Each afternoon we organised a mini race day with two races, 12/15 cars took part and the drivers were given scenarios with various cars stopping at different times, and at different posts, so that the marshals on each post had to sort the problems out as they would have to do at a proper race meeting. The mornings were devoted to the normal theory based modules as prescribed by the MSA. This is the first time for many years that we have held this type of training day and I understand that other regions are looking into doing something similar in the future.

In February the region organised the annual stand for the club at Race Retro. Not such a good event for us this year as the footfall at the show seemed to be less than in previous years.

In July we attended the Silverstone Classic with our usual recruitment stand when nearly 80 names were taken, one of the better results (probably because I was on holiday and not able to attend.) Recruitment stands were also organised with Team Wilson at the BTCC meetings at both Silverstone and Rockingham, when nearly 200 names were taken over the two meetings.

Sarah Hatch, our regional recruitment officer organised the recruitment stand at Kop Hill Climb in September. After a shaky start on the Saturday due to very bad weather, it picked up a lot on Sunday when the sun came out and got quite warm. A lot of people expressed an interest in the club and have all been contacted regarding going on a taster day or coming to the training weekend, which will be held again at Rockingham in the New Year.

Kaz Connelly newsletter editor, was sent to the South Atlantic for 6 months at the end of October, we will have to wait to see if she will be able to produce the newsletter for us from there, if not, we could be in trouble.

After many, many years of writing Kart articles every month, Pete Cox has decided to put away his pen and to retire from the job. However he is not retiring from marshalling and will still be seen at the regional Kart circuits wearing his many hats. Many thanks to him for all his work over the years.

The position of Karting Rep has not been left open, as Dave Brice has volunteered to write the bi-monthly articles that Pete used to do. Whether he can be persuaded to take on the job of Karting Rep remains to be seen.

Despite the initial problems with the clubs on line volunteering system, lots more of our members have used the system this year than last. For which I thank them all. Many more however still do not use it, I hope they will do so next year, it can only improve with use and that use can only come from the members. More chief marshals are using the system and that too, can only be good.

This year we have tried to contain more news in the newsletter about rallying and I have tried to include a number of adverts for different rallies. However the lack of articles about rallying from our members has made it rather difficult to fully include this form of marshalling into the region. Jaz Bareham our regional rally rep does from time to time put articles in, but she can only do so much. So I am hoping the members respond more next year

I would like to thank all the hard working members of the committee for the time they have given up in doing their jobs and the wonderful results they have achieved.

Paul Harris
Chairman South Midlands Region

South East Region Chairman's Report

This report is a summary of the report given to SE members at the South-East Region's AGM on 19th October:

Membership – Significant net growth in membership has taken place throughout 2016.

(Membership on 19.10.16 stood at 398, and may well have passed the 400 mark by December)

SE Region Website – After significant delays, the SE site was re-launched in August. The intention is to maintain a more up-to-date and relevant website; one which appeals to not only current readers, but which will encourage the 39% of SE members who did not log on to the site (Jan-Aug '16) to do so, at least once, and to then have good reason to log on regularly.

SE Committee- during the course of the year, we have recruited a new Recruitment Officer, Rosemary Beck (a trainee marshal!), and she is doing a splendid job. We have also lost our Training Officer. The process to recruit a new Training Coordinator has begun, and includes the use of a job description against which candidates can be judged during the interview process. Two further Committee members resigned, due to work commitments, and were not replaced. Our Secretary resigned in October (family commitments) and was replaced.

SE Social Events- having held a Race Car Simulator event in the previous two years, it was decided not to hold the same event in 2016. Whilst it had been a successful event, its appeal was only to a very small minority of members. This year, a free prize draw (MSV Voucher for a BMW M4 Experience at either Bedford or Brands Hatch) was held for attendees at the Region's AGM. For 2017 (BMMC Diamond Jubilee Year) it is proposed to hold 6 such free draws; one every 2 months, to be advertised in the regional newsletter and on the regional website. To qualify for the draw, members will have needed to read details on both the newsletter and the website....the purpose being to increase the readership of both!

SE Membership Involvement – we still struggle to obtain the measurable involvement of many members, whether that be in their sending articles to the newsletter, attending the AGM and so on. Of difficulty is gaining the interest of Snetterton-based members. The geography of the region dictates this to a large extent, of course, but it remains a challenge that, to date, SE Committee has been unable to overcome.

Neil Stretton
Chairman South East Region

South West Region Chairman's Report

The SW Region continues to go from strength to strength and have achieved the objectives it has set for itself and maintained the standards agreed.

The Region has maintained a regular newsletter to members on a bi monthly turn around and even though our newsletter editor, Karen Connolly, is currently on a tour of duty some several thousands of miles away we have so far managed to keep the newsletter going without too much difficulty. We keep asking for members to provide stories or articles that may be of interest to others within the SW but unfortunately these tend to be few and far between, though I would like to thank George Copeland for articles he has sent through which have been very much appreciated in populating our pages.

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The Committee itself is more or less at full strength and I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all those on the committee for all the hard work and effort they put in over the year. Our social media side, run and looked after by David Patrick is regularly looked at in terms of numbers and postings made and has to date been a great success. Thank you.

We have continued to put on a training day on a yearly basis, and it is hoped with a new Training officer in place (Alex Hodgkinson) such events will be stepped up to become more than one per year and we are looking at the possibility of doing on circuit 'bite size' training for say two day events were most marshals camp overnight.

Our recruitment officer, Chris Turrall, has over the last 12 months contacted approximately 300 people and arranged taster days for them, so this continues to be a busy role and his efforts on doing this are very much appreciated.

Our AGM saw only one of our awards being made that of the Bellini Trophy to Paul Wiltshire.

Along with others I would like to thank Chris Hobson for all his support over the years not only to the club at a National level, but more especially to the SW Region and me personally, particularly in the beginning of my chairmanship when it was all so very new and uncharted territory. The Regions Training days which have been hugely successful over the last 2 or 3 years we have been doing them, would not have been so or indeed possible without Chris's involvement, advice and support, and I would hope that will continue. His wealth of knowledge and experience will be sorely missed and I would hope that, that can still be tapped into? I trust we are not losing all that knowledge and experience from the sport and do wish so very much to see Chris around events stewarding or otherwise.

I also wish to extend the Region's welcome to Nadine Lewis as incoming Chairman of BMMC and wish her all the best in this new role, if I or we in the region can help or assist with anything please do not hesitate to shout!

Wendi Batteson
Chairman South West Region

Northern Ireland Region Chairman's Report

The motor racing was again good this year at Kirkistown (seven events) and at Bishopscourt (two events). Most meetings ran safely with close fought exciting races. One class stood out, head and shoulders above the rest. I do not know if it is in the Guinness or not but NI and the Republic ('the Island of Ireland!') seem to produce some excellent Formula Ford drivers (Niall Murray is currently 'the man').

As reported in August several marshals were injured at our June meeting. I am happy to state that all three individuals have fully recovered from their experience; also the programme of safety improvements agreed upon are being implemented.

Having no 'home grown' COC's we have entertained John Felix (England), Chris Edwards (Scotland) and Dermott Quigley (ROI) throughout the year and it has been a pleasure to have them. You never stop learning in this game.

On the rally front our two 'stand out' events (Circuit of Ireland and Ulster Rally) were extremely successful, the Ulster Rally receiving massive TV coverage. Other 'grass root' rallies continued unabated throughout the year. So, yes rallying is alive and well in NI; but clubs are having to look at costs and the possibility of combining with other clubs to organise and run bigger and better events. Not so long ago the BMMC (NI) region's Rescue Unit was 'frowned upon' in certain quarters. This year, it has again proved its existence is fully justified. Out on events all year it is invaluable to the local rally scene. On several events it has been called into action and has been involved in several lifesaving rescues. Well done to all involved.

Now I have to reach for the Kleenex. It's time to say goodbye to Chris Hobson who took office in 2004, the same year I became regional Chair. He has looked after the Club well in his tenure as Chairman despite 'running interference' in the last few years. I have enjoyed his company over the years, none more so than on his trips to NI.

So, I, on behalf of the NI region wish him (and Annabel) good luck for the future and Chris try to keep the motorbike upright! Of course it goes without saying you are both welcome in NI anytime. Welcome to Nadine (and Ian) our incoming National Chairperson. I wish her well for the forthcoming years ahead and I look forward to working with her.

John Cunningham
Chairman Northern Ireland Region

British Rally Marshals' Club Chairman's Report

Once again the club was represented at the Autosport International held at the NEC Birmingham in January. We have already been asked to attend in 2017, so please come along and see us between 12th & 15th January at the NEC.

Initiatives from the Rally Future programme, the MSA's banner for promoting the outcomes of the Motorsport Event Safety Review Group, are continuing at pace and I would strongly recommend that members attend a training day in 2017 to bring themselves up to speed with the changes. One of the major changes for 2017 is that any existing Marshals that already hold a Marshalling grade for the Rally and/or Cross Country discipline, must have fully completed the online accreditation training in order for their 2017 Marshal Registration to be issued.

So if you are wondering why your registration has not been renewed; then that could be the reason. At least this year's Wales Rally GB was not as wet as last year and congratulations to Scott Fitzpatrick and Ian Evans and their teams for organising the Pantperthog and Alwen stages respectively. If you have never set up a stage for an event like this then it is an eye opener and to give you some indication of what is involved here is some statistics for an average stage: 800 wooden and 500 metal stakes, 400 signs, 3km of rope and 2km of tape. It takes most of the week before the stage is actually run to set it up, but only a day to take it down.

Training has again been a major involvement for the club and we even promoted a joint day with the Welsh Association of Motor Clubs in Llandrindod Wells, which was well attended. Unfortunately, 2 other days in conjunction with the Association were postponed due to lack of numbers registering. I would remind members that when training days are advertised you need to register your interest as this determines whether or not as organisers that we can show the British Motor Sports Training Trust they are getting value for money from their support. Once again the club is planning four training days at the University of Wolverhampton – Telford Campus, Derby University, Oxford Brookes University Oxford and Llandrindod Wells. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Motorsport Departments at the Universities concerned for their continued support and John Jones for organising these days.

Once again the knowledge and enthusiasm of club members has also been recognised by organising clubs across the country by selecting them to be senior officials of their events, congratulations to all those members concerned.

Remember to keep up to date with the club's participation in events by looking at the web-site, which is well maintained by John Jones.

On a final note I would like to thank all my Committee for their hard work and enthusiasm throughout the year.

Jon Cordery
Chairman British Rally Marshals Club

Executive Officers' Reports

National Membership Secretary's Report

This year has been my second full year as National Membership Secretary, the role has again been challenging but rewarding. December through to March have been the busiest with renewals to send out and new membership applications to be processed.

Renewals had continued to arrive throughout the year, with the planned issue of a 60th anniversary gift to all renewing members for 2017, renewing early will reduce the delay in receiving the gift.

Although membership looked likely to be down on last year, October and November new memberships have increased the total above last year by 15. With December to add at the end of the year, this is looking encouraging. A review is underway aimed at improving the Taster Day experience for next year, we can hope to look forward to membership numbers increasing further.

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RENEWALS 2016

Following the efforts of the Chairman, Regional Members Secretaries and myself the number of members not renewing this year reduced from 276 to 203. Main reasons for non-renewal were, limited time, family commitments and retirement.

NEW MEMBERS

Currently we have had 238 new members join the club so far in 2016, breakdown as follows:-

	EM	NE	NW	NI	SE	SM	SW	Total
Jan	5	4	0	0	3	2	4	18
Feb	1	1	2	0	7	2	7	20
Mar	6	5	8	1	8	2	7	37
Apr	7	3	3	0	5	0	4	22

May	2	4	7	0	9	5	5	32
Jun	1	1	6	1	4	1	4	18
Jul	1	2	5	0	4	0	4	16
Aug	3	6	4	2	2	1	2	20
Sept	1	2	0	0	2	0	0	5
Oct	10	5	8	0	4	5	2	34
Nov	0	1	2	0	6	2	5	16
Dec								
Total	37	34	45	4	54	20	44	238

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP

The current membership total stands at 2225 with December to

be added at the end of the year. This shows an increase on last year already, but likely to fall short of 2014.

Region	at 20/11/16
EM	438
NE	215
NW	641
NI	55
SE	405
SM	236
SW	235
Total	2225

Totals	at 31 st December
2012	2200
2013	2229
2014	2278
2015	2210

RENEWALS 2017

Membership renewals have commenced, all Life and Honorary members along with 230 members (so far) paying by cheque or online have been sent 2017 membership cards. The bulk of renewals will be sent out in January following collection of the membership fee by direct debit.

I look forward to another active year as your National Membership Secretary, if you have any questions regarding membership drop me an email, if I don't know the answer I will know someone who does.

Dave Reed
National Membership Secretary

National Grading Officer's Report

Grading

Comparison of the numbers of BMMC upgrades for this year against the last three years are shown in the table below.

As the 2016 year still has a few weeks to run I expect the total for the year to rise, but we will probably have fewer total numbers than in the previous years.

UPGRADES COMPARISON BY YEAR				
	To	Total	Breakdown	
			"Marshal" level	"Experienced" and above [X grades]
2016	22nd November	129	81	48 [2]
2015	Full year	168	103	65 [4]
2014	Full year	167	90	70 [6]
2013	Full year	166	107	59 [3]

Badge Sales:

BMMC National Council decided in February that we will now issue two sew-on grading badges for upgrades, rather than the metal (named) grading badge. It is felt that the metal badge is not the most suitable adornment for wearing on Probans, as this offers the possibility of causing injury to any competitor or marshal coming into close contact with the wearer.

However, while existing stocks of metal badges remain, upgrading marshals are offered the opportunity to buy a metal badge (at £3.00).

We recommend that metal badges should be worn safely, and away from the action.

Any other member wishing to buy a metal badge should email or phone me before sending off a cheque to make sure that I still have stocks remaining.

Chris Hobson

I join the rest of the National Council in offering my appreciation to Chris for his work over the years to advance the cause of the Club, and my personal thanks for the help and support he has given me since I joined the National Council in 2013.

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Steve Malec

National Grading Officer

National Training Officer's Report

The last year has seen another successful year in terms of the club organising and delivering some great training events for our members and other marshals.

In addition, we have reviewed the financial processes in terms of training expenses and travel claims again, along with the BMSTT funding grants and put into place new procedures to ensure more cohesive working between regional officers, national officers and our external bookkeeper. This renewed system, along with guidelines for all Regional Training Officers (RTOs) for submitting and sharing documentation, will help the efficient collation of data, payments and future analysis moving forward.

2016 BMMC Training Days

BMMC organised over 14 training events in 2016 all of which received BMSTT (Via the MSA) funding contributions.

These events took place within six of our regions – NE, NW, Mid, SW, SM, NI. Although the SE events were coordinated by an alternative club, BMMC members were actively involved in the events providing training, support and assistance in organisation. Follow up paper work and final worksheets/totals are still awaited so I cannot report back actual numbers of those trained, nor the costs involved. However, at the planning stages it was thought that BMMC would be delivering training to over 1100 hundred marshals at a planned cost of over £33k.

In addition, the BRMC arm of the club organised over 6 Rally events, with anticipated attendance figures in the region of 380 marshals at a planned cost of nearly £15k....all face to face training in addition to the newly released online training for Rally marshals by the MSA.

Unfortunately, at the time of writing this report, I am still awaiting final submissions of Evaluation summaries to enable a meaningful overall analysis of the 2016 training day feedback. It is accepted that some regions did not hold training days under the BMMC banner and that they were omitted at one event accidentally.

However, as National Training Officer I had the opportunity to visit several of the events and observe the training taking place. It was wonderful to listen to what marshals' feedback, observations and ideas were first hand – and of course, to see training in action by a large, dedicated group of trainers, who all provided a plethora of training styles and presentations in order to develop skills within our fraternity.

I take this opportunity to thank all the Regional Training Officers and their supportive training teams for a fantastic job. It is often underestimated how much time, energy and creativeness goes in to the planning and organising of training days and the fact that these events have run smoothly, is testament to the professionalism and commitment of the teams – well done to all of you!

My visits to events and analysis of training feedback received to date, not only confirm my findings of some good informative training sessions being held around the country, along with some creative ways of including activities and sharing good practice to aid the development of our marshals – but it has also identified areas that we can further work on and develop as a training team in order to ensure that a consistent message is being cascaded to our marshals, in addition to improving the experiences of those attending, with the aim of upskilling all marshals to continue to be the best they can be. Therefore, moving forward, we will continue to work with the MSA and our training teams to further develop and improve Training events moving forward.

Planning for 2017 BMMC Training Days

At the time of writing this report, the BMMC has already made head way with planning events for 2017, which also includes applying for BMSTT funding to cover the costs.

Provisional Dates for Training Days at the moment are:

- 21 January - Rockingham Raceway, organised by the South Mids region, for all levels of Race
- 22 January - Rockingham Raceway, organised by the South Mids region, for all levels of Race
- 22 January - Donington Park, organised by Midlands region, for all levels of Rescue
- 28 January - Donington Park, organised by Midlands region, for multiple levels of Race and Other
- 29 January - Donington Park, organised by Midlands region, for multiple levels of Race and Other
- 19 February - Louth Trinity/Cadwell Park, organised by North East region, for all levels of Race and Specialist
- March tbc - Boscome Aviation, organised by South West region, for intermediate levels of Kart
- 11 March - Oulton Park, organised by North West region, for new and senior levels of Race, Speed
- 12 March - Oulton Park, organised by North West region, for intermediate and experienced levels of Race
- June tbc - Oulton Park, organised by North West region, for intermediate and experienced levels of Race
- 19 November - Louth Trinity/Cadwell Park, organised by North East region, for all levels of Race and Other

In addition, two further training days are being organised with a Train the Trainers approach, to help support the training teams to develop course content, presentation skills and the resources/activities used in events.

In Summary

It has been another busy year, which is not yet over as the training teams are already headway into arranging the next as you can see above. We have just been issued with new guidance from the MSA with regards Fire Training, which take into account Environmental Risks, Personal Protective Equipment requirements and safety advice. This may mean that some changes have to be made to the way things have been done before, but I know that the club and the training teams will be working together to ensure that we continue to provide training as effective and realistic as we can within the constraints.

Our trainers are constantly reviewing practice, sourcing video clips to demonstrate issues or good practice and work tirelessly to do this, so again, on behalf of all marshals, I express our thanks to them.

I cannot express enough, the benefit and importance of all marshals attending a training day – to not only update and develop their own skills (and not just to receive an upgrade signature) but to share their experiences with others and to support and mentor all marshalling colleagues.

So, I look forward to seeing many of you at the above forthcoming events, where we hope to continue to develop a collaborative and cross-regional approach to training in order to enhance, improve and expand the training we provide to all our existing and potential new club members.

Lynne Kendall
National Training Officer

National Regalia Officer's Report

Regalia sales for 2016 show a marked decrease on the previous year with about £1200 of sales. Most sales throughout the year still seem to be located in the north and midland regions. Sales in the south seem to be concentrated at training days with minimal sales during the rest of the year. Perhaps the regalia needs to be made available more often and in plain sight.

Autosport Show: We have a stand at the show (7214) and it is larger than before by 50%.

Thankfully it is located on the corner of a group of stands and hopefully the footfall will be greater than last time.

Our new sponsor REIS Insurance, also have a stand at the show located near NGK. The theme of their stand is 'Safety in Motorsport' and asked if we could provide a marshal to be on their stand. Mike Grantham has very kindly made arrangements for 3 local marshals to attend over the four days of the show.

Eric Ridler
National Regalia Officer

National Competition Secretary's Report

2016 sprints at Curborough produced a profit of £2500+ with good entries in the May and overfull entries in the August.

Trying to juggle championships around for 2017 to equalise them out, not so easy to do.

Next year is the 20th anniversary of the sprints and I plan to give something back to those regular few who help out each year, polo shirt, mugs or whatever I come up with.

Steve Hill
National Competition Secretary

National I.T. Officer's Report

The last year has been an interesting and challenging one. I have taken on the new role as IT Officer for BMMC and have adopted the various IT systems chosen to help the group and members have a better life marshalling.

Halfway through the year, our original IT developers moved on to pastures new and all the website, servers, accounts and other technology fell in my hands to look after and manage. This covers the membership database, volunteering system, website, central data server, domain names, email accounts and few other bits of random technology.

My first action of the new year is to audit everything that the BMMC uses in relation to technology, to make sure that we have the right technology in place to support the members in marshalling.

The membership database system is something not seen by many members, rather by council members, volunteering coordinators and few regional chairfolk. It does however lie at the heart of the club, keeping all the personal membership information centralised for everyone to see and use. The system also forms the core for membership renewals and is key to the online volunteering system, so this crucial repository needs to be right.

The membership system is working very well with those that choose to use it. Membership take-up has been a little slower than expected with only about 60% of members logging on to the system to maintain their own personal data, use the website or the national volunteering system. Individual regions are now charged with encouraging their members to get online to use these systems.

The online volunteering system is working well, again for those who choose to use it. The system has now been in operation for a full racing year and after a few minor hiccups (mainly due to either human error and lack of human action) has now proven to be a valuable resource and will continue to be used as the preferred method of volunteering for race meetings.

The new website has also been live for about 12 months now and has two sides to two different audiences. The public face is to try to promote the BMMC as the premier marshals group in the UK, to show what we as marshals do and to seek new members, whether new to marshalling or just new members of our club. The member's components of the website are more of a repository of information, providing a valuable resource for all things marshal and to provide access to local regional websites full of useful information, newsletter and contact details.

The website does need some tender loving care and various parts simplifying. This is high on my agenda for the next 12 months.

- To simplify the login, registration, application and forgotten password system to make this obvious to all.

Hopefully this will tempt more members to use the site.

- Continue to enhance the website with better content, layout and intuitive navigation.

As of 21/11/2016...

- We have 2219 active members
- 817 of these have never logged in to the website or volunteering system
- For 95 members we do not have an email address

Region	Active Members	Never Logged in	Percentage
East Midlands	438	168	38%
North East	215	86	40%
North West	641	168	26%
Northern Ireland	55	43	78%
South East	402	154	38%
South Midlands	236	93	39%
South West	232	105	45%
	2219	817	36%

Sean Clarke
National I.T. Officer

National Speed and Hillclimb Officer's Report

A series of measures to reduce the performance of some cars was proposed by the main Speed committee, this caused an outcry from the members of the MSA Sprint and Hillclimb Sub- Committee and the affected competitors. Thankfully these proposals are now withdrawn. Proposals for a new starter class for beginners are out for consultation. Our meeting was given a briefing by the MSA Rallies manager on the effects of the Scottish governments inquiry into Rally and its effects on the sport and warned that now that they have concluded their work on Rallies, they appear to be targeting Sprints and Hill Climbs on the basis that they resemble special stages. His closing remark was that as far as safety went if you are not an Official, Marshal or Competitor you are a spectator even if you are an accredited Photographer. This so far has not been a good year for the sub committee

Mike Shorley
National Speed and Hillclimb Officer

Recruitment Officer's Report

Another reasonably successful recruiting season finished at the Brands Hatch BTCC event in October. Thanks to all those that gave up their marshalling time to help man the gazebo. This year over 830 potential new marshals have been signed up at various events including BTCC, Kophill, Race Retro, Autosport International Show and Silverstone Classic.

Next years BTCC dates have been published, which you can find in my report to Council. Help required at all events would be appreciated.

Another events to consider is the World RallyX at Lydden Hill 27/28th May and I am in talks with Louise Harwood at Goodwood re the possibility of a spot at the Revival and/or FOS meetings and, all though I don't hold up much hope, the British GP. Truck racing seems to attract a large crowd and may be worth pursuing, obviously I cannot attend all recruiting days and some will need to be manned by the Region's personnel but I am happy to attempt to arrange access etc if required

Taster days, firstly can Chairpersons please pass on my thanks to the taster day co-ordinators etc for their continuing support and help. This year to date we have had over 1300 requests via the BMCC website and from the various recruiting efforts. This is a massive task and should be duly recorded and supported.

Pete Wilson
National Recruitment Officer

Public Relations Officer's Report

Mercedes Tours

All the tours went very well and had some great feedback and well over subscribed, I have now been handed the reins to deal with Nicole (Paddy Lowe's PA) direct, Stephen Green has now passed everything to me, once I have new dates for next year (2017) I will let council know.

Carlin Factory Tour

2016 saw the 1st visit to Carlin Motorsport the tour went well with good interest hopefully we can follow this up with more in 2017, I have contacted Carlin again for more tours, no reply as yet once I do, I will inform council as and when I get more dates or info.

Overall Sponsorship

I have had several meetings and e-mail conversations with different companies who have expressed interest in BMMC marshal overalls re sponsorship for 2016 some good news some still ongoing, See Info Below

Autosport Network Inc

After countless phone calls and E-mails over a period of about 5 months I am happy to inform council that Autosport are a new sponsor of BMMC overalls, this is just a 12 month deal for now with an option for 2018, Autosport will Donate £2000 and supply badges, the badges have been ordered and should be with me by early December, I will do a press release and we can announce the news at the Autosport show if this is ok with council.

Pirelli Motorsport Tyres

Further to my report in September Pirelli are still interested but this might come late next year, following a meeting with Dave Scott (MSV) Pirelli UK could be interested, so I am keeping lines and options open, maybe something can be arranged in 2018 if any other sponsors pull out.

Reis Motorsport Insurance

As you know Reis are now one of our sponsors, they are heavily promoting safety and want the marshal's club to be a part of this, the sponsorship deal is a 3 year thing with £2000 per year, again same as Autosport the badges have been ordered and these will be delivered again first week in December, Mark from Reis would like all regions to place an advert in there newsletters, Mark will provide the advert, once I receive this I will send out to all regions, also Reis are at the Autosport Show in 2017 with a large stand next to NGK, they would like the marshals club to help and have a presence on their stand for the 4 days, thanks to Mike Grantham we have volunteers to help and Mark has been informed, Mark will provide passes for the marshals concerned, Reis are also looking into ways of helping and contributing to the BMMC in other ways, ideas they have is donating prizes for club members such as hospitality prizes at certain times of the year re raffle prizes, as and when I have more info I will inform council

Mercedes AMG

Through the factory tours I got in contact with the F1 marketing team at Mercedes AMG, they showed interest, I still have had no reply but again I will keep this open.

Demon Tweaks

Again showed interest but nothing concrete as yet and still no reply.

Vodafone

Again showed really good interest, e-mails replied too and awaiting further news, apologies but this has come to a dead end and they won't commit.

Sporting Memories Network

Discussions still ongoing, plus Tony hasn't been too well so postponed a couple of meetings but as and when we do I will let you know, re where we can help with the charity.

Social Media (Twitter)

The BMMC twitter account has no problems and is working fine.

Instagram (Social Media)

The new Instagram account is going well with no problems, still building up followers at the moment but its early days.

Mercedes Silverstone Bike Ride (2nd August)

Just wanted to say thank you to all regions involved (Midland, South Mids, South East plus anyone else) the bike ride was a huge success, this was a great event to be involved with and also keep close relations with for the future, hopefully we can help with anything they need in the future.

Cancer Research UK

After doing some volunteer work for CRUK, I was approached by staff from CRUK (keen motorsport fans) and we got into conversation about helping and advising marshal's re cancer and sun awareness, (something I am close too) they are interested in helping in some way, not sure what as yet, apologies to council but I have a reply from CRUK and Nivea and they cant do anything at this time but haven't ruled anything for the future, I will keep it open.

Paul Sutcliffe
Public Relations Officer

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Emergency Services Team.

Cadwell Park Emergency Services Team Report

Our car season presented the usual challenges and timing and schedule problems meant that finishing times and lunch breaks varied throughout the season, But I think that's the same for every track. We have been quite lucky with the weather this year.

We have continued to build great relationships with circuit management and staff, and they have always been helpful and supportive with our endeavours to improve facilities for marshals especially at marshals' posts.

There have been significant groundworks during the year to improve safety, facilities and access to posts for marshals. Most of this work has enhanced facilities for marshals though there are one or two ongoing issues which will be addressed over the closed season.

One further point of note is that we created a reference point for marshals regarding recommended flag points by taking photos of the recommended flag points and including them in the post chief's briefing folder for each race meeting.

Re. Marshall manning levels

Manning levels for 2016 have been fair to good.

Mark Jarvis

Cadwell Park Emergency Services Team