



British Motorsports Marshals' Club

**ANNUAL REPORT
2017**

2017 Annual General Meeting Minutes



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BRITISH MOTORSPORTS MARSHALS' CLUB LIMITED

Minutes of 60th AGM – 3rd December 2017 at The Jury's Inn, Milton Keynes.

Present

Council Members

Nadine Lewis; Stephen Woolfe; Colin Barnes; Mike Cadwallader; John Watson; Mike Grantham; Dave Reed; Sean Clarke; Robert Coursey; Mike Shorley; Peter Wilson; Lynne Kendall; Neil Stretton; Eric Ridler; Chris Whitlock; Steve Malec; Ian Berry; Chris Whitlock.

Members

George Copeland; June Copeland; Adrian Cashmore; Paul Harris; Lesley Harris; Ben Harris; Phil Smith;

Apologies

Steve Hill; Paul Sutcliffe ; Wendi Bateson; Bob Wright; Nigel Adams; Jon Cordery.

Previous Minutes

The Minutes of the 59th AGM of BMMC Ltd held on 6th December 2016 were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

Proposed: Chris Hobson Seconded: Mike Cadwallader

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

Chairman's Report – See attached

Treasurer's Report – See attached

Secretaries Report – See attached

Appointment of Accountants

Booths Ainsworth were retained as the Company's accountants for the ensuing year.

Proposed: Colin Barnes Seconded: Chris Hobson

Election of Club Officers

Election of Club Officers - In accordance with Club Rule J.3.2 Colin Barnes, Treasurer, retired on rotation and was duly re-elected.

Annual Awards:

The Chair expressed disappointment at the lack of nominations and therefore the meeting agreed to extend the closing date for nominations to 31st December 2017. Thereafter Council will vote, by email, early in January 2018.

There being no other business, the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chair, at 15.16pm.

Stephen Woolfe
Club Secretary

Approved on 2nd December 2018

Chair – Nadine Lewis

Secretary Stephen Woolfe

Directors' Reports

National Chairman's Report

This is my first report as National Chairman. And I am honoured to be in this position as we celebrate our 60th anniversary. Celebrations are taking place across the regions - taking a variety of forms and a goodie bag with a USB marshal was provided to our members. We have also launched a range of team wear available at cost which has been widely purchased.

Maintaining our membership will always be a challenge with so many other attractions away from the sport. I am pleased however to confirm that our membership has increased this year to over 2,300 for the first time in recent years. Special thanks to Team Wilson for their recruitment efforts at British Touring car meetings. But also thanks to our regional recruiters and taster day organisers – your efforts are not going unnoticed and we can continue to build on this growing momentum.

We must however not forget our stalwarts and longer standing members. We need to support them with their upgrading, encourage them to share experiences with our newbies and ensure we keep hold of their vast experience. Steve Malec and his regional grading officers all provide support and knowledge to members especially as the MSA continues to check PRCs. Further checks were again made this year and is now an annual process which could delay the issue of your MSA licence.

We have continued our representation on a large number of MSA committees, these include Race Committee, Marshals Working Group, Volunteer Officials Advisory Panel, the Association of British Motor Racing Clubs (ABMRC) and the Sprint and Hillclimb committee. We are certainly highly regarded in the establishment and have made some great progress in the area of marshal conditions, and continue to work hard to ensure training is up to date and the grading scheme is robust and workable for all.

The Fatal Accident inquiry into the unfortunate incidents on the Snowman and Jim Clark rallies has just been published. The MSA are reviewing the Sheriffs recommendations and matters for consideration and further recommendations will be issued in due course. The online training required by the MSA for rally marshals has had a high completion rate but a reminder to all if you have not yet completed, this will affect the issue of your MSA licence.

My aim is for us to become the “go to” organisation for all aspects of marshalling – training, Grading and volunteering. We need to be able to assist new recruits to find their way, encourage members to upgrade and to ensure all marshals are looked after along the way.

We have recently joined all Regional Associations and look forward to working closely with them and the Regional Development Officers – offering our assistance as marshals for their events and trainers for their clubs. With the hope that we can encourage some of their members to become marshals too!

The training we offer our members and non-members is second to none thanks to our regional training officers. Although we are supported by the Training Trust we do need to cover any shortfall in their pay outs.

Our Social Media identity and IT systems are fundamental in ensuring the new internet savvy members and future members have access to information at the click of a button. The volunteering system and websites are due a refurbishment to ensure that everyone is getting the best out of them both – this is a top priority for 2018 so watch this space!

Colin has done an excellent job as our National Treasurer and I am pleased he is staying on for a further three year term. Our finances are in good health and our budgets are planned sensibly going forward. Working closely with our PRO Paul and Colin ensure our continued support from sponsors.

Thanks also to Steve as National Secretary for steering Council meetings and ensuring we are running the club correctly.

I would like to conclude by offering my thanks to all regional committees and members of Council for their hard work running this club. We must all remember that this club is run by marshals for marshals. I look forward to continuing our efforts to put our club at the forefront of marshalling in the UK and abroad – supporting new and experienced members alike.

Nadine Lewis
National Chairman

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NATIONAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Year 2 is never easy – you can't hide behind the blissful ignorance of your 1st year in such a position, but I trust that my knowledge and appreciation of how motorsport is conducted and organised has improved.

From a secretarial point of view we streamlined the format of meetings in 2017 by reducing the number of full Council meetings to two and supplementing them with two Directors only meetings. We feel this has worked well and this format will continue into 2018.

Many thanks to all of Council for your prompt reports as well as your proof reading of my minutes. It's never easy to capture accurately over 4 hours of discussion and trying to contribute to the debate as well.

Looking back over the year, obviously our 60th anniversary has been one of the main focuses of our efforts and my contribution, aided by Directors and Council has been twofold. Firstly to help Mike Thorogood draft our 60th anniversary article in the MSA Magazine.

Secondly we submitted an application to the MSA for Club of the Year which was my main focus for the latter part of the year.

I know the MSA article was well received and I hope that our COY will be similarly.

As a Club we have many challenges ahead – both on and off the track – whether its encouraging youth into our membership – and I fielded over 500 emails from our website for Taster days to dealing with the track hazards of Hybrids etc.

Stephen Woolfe
National Secretary

National Treasurer's Report

[1] 2016 Unaudited Accounts:

Under Club rules I am required to present suitably prepared accounts for 2016.

The accounts were approved at our May Council meeting and formally signed-off by our accountants on 7th June and duly filed at Companies House on 17th June 2017 thus fulfilling our statutory obligations and possibly setting a timing record in the process.

The accounts along with a summary commentary I prepared have been posted on 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: -

- In 2015 we returned a profit of £7,105 whereas in 2016 I am delighted to report a £24,457 loss! This was entirely attributable to your Council's decision to return funds to members by way of the 60th Diamond Anniversary "Goody Bag", an extra-ordinary expenditure of £30,450 including VAT. Without such expenditure we would have reported another good profit.
- As a result of the "Goody Bag" expenditure our Balance Sheet reserves fell to £98,544 (£123,022), still a strong position with £78,165 in bank balances – always a good measure of our financial position.
- On the face of it our Income & Expenditure account shows 103% recovery of training expenditure from British Motor Sports Training Trust, however adjusting for timing differences reduces this to just below 100%. We also recovered all recruitment costs incurred at BTCC events after allowing for a modest investment in new equipment for the Club.
- Our aim is to cover all essential operations and administration expenses, including £6,000 per annum insurance costs, from annual membership subscriptions. We therefore greatly appreciate the donations received, just shy of £10,000 in 2016, and sponsorship income to provide additional member benefits and bolster reserves. My 2016 report duly acknowledged the primary donors and sponsors in that year.

[2] 2017 Financial Performance:

As we approach the end of 2017 I am confident this will be another good year financially with our bank balances approaching £100,000 and as such I am pleased to confirm that Council has agreed there will be no increase in subscriptions for 2018 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 to -

MGCC (£1,500)
Project 8 BMW Racing Club (£2,060)
Donington (£1,200)
Kop Hill (£2,000)
Estate of Cliff Hammond (£7,143)
Hills Ford (£680)

I also wish to record our appreciation of the continuing efforts of Steve & Julie Hill who this year marked a milestone of 20 years of organising sprint event meetings and contributing surplus funds to the Club.

Where possible we have contained expenditure but there is limited scope for budget cuts.

[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 2017 we are indebted to -

NGK
TIGA Cars
MG Car Club

Polyflor
Cataclean
REIS Insurance
Autosport
Green Recycling

We hope most, if not all, will continue with us into 2018 and I am pleased to announce that in 2018 the Club will be able to increase the AWS subsidy to £55 which on current prices represents 100% of cost. The subsidy on FRS will continue at £16.

We must respect the support these companies provide and display their badges on our clothing.

[4] The BMMC Brand

This year we have applied to register as Trademarks –

1. The standard British Marshals' Club badge.
2. The standard B.M.M.C clothing logo.
3. The marshal figure (as per USB stick and heroes regalia)

Colin Barnes
National Treasurer

North West Region Chairman's Report

It is the way of the world that we suffer the loss of a member from time to time. Our great friend and long-standing colleague Peter Preston-Hough passed away in February. Peter was a committee stalwart, a former training officer and an invaluable vice-chairman. Trackside, he was an examining post chief, a speed clerk and coordinator for AMOC sprints. He is very much missed.

We have also lost one of the greatest friends our club ever had. Dear Tom Dooley passed away just weeks ago, so soon after he had celebrated his 90th birthday. Tom's legendary career in motorsport spans almost my entire lifetime.

A warning to us all of the perils of our wonderful hobby came at the MGCC meeting at Oulton Park on September 2. Our colleagues at Lakeside were ok, but the marshal's post was damaged and had to be left unmanned for the rest of the day on safety grounds. I remember also the flying debris fence at island out earlier in the season. We must all remember to remain alert and watchful at all times, and we must take advantage of the safety facilities provided. Self, colleagues, drivers, cars; in that order, please.

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 experience.

Moving on to committee business, I'd like to remind us all of our current regional award-holders. These awards are tangible recognition of ability, application, dedication, skill and teamwork.

Our regional awards were presented at our February training weekend. our winners for 2016 were:

the Cliff Hammond for best newcomer: Ross Lewis

the Bellini trophy for outstanding contribution: Stewart Carr

the Stan Foulds award for immense service: "old" David Williams

the Stuart Ashford trophy for the most deserving cadet marshal: David Bosman [David also won the National David Leslie award.]

the Fred Byatt award for extraordinary action: Alex Hammond

North West region is very fortunate to have a dedicated gang on committee. At every meeting, we discuss matters affecting our members. Many issues can be resolved locally, and serious matters are escalated to our National Council.

Examples of the live local and national issue are those of clean and convenient conveniences. Packed timetables and short midday-ish breaks. Our ever more important complement of lady marshals have raised the priority of facilities for marshals. Locally, we are working with Oulton and Ty Croes management. Nationally, our chair is talking with circuit owners and race organisers. We're not yet fully provisioned with clean and convenient conveniences, but we do expect further progress for 2018.

We are still maintaining membership at around the 630 mark. This fact reflects very well the work being done by our newly launched new marshal's liaison team. Natural wastage in early years is a fact of life in any organisation. We are attempting to stem that outflow. Once we have evidence to present, I anticipate this being the latest initiative that north region will present to Council.

Recruitment-wise, we have gathered 265 expressions of interest from 16 sources, entertained 101 on taster days and signed-up 43 new members this year. This conversion rate is outstanding against external recruitment norms and is up 2% on anything we have previously achieved.

The training days in March were well supported by our members with over 300 in attendance over the weekend.

Thanks to all the trainers who supported us over the weekend, as well as those other helpers who signing on, assisted the fire training and especially the cyclists who provided their novel support for the practical flag training session.

MSV were supportive of the training as usual, giving their permission for us to do the gas rig fire training at Oulton Park and for our continued use of the Fogarty moss centre over the weekend. Planning for the training in 2018 has already started and dates of 10th & 11th March have been agreed with MSV. The final details and volunteering forms will go live shortly.

Looking at grading, 37 upgrades have been processed and sent to Steve Malec (NGO) this season.

This year's speed events covered the region from north to south and as far west as Anglesey, and were personned by our dedicated band of enthusiastic BMMC members.

North region's on-line volunteering, is now firmly established. A system developed by marshals for marshals. perfect!

We do also have a good gang of rally marshals in the north west. Some of us do the bank and the forest! It is a different discipline, and I can vouch for the eye-opening experience (my one day foray into the unknown!).

Last, but by no means least, I offer our thanks to our 2 local race organising clubs, BARC (NW) and BRSCC (NW) together with MSVR, HSCC, CSCC, MGCC etc who bring such excellent race meetings to our two circuits.

M C Cadwallader
North West Region Chairman

North East Chairman's Report

Our Region's 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 and now verified by the MSA. 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 and Track marshals who required signatures. Theory sessions were held at our new venue, The Brackenborough Hotel in Louth with practical sessions at Cadwell Park. As the days have been very well received, the NE region will again be holding 2 Training Days in 2018, one in February and one in November. Our congratulations and thanks go to Lynne Kendall, our National Training Officer and N.E. Region Training Officer, for organising and conducting very professional and enjoyable days. Rally Marshal Training was dramatically changed last year by the MSA, with the basics of Rally Marshalling being completed on-line.

2017 will 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.

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 Blyton who hold Speed and Rallycross events.

It is refreshing to see that our retention of Marshals has improved along with an increase in our Regions membership. We in the N.E. Region have been privileged to have a dedicated team dealing with recruitment at the slightest of opportunities, either with recruitment stands on several occasions at different events or with talking to the general public over the fence at events during Race, Speed and Rally events. I would like to thank our Regional members, Elaine Comerford and Kati McHugh for their untiring help in ensuring that the Recruitment events were such a success with over 150 names taken and followed up. A great number of Taster Days have been held this year and I thank Mark Jarvis and his team of Taster Guides for their excellent effort. The living proof of their success along with Peter Wilson and his team is the increasing number of BMMC numbers.

It is also refreshing to see that our Regions Regalia sales have increased considerably, and we believe that this is down to Members impulse buying on being able to physically see what is available when they turn up to sign on. Oh, and by the way, our Regions Regalia Rep has managed to considerably increase sales by carrying just one medium size suitcase in the boot of his car.

The N.E. Region AGM was held on November 18th. 2017 when our Regional Secretary David Tasker was re-elected and the formal election of Dan Ashton, (Kart), Rob Miller, (Rally), and Committee Member Peter Howarth, which brings the N.E. Regional Committee finally up to full strength after many years of existing Committee Members have to take on additional roles. Regional awards were presented at the Social event which followed the AGM, and the worthy recipients were as follows:-

Cadet Marshal of the Year
Newcomer of the Year
Race Marshal of the Year
Rally Marshal of the Year
Speed Marshal of the Year
Specialist Marshal of the Year

Jack Kennedy
Alex Brown
Graham Drury
Ray Beamish
Craig Senior
Paul Overhand

As this year ends, we now look forward to 2018, 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 given me and for what they have done throughout the year, and finally to congratulate the Regions award winners on their achievements.

Stay safe and enjoy your chosen discipline in 2018,

John Watson
North East Region Chairman.

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Midland Region Chairman's Report

We got the year underway with our training days at Donington, all of the sessions were very well received and attended. I had the pleasure of presenting a couple of national awards, the Unipart / National marshal of the year trophy to Dan Brough and the John Nicol / National Newcomer trophy to Rachel Page, congratulations again to them both. Many thanks to Jim and his helpers for arranging and running the training days.

Both of the BMMC sprints at Curborough were well supported and ran without any problems. The May sprint marked the 20th anniversary of this popular event and marshals were presented with an anniversary celebration t shirt at sign on. Many thanks to Steve and Julie for their continuing commitment to the sprints. Unconfirmed dates for next year are: 12th May and 25th August.

Once again, our tasterdays have been a great success, Jayne and the team had initially programmed for five sessions during the year, but had to add an extra one to accommodate demand. The team also carried out a recruitment programme at BTCC and the historic weekend at Donington and also at the British GP all of the names of that were taken were filtered into the tasterday program. Thank you to Jayne and the team and Donington for their help throughout the year.

The Midlands region membership numbers seem to have stabilised during 2017. We only had 29 non-renewals, which is less than last year and 42 new members during the year. A number of these were returning members.

Our final event of the year in the Midlands Region is the Orange Army Christmas party on the 2nd December. This year's party is also a celebration of the 60th Anniversary of the BMMC The event is being held at the Hilton Hotel, East Midlands Airport. As usual our regional trophies will be awarded during the evening. Thank you Julian and Rachel for putting the party together.

As we all know MSV have taken over the running of Donington and whilst a couple of obvious structural changes have occurred I have nothing further to report at this moment.

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 team for all of your support and help throughout the year.

Mike Grantham
Midlands Region Chairman.

South Midlands Region Chairman's Report

The year started well with the Annual Training Weekend at Rockingham in January, two days of lively theory and practical training that was a big hit with all those who attended. There were a few hiccups during the weekend but none that could not be resolved and any suggestions from the attendees as to how we could improve the event for next year have been taken on board. Elaine Brice our training organiser was interviewed by the local media and duly reported in the press.

Normally in February we have a stand at the Historic Car Show; Race Retro, at Stoneleigh but this year Council decided not to attend the show, as the cost did not justify the number of names of potential new members we were taking on the stand, and that the money we were spending on the show could be put to better use in other ways in promoting the club. Not attending the show made the month very quiet for the region.

The first time the recruiting stand came out was for the Silverstone Classic in July, the stand, was as usual by the Ferris Wheel on the village green area, those of you who don't know where that is, it is at the Wellington Straight end of Copse Runway. Now you know where it is you can come and say hello next year. We had a good turnout of volunteers to man the stand and took quite a number of names from all over the country, as you would expect for a meeting like the Classic. The weather was as usual changeable to say the least, and the inevitable happened when we were packing down on the Sunday the heavens opened.

In August, the regional committee organised a bar-b-q at the Silverstone Village Sports and Social Club to celebrate BMMC's 60th anniversary. The number of our members who attended was disappointing, but the comments that were made by those who did, were very favourable and that the effort the committee put in was well worth it.

The recruiting stand was also in attendance at the Kop Hill Climb in September, again not many names but that was in some ways due to the bad weather on Saturday and the lack of help on the stand all weekend. If you have never been to Kop Hill either to spectate, marshal or help in other ways, then you should make an effort to attend next year, it really is a good event to go to, one where you can take all the family, including the dog.

The number of members in the region has again remained steady this year at around 245, however the number of members upgrading has fallen, which is rather worrying, if the trend continues then there will be nobody to fill the places of the more experienced marshals when they retire through age. It is however a trend that is being experienced throughout the club and is causing a lot of concern at National Council. If you can, please upgrade next year and help the club to provide an experienced and knowledgeable workforce of marshals.

The number of our members who volunteered through the clubs website is steadily increasing year on year which again is good. I know there have been one or two teething problems since the system started, but they are being sorted out and not all of the problems are down to the club.

In October we held the regional AGM and Dinner where the guest of honour was Barry Williams our President, who gave a short address to conclude the evening. Although not in the best of health he was still highly amusing in his own inimitably style and as usual very supportive of the club and all that we do.

Finally I would like to thank all of the committee for their hard work during the year without them the region would not function; they all work tremendously hard in their various roles.

As this is my final report I would like to thank you all for your support and help over the 21 years I have been on the committee and I hope you will give my successor the support you have given me.

Paul Harris
Chairman South Midland Region

South East Region Chairman's Report

2017 PROGRESS vs OBJECTIVES

* SE Region membership exceeded expectations (see below), and the membership grew by almost 10%. We have to assume that we (SE Committee) is doing something right, in order to attract new members, and retain the vast majority. 11 Taster Days were held at Brands Hatch, compared with 6 in the previous year. The addition of "morning tours" to Taster Days has been a great success.

Southeast membership 2017 2016 2015 2014 2013 2012

Membership total	437	400	380	392	385	366
Non Renewals	28	31	60	37	59	62

- * Communications to members remains good via newsletter and website.
- * Communications from members to newsletter is of high quality but a low volume.
- * Response to queries from members to individual SE Committee members is prompt and of high quality, with issues being competently dealt with.
- * Snetterton & Non-"Race" members communication is poor. Snetterton is very much a BRSCC "stronghold", with BMMC (SE) only having 81 members who are "Snett" regulars, and SE Committee has yet to find a way of "involving" Snetterton members in SE Committee affairs. Non-"Race" members will be represented, to some extent, by our new SE Regalia Officer, who "dabbles" in rallying events.
- * GoMotorsport and ASEMC initiatives have been "fair", with the former's bi-monthly update of forthcoming events and appeals for marshals from individual clubs always posted on to the SE website. None of the ASEMC committee meetings was attended by any member of SE Committee (apart from the ASEMC AGM in November).
- * Expenditure (Nov16-Oct 17): £808, i.e. <£2 per member p.a. SE Committee gives SE members good vfm, we believe.

2017 SE REGION AGM

This was held on 1st November at Brands Hatch, once again; the event being heavily sponsored by MSV. The usual suspects were present, there being 22 members and 11 SE Committee members present. There was an overall very ++ve atmosphere, especially as we could announce very encouraging membership growth news. There was lively discussion regarding the BMMC on-line volunteering, which continues with unresolved issues.

NEW APPOINTMENTS

The SE Training Coordinator and Regalia Officer appointments were both ratified, and there is significant optimism for 2018 with both appointments. Already, since the appointment of a new Regalia Officer was ratified at the Se AGM in November, there have been almost £60's worth of regalia sales.

BMMC 70th ANNIVERSARY PRIZE DRAW

As mentioned in previous reports, the response of members to this draw was "underwhelming", but at least we marked the anniversary with this excellent prize, courtesy of MSV and MSVR, who sponsored all 6 draws. At least we had 6 very chuffed members during the year...and one (of the club's longest-serving members) who entered the draw on every occasion.....and still didn't win!

Overall, a very satisfactory year, but one on which SE Committee intends to improve in 2018.

Neil Stretton
South-East Region Chairman.

South West Region Chairman's Report

Wendi Batteson
South West Region Chairman.

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Northern Ireland Region Chairman's Report

2017 proved to be a rather difficult year for our Region.

At the start of the year it was announced that our biggest event The International Circuit of Ireland Rally had been cancelled .

In March local trainers Rory and Duncan organised our Annual Training Day with old friend Jim Whitaker from the Midlands Region leading the Training Day.

For the first time in many years our Regional Chairman did not attend but it was a great shock ten days later to receive his letter of resignation along with partner Julie ,our Treasurer.

A committee meeting was called and both myself and Roy Bowman were persuaded to take on the role of Chairman and Treasurer .

The first round of our Sprint Championship almost ended in disaster when a young female marshal , not a member , was critically injured after being hit by a Radicial racing car. Thankfully she is making a full recovery and continues to attend events.

On the racing front the news was much more encouraging with for the first time in many years we received sponsorship for our Formula Ford Championship. Local company Dawson-Wam put up a prize fund of £10,000 which was an incentive for some great racing during the season. The visit in June by the BRSCC Formula Ford drivers give us two days of action packed racing.

During the season Membership Sec. Goff ran several Taster days at Kirkistown raising membership from the mid fifties to 65

The Ulster Rally was one of our biggest events with local members covering timekeeping , radio , rescue and stage marshalling.

Our Rescue Unit had another busy year covering no less than 16 events including the three day Ulster Rally.

Insurance problems continue to concern Motorsport Ireland with the latest news that the famous International Galway Rally has been cancelled.

The region have been recognised for their support of motorsport both North and South and continue to play a vital role in ensuring that events run as safely as possible.

Our season ended with a very successful 60th anniversary Dinner with National Chair Nadine and Ian in attendance. A raffle on the night also raised £120 for the new N.I. Air Ambulance Service.

Robert Coursey
Northern Ireland. Chairman.

British Rally Marshals' Club Chairman's Report

The year started early for members of the BRMC attending the Autosport International show at the NEC Birmingham in January; where we had a stand. Plans are already afoot to attend the 2018 show and we can be found on Stand 7166 in Hall 7.

The Fatal Accident Inquiry into the unfortunate incidents on the Snowman Rally (2013) and the Jim Clark Rally (2014) was published in November and is 182 pages long covering all aspects of what happened. The FAI was not about apportioning blame it was about finding out what happened and what went wrong on those two terrible days. It will take some time for the sport to absorb what is covered by the report. The Sheriff made 12 recommendations and 11 matters for consideration and whilst some of the recommendations are already covered by Rally Future they will no doubt be reviewed by the MSA in due course.

Once again, the Club was well represented on Wales Rally GB with Scott Fitzpatrick and Ian Evans and their teams organising Aberhirnant and Alwen stages respectively. As well as other members covering a variety of duties that are required to make the event a success. Congratulations to Elfyn Evans who made history by becoming the first British driver to win Britain's round of the FIA World Rally Championship in 17 years, and the first Welsh driver ever to win any event on the globe-trotting WRC calendar. Just remember that the 2018 event is at the beginning of October, as GB has changed places with Spain.

Training has been a high priority for the Club again with 164 people being trained at 4 venues across the Midlands and Wales. 2018 hopefully sees the Club returning to 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.

Next year will see the first closed road rally in England, the Corbeau Seats Rally Tendring & Clacton which will take place on the Sunday 22nd April 2018 and I wish Chelmsford Motor Club all the very best for a good event. Hopefully it will not be long before the Welsh Assembly enables the necessary legislation to allow closed roads in Wales and now that the FAI report has been published the process can commence in Scotland enabling the Mull Rally to run again in its traditional format as a closed road event.

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.

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

Jon Cordery
BRMC Chairman.

Executive Officers' Reports

National Membership Secretary's Report

This year has been my third full year as National Membership Secretary, the role has again been challenging and I now realise very time consuming. November through to April have been the busiest with renewals to send out and new membership applications to be processed.

Renewals had continued to arrive throughout the year, last renewal was received in September! I believe the distribution of the 60th Anniversary pack helped to decrease the number of non-renewals this year.

Membership has increased this year above that of recent years, November / December are still to be added at the end of the year, total membership is looking encouraging. The anniversary gift, Taster Days and fewer non renewals have contributed to this increase. We should all be pleased with our efforts, however, not become complacent as 2018 is another year.

The tables below show the distribution of new members and current overall membership of our regions, it should be taken into account that each regions area vary in size, density of population and the number of motorsport activities occurring.

NEW MEMBERS

Currently we have had 250 new members join the club so far in 2017, breakdown as follows:-

	EM	NE	NW	NI	SE	SM	SW	Total
Jan	5	2	6	0	5	0	5	23
Feb	4	0	3	1	6	5	8	27
Mar	3	5	10	0	11	0	4	33
Apr	5	6	8	0	4	0	5	28
May	5	8	3	0	7	6	5	34
Jun	5	9	4	1	3	4	1	27
Jul	3	0	3	2	10	1	1	20
Aug	1	1	5	1	7	2	6	23
Sept	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Oct	4	4	9	0	6	0	5	28
Nov			6					6
Total	36	35	57	5	59	18	40	250

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP

The current membership total stands at 2317 with November / December to be added at

the end of the year. This shows an increase on last year already.

Region	31/12/15	31/12/16	02/11/17
EM	455	441	443
NE	219	216	229
NW	642	647	640
NI	53	55	59
SE	387	414	440
SM	241	237	245
SW	213	240	261
Total	2210	2250	2317

RENEWALS 2018

Totals	at 31 st December
2012	2200
2013	2229
2014	2278
2015	2210
2016	2250

Membership renewals have commenced, all Life and

Honorary members have been sent 2018 membership cards. The bulk of renewals will be sent out in January following collection of the membership fee by direct debit.

Dave Reed
National Membership Secretary

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National Grading Officer's Report

Grading

Comparison of the numbers of BMMC upgrades over the last five years is shown in the table below.

UPGRADES COMPARISON BY YEAR				
	To	Total	Breakdown	
			"Marshal" level	"Experienced" and above [X grades shown in brackets]
2017	19 th November	121	54	67[2]
2016	Full year	134	76	58 [4]
2015	Full year	168	103	65 [4]
2014	Full year	167	90	70 [6]
2013	Full year	166	107	59 [3]

This still shows a gradual decline in the numbers of members upgrading through the BMMC. However it may be interesting to note that the drop in numbers is confined to upgrades to Marshal level, the first step on the ladder.

Numbers for upgrades to Experienced level and above are stable, and slightly higher this year

On a positive note, virtually all of the upgrades I receive now include properly completed PRCs. The information about how a PRC should be completed is freely available on the MSA and BMMC websites, but all too often seems to have been overlooked by members. Credit for the improvement is largely due to those hard working Regional Grading Officers who are continually informing, educating, and nagging the membership.

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.

We have continued to monitor and review the financial processes in terms of training expenses and travel claims, along with the BMSTT funding grants to ensure that procedures continue to work cohesively between regional officers, national officers, our external bookkeeper and the MSA. This helps the efficient collation of data, payments and future analysis moving forward.

2017 BMMC Training Days

BMMC organised over 15 training events in 2017 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. At the planning stages it was thought that BMMC would be delivering training to approximately 1120 marshals at a planned cost of £35½k (with an approved total budget of £30253).

Final figures show that actually 841 people attended training (although it is to be noted that some of these individuals may have attended more than one event, so this does not necessarily represent the actual number of individuals) at a total cost of £25344.63.

Analysis of all feedback forms from the events has taken place with an average of 74% return rate being seen – the highest being NE with 100% and the lowest being NW with 46%. I would remind all members that completing and handing in evaluation forms at training events is crucial – not only to ensure funds can be reimbursed by the BMSTT/MSA but also to help your club develop and improve training events.

In terms of overall average satisfaction of the training days, 56% rated the events as Excellent, 35% rated as Good – only 2% rated them as Fair and 7% were left blank.

This means that an overall 91% deemed BMMC training events to be Good or better in 2017.

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.

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 2018 BMMC Training Days

At the time of writing this report, the BMMC has already made head way with planning events for 2018, which also includes applying for BMSTT funding to cover the costs.

Provisional Dates for Training Days at the moment are:

- 21 January - Donington Park organised by Midlands Region – for all disciplines
- 21 January - Rockingham Raceway organised by South Midlands Region – for Race
- 27 January - Donington Park organised by Midlands Region – for Race
- 28 January - Donington Park organised by Midlands Region – for Race
- 18 February - Louth organised by North East Region – for Race
- 25 February - Telford Innovation Campus organised by BRMC – for Rally
- 10 March - Boscombe Down Aviation Centre organised by South West Region – for Karts
- 10 March - Oulton Park organised by North West Region – for Race and Speed
- 11 March - Oulton Park organised by North West Region – for Race and Speed
- 11 March - Kirkistown organised by Northern Ireland Region – for Race, Speed and Rally
- 18 March - Derby University organised by BRMC – for Rally
- 8 April - Oxford Brooks University organised by BRMC – for Rally
- 20 May - Llandrindod Wells organised by BRMC – for Rally
- TBC June - Oulton Park organised by North West Region – for Race and Speed
- TBC October - Louth & Cadwell Park organised by North East Region – for Race
- TBC - WRGB South & Midlands organised by BRMC – for Rally
- TBC - WRGB Midlands organised by BRMC – for Rally

In addition, 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.

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 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 and also dealing with Hybrid and Electric vehicles. 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

BMMC Teamwear: Early this year the club launched a range of leisure wear supplied by Bestworkwear Ltd our Hi-Vis clothing suppliers. Sales to date have exceeded expectations. Recently we added a printed T-Shirt to the range and will continue to add suitable items in the future.

Regalia sales for 2017 show a slight improvement on last year however sales 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 2018: We have a stand at the show (8232) and it is smaller than this year.

It is located near to the Live Arena entrance and exit, so hopefully the footfall will be still be good enough.

Eric Ridler

National Regalia Officer

Autosport Show Stand Manager.

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National Competition Secretary's Report

National I.T. Officer's Report

Aims and Objectives – Progress

BMMC Website

1. Implement a better website architecture to allow for an improved overall design, better mobile friendly website pages and a better-quality member and visitor experience. Ongoing
2. To simplify the login, registration, application and forgotten password system to make this obvious to all. Completed
3. Add an online member application system. Not started
4. Continue to enhance the website with better content, layout and intuitive navigation for both member and non-members. Ongoing

BMMC Volunteering System

1. To continue to refine and tune the existing volunteering system. Ongoing
 2. Implement some new membership types to allow other clubs, honorary members, ex-members/marshals and friends and family gain access to various parts of the website and to allow the BMMC to promote themselves to a wider audience. Ongoing
- Seeking clarification
3. Create a definitive list of enhancements to the volunteering system and prioritise them for development. Completed

BMMC Technical Systems

1. Audit the existing IT infrastructure to provide a definitive list of all technical assets, their costs and renewal details. Completed
2. Ensure that a plan is in place for all renewals and payments. Liaise with the National Treasurer to ensure payment methods are in place for all ongoing renewals. Completed
3. Plan for the future growth of BMMC technically. In progress

BMMC Website Updates

New look BMMC website

Development of an updated theme for the BMMC website continues. The layout will be similar to the current website with a revised focus on the design of the site to make sure that it works on all screen sizes perfectly. The current site tries this but fails in many ways.

The news section will be much more focused and is displayed in a much better manner, be more visual and will help us to provide a better way to communicate with our members.

The site is more photographic; better photographs within the news system, page headers and generally throughout the site.

Each page within the site will be updated to add in some more photographs, graphs, tables, bullet lists, diagrams etc... to make the site more appealing to everyone.

Once the main BMMC is complete, this new layout will then be cloned to the regional sites, allowing the regional site administrators to also update their associated content.

The site navigation is also being reviewed to allow visitors to find the content they are looking for more easily.

A new site wide search facility is being created to make it each to find any content, news article or document within the site.

Timescale: I am looking to complete the initial site update by mid December 2017 with a view to getting the main BMMC updated by the end of February 2018.

System Developer

Since the departure of the original developers we have not had a team of developers capable of maintaining both the membership database and the volunteering system. We need to engage a third-party development agency to provide us with the capability of maintaining, fixing, developing and enhancing these two key systems.

A tender document has been written and provided to some third-party agencies who have confirmed their capability and interest to manage our systems. They have provided an overview of their company and have signed non-disclosure documents, as they will be exposed to members personal information as part of their capability review of our systems.

Their proposals are currently being reviewed so that a suitable team of developers can be put in place.

A list of current bugs, amendments, feature improvements and nice-to-haves has also been collated and is being provided to the chosen agency.

I expect to have all of this in place by 1st December 2017.

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

With the new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) guidelines coming into effect on 25th May 2018, I am updating the BMMC Data Security Policy to ensure that we are in line with these new guidelines.

Sean Clarke
National IT Officer.

National Speed and Hillclimb Officer's Report

There have been 3 meetings of the MSA Sprint and Hill Climb Sub Committee this year. Subjects discussed include;

Methanol, Colouring flames and distinct smell

Electric and Hybrid Vehicles

Tyre Warming

Junior Competitors 14 Plus

Gas Cylinders in the Paddock

Starting Methods

Safety, The Rally Safety document

The major discussion this year has been on Safety Documentation and the possible effect of the Scottish Fatal Accident Enquiry Report following 4 Spectator death in Scottish Rallying in 2015. A document similar to the Rally Future document has been developed for Sprint and Hill Climbs with an emphasis on Risk Analysis and written Safety Plans. Although the document which is thankfully much shorter will require extra paperwork which is always a drag it should not have too great an impact on the established fixed venues and organisers but may be quite time consuming and problematic for smaller events running on rarely used venues.

A guide to Organisers on Hybrid and Electric Cars in Speed events has been developed and has hopefully now been published. Part of the impetus for this document was my request for an update on the MSA Incident procedure issued in 2014 which started off put your right hand in your right hand pocket! The guidance is based upon the Manufactures First Responder Guides that I understand has been issued to the Fire Services and includes a detailed instruction on how to deal with incidents and crucially with Battery fires. Battery fires can only be dealt with using very large quantities of water and could take up to 24 hours to extinguish. The likelihood of these fires occurring at Speed events is not discussed.

I have been invited back onto the Committee for 2018.

Mike Shorley

National Speed and Hillclimb Officer.

Recruitment Officer's Report

Another successful years recruiting, thanks to all for your support.

From our National Membership Secretary's report new member figures are up which is very encouraging. We will be continuing recruiting with the BTCC for a 12th year and, hopefully, recruiting at rally events. From this year the Welsh Rally GB and single venue stages rallies seem to be the way to go but I am open to suggestions.

Continuing with taster days is essential and should be supported and encouraged.

As always extra help will be much appreciated when recruiting in your own particular Region.

Pete Wilson

National Recruitment Officer

Public Relations Officer's Report

Mercedes Tours

2017 has been an excellent year again for the tours, every date was oversubscribed, I have thanked Nicole and her team for the support and effort that goes into organising each one, I am waiting on dates for 2018 as soon as these are available I will let you know.

Overall Sponsorship.

Autosport Network Inc

Payment was finally made for 2017, I do apologise for the lateness of payment, I have been in touch with Sunita for 2018 and I am still awaiting a reply, so anything we do receive will be a bonus.

Reis Motorsport Insurance

I am in talks again with Mark for the 2018, Mark has been grateful for the support, there was a question mark over the badges re marshals putting them on the overalls, hopefully this was just a blip, he has pledged for support for 2018 but we need to finalise some items I am meeting Mark with Colin in a date to be arranged, once with have more I can then update council.

Green Recycling

Great support again from Rob and his team for 2017 but I am still awaiting there plans for 2018, once I have this again council will be notified.

Talent Drinks re BTCC

As you may know talent drinks got in touch via Peter, Daniel has kindly donated a bottle of his new drink which is in association with Rob Austin, Daniel is happy to continue with the promotion and I am meeting with him at the Autosport Show in January to layout some new plans for 2018.

Daytona Motorsport

Everything is in place for BMMC members to get there discount, Daytona seem really happy with everything at the minute, I have had nothing or any queries re any problems, if anyone has booked a day or used them can you let me know re feedback, I haven't as yet but plan to in the near future.

Derek Johnston Crash helmet Crowd Funding

After a slow start and some issues with rules and regulations we got there in end, we raised over £600, I thanked Derek and the British GT for all there help, the lucky winner was Susan Watson an ex marshal from Oxford.

Social Media (Twitter)

The BMMC twitter account has no problems and is working fine, can we please if you have any news or announcements, no matter how small can you let me know so we can promote on SM. Twitter followers stand 1900 and growing.

Instagram (Social Media)

The new Instagram account is going well with no problems, still building up followers and growing every day, again any announcements please let me know. Instagram has around 350 followers but I am trying and working hard to get more.

National Facebook Page

The new National Facebook page is working well we have currently about 680 who have liked the page, we are always getting more but its slow going please can you promote as and when you can, again it's for all to use so please let Nadine or myself know of anything you want on there.

Paul Sutcliffe

Nation Public Relation Officer

Non-Executive Officers Reports

Cadwell Park Emergency Services Team Report

Season 2017 has been my first in the position as Cadwell Park ES Rep and we have had another good season of racing. Between April and September we have had 17 days of racing, plus our regions 2 Training Days (practical and classroom sessions) which started and finished our season. The ES team has been kept busy on most days with numerous incidents occurring all around the circuit. Full credit should go to all our marshals involved for their professionalism in dealing with the incidents, especially the few major shunts which caused some lengthy delays because of serious damage to the circuit with both tyre wall and barrier repairs required. Their swift actions and assists to the circuit staff kept time delays to a minimum and allowed the rest of the days race programme to continue.

As like previous years, on some of the race days we have been tight on manpower, other meetings on the same days as ours at other circuits have always effected our manning levels, let us hope that the new marshals joining via the Taster Days in our region will help with this.

Cadwell Park has a new circuit manager in Paul Woodford who has joined MSV, he appears very switched on to his position as the season has progressed. He is very friendly and approachable so we look forward to a good working relationship with him.

Whilst marshalling this year I have spoken to other marshals, and looked at all the posts and from this have composed a "snagging list" of problems that are of concern to us (copy on my AGM report). This has been forwarded to Paul (circuit manager) and also shown to the NE Region Committee.

Looking forward to a good season in 2018.

Nigel Adams
Cadwell Park ES REP.

Donington Park Emergency Services Team Report

MSV TAKEOVER OF DONINGTON PARK RACE CIRCUIT;

Since the Competition Commission made their decision, this has been the main talking point at Donington and although there are many rumours of what may be happening, I have nothing concrete to report.

SALOON CAR TOWING EYES;

At the beginning of the 2017 season, a procedure was introduced at Donington, whereby in the event of any car suffering a failure of the towing eye during a snatch, a polite written request would be given to the driver and if necessary the Team Manager. Over the past couple of years much work has been done to improve towing facilities on cars with the result that there has only been 3 failures reported, during this season.

2017 DONINGTON MEETINGS STATISTICS;

There were 30 race days during 2017.

6 days had late starts varying from 1 to 7 minutes.

There were 7 late finishes of more than 10 minutes.(Worse case was 30 minutes late)

The main causes were, impossible timetables, noise measurements and difficult recoveries.

A total of 1944 days were marshalled by the team resulting in an average of 8.8 days per marshal during 2017 season.

COMMUNICATION;

Training days over many years have emphasised the importance of communication. As the representative for Donington, I have received many complaints from marshals over the last few seasons regarding the difficulty of climbing over concrete walls and tyre walls which have Recticel or Alpina foam barriers attached to them. Having seen Leon Haslam's recent crash at Brands Hatch I fully appreciate why these barriers are needed. I also hold the view that marshals need to be able to get to the track without risking injury if they are to be able to help riders and drivers, or simply to hand in reports. Long lengths of these barriers are a problem at Donington but this problem is not unique to Donington. I cannot resolve this problem because FIM, BSB and MSA etc are all involved so I have had to do a report which Nadine Lewis has forwarded to the MSA Technical Team. I find it hard to believe, that no one from the MSA Technical Team has acknowledged receipt of this problem or even contacted me to discuss it and possible solutions. A contact name would be useful if only to monitor progress and to know that an individual has ownership of the problem.

END OF SEASON MEAL;

At the end of the last race day of this season the ES Committee arranged a meal in the Pit Stop Cafe for any marshal who was able to attend, to say THANK YOU for their contribution to another successful season of racing.

NON ATTENDANCE AT BMMC COUNCIL MEETINGS;

At the beginning of this year the Chair indicated that some Council meetings would be for Directors only, but others could attend if they wished.

When I attended Council meetings previously in 2014/2015 I was concerned about the overall cost of these meetings in view of the number of attendees each requiring a place, lunch and possible expenses, and how the costs could be reduced. From my point of view, non attendance has not created any operational problems at all. The only possible disadvantage maybe, not having the opportunity to meet and chat with other Council members. To expand on this theme I would have no objection if any issues requiring Council assistance, were passed via the Midland Region Chair, providing attendance by an ES Committee member would be allowed if the issue needed an in depth explanation.

TRAINING/COACHING OF MARSHALS;

I am not sure if my report entitled, TRAINING AND RELATED TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION, which I produced in March 2017, has fallen on deaf ears. Donington ES Team Committee are actively looking at holding a coaching day, before next season, as a team building exercise, to see if we can make the quality of tasks done by marshals better, easier, more efficient, and more enjoyable.

Ian Berry.
Donington ES Team Chairman.

ABRMC

The first lines of the Chairman's report at the ABMRC AGM summed up what was a very frustrating year. The Chairman reported "Looking back to my statement from last year there are several points that I mentioned then which sadly still do not seem to have been addressed one year on." The reason for this lack of progress can be put down to the fact that senior members of the MSA were tied up with the Scottish Fatal Accident Inquiry and were not available to deal with day to day business. We have been promised that things will improve next year!

The ABMRC met three times in 2017 with the last meeting in October coinciding with their AGM and I attend all the meetings. In some respects I was obliged to! At the committee meeting following the AGM in 2016 I was asked to draft the minutes and look after the cash as Harry Tinkler the then Secretary/Treasurer resigned at the AGM. This effectively made me interim Secretary/Treasurer. As usual there were no immediate takers for the roles and it was suggested the duties should rotate around the committee. This was not workable so I agreed to be Secretary and Dave Scott took the role of Treasurer.

Despite the "absence" of the MSA we have still addressed a number of issues that will be of interest to marshals:-

- Marshals access to toilets – this has been referred to the MSA at Race Committee by BMMC and ABMRC fully supported the survey undertaken by Circuit Reps and have been asked to be kept informed of any developments.

- Marshals briefings – Concerns have been raised by BMMC South East region about the content and consistency of briefings given to marshals at the beginning of the day. ABMRC asked for a checklist of what should be included and Neil Stretton provided one. ABMRC have endorsed the subjects and agreed to ask their Chief Marshals to adopt them.
- Competition Numbers – I have raised concerns about numbers not agreeing with the regulations and proving difficult to read. I commented that if we cannot read the numbers we cannot report track limits and other breaches of regulations. ABMRC agreed the situation needed to be improved and Dave Scott sent a note to MSVR championship co-ordinators the next day to that effect.

Chris Whitlock
ABMRC Secretary & BMMC Rep

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