

# **Guyson Scottish Sprint and Hillclimb Championship**

## **Chairman's Message #24, March 2017**

Welcome to the 2017 season. I hope you have all wintered well and are busy getting your cars ready for your first event, whether that be a test day or the first round of the Championship at Kames on 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> April. If you have not yet entered, get your skates on as the closing date is 10<sup>th</sup> March.

It has been a very busy winter as there were a number of things to clear up after taking over the Chair from Steve, my thanks to him for assisting in that handover. You never realise quite what you are taking on, but a good handover helps.

I would like to clear a few things up that I wanted to do before Christmas, but sadly the process had rumbled on into the new year. So I can now respond to points that seem to have been queried and misquoted, mainly on flatchat. There have also been some unpleasant and unnecessary exchanges on social media.

In my last message I explained that the results of the Speed Championship were subject to an appeal. It appears the initial set of results produced by Steve Marr had been amended before being posted, and following his resignation. This had the effect of, excluding those who had not competed in both disciplines from registering a result in that Championship at the end of their season.

Following the initial appeal to our Championship Stewards, the results were reinstated in line with the Regulations, and Jennifer Bremner was declared Ladies Speed Champion. That decision by the Stewards was then appealed to the National Court by Leslie-Ann Scoular. However, the MSA subsequently decided there was no case to be answered.

This was the reason for the delay and our long inability to comment on your questions until now. The matter is now closed as far as the Championship is concerned, but the actions of those involved remain under review.

In relation to the Regulations touched by this matter, it has been wrongly stated by some that these were changed recently to permit this result, and questioning the ethics of the Committee. This is NOT the case, and unwarranted. We have searched Regulations as far back as 1981, and also spoken to many involved over the years. This particular section of the Regulations has not changed, and the method of scoring is the same as in previous years.

We have now revised the requirement to compete in both disciplines following a vote of the Committee. You will see this change in the 2017 Regulations.

The subject of class A8 is also current. The Committee did vote to remove A8 from 2018, but only after consultation on the further implications of that decision. We shall be forming a small working group at the next meeting to gather and formulate your opinions during the course of the season to see what implications you think there are. So please get in touch with your Club Representative to make your opinion heard, or you can write direct to me on the email below. Please don't get to the end of the year to make your point - as it will be too late!

You may also remember that we had hoped class A9 would make its way into the Championship this year. However, in further discussion with the Scottish MX5 Register it was agreed to delay this to develop the best way to introduce and co-ordinate it. Richy Bolton, the Register's Chairperson, has agreed to come and discuss this with the Committee during the year.

More widely, we have seen a number of unflattering posts on social media and flatchat in recent months. The MSA have also taken this up with me directly, and we have discussed the need for a robust system of dealing with anything that is unsporting in accordance with the MSA Yearbook (A 10.1-10.1.6). We shall be speaking about these issues at the next Committee meeting, and more details will follow. But I shall be clear now that unsporting, inappropriate or offensive behaviour, whether on social media or in the paddock, will not be tolerated. And I shall be asking all organising clubs to help in reporting any such matters immediately.

The Committee meets next on 18<sup>th</sup> March, so if you have any items for your Club Reps please get in touch with them or drop the Secretary a line on [secretary@sshcc.org.uk](mailto:secretary@sshcc.org.uk). I am available most of the time to deal with issues where others have been unable to help.

Have a great season and I hope to see you at an event somewhere soon

Kind regards

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