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Ian Jarrett reported that on-line training sessions are continuing in conjunction with BRMC. Identity difficulties were experienced with pseudonyms used by some trainees used for secure logging-in and it was suggested that trainees should indicate their Motorsport UK ID numbers to overcome the problem. There are currently 3 more sessions planned.

Practical and Theoretical Fire Training was carried out in October at Shelsley Walsh for 32 people, thanks to MAC. The Association makes a donation to the local Church for the use of MAC's facilities. It was suggested that future fire training could be made available to local race marshals via BMMC Midland Region.

## **8. Motorsport UK Regional Committee & Rallies Committee Reports**

### **Regional:**

John A reported on the following from the most recent Regional Committee:

- There has been some success with our proposed amendments to the General Regulations to deal with anomalies. These addressed the participation of three wheeled vehicles and a referencing problem with H31.2.2 and Part 3 Appendix 1. The introduction for a Right Of Review fee for Competitors is also being considered.
- A 3 year plan for Safeguarding is being formulated.
- Various proposed amendments to General Regulation D11 have been tabled by Jamie Champkin to address event cancellations and amendments to regulations for different disciplines. It is understood that rallying will not change due to the different factors affecting entries, venues, etc.
- New insurance provisions are planned to cover surface damage on roads.
- Nominations are still being sought for Club of the Year and Volunteer of the Year.
- A formal consultation system for Clubs on Regulation changes is being considered.
- A new initiative "Vision for 2030" is planned with input requested from Regional Committees

### **Rallies Committee:**

Kevin W covered the following items from the meetings on 25<sup>th</sup> August and 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022:

- Seat mountings: A draft document had been reviewed and the latest draft circulated by Michael Duncan. Consultation continues.
- Category 1&2 Modifications: Michael Duncan forwarded an updated document and there was discussion on whether the Category 2 Passport fee would be waived. Motorsport UK intend to avoid charging for the changes and attention will also be focused on modifications that fall outside Category 2



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- Forestry pricing: A meeting had been held with Forestry England by Motorsport UK and the ACU and a new pricing structure will be implemented.
- Tyre Limitations: A new regulation L 3.2 is being proposed to allow all tyres on List 1B to balance withdrawal of the FIA list, considered too 'high performance' for public highway events.
- Bogey times on Stage Rallies: In consultation with Safety Committee a 5 mph increase to average speeds was proposed. The potential use of chicanes to slow the cars was rejected, as it would increase the risk of incidents.
- Regulation changes: A new rule giving cars further into a stage priority at merges was tabled (R 29.4.2) and a further regulation change prohibiting start intervals of less than one minute (R 26.6).
- Road Rallies / Targa Road Rallies: A first meeting of the Working Group has been held and a working document has been produced.
- Stage Rally Engine Eligibility Working Group: Committee considered that this should be re-prioritised and technical input obtained to encourage modern cars into the sport.
- RallyFuture: There was discussion on the replacement Safety Code draft, which will be re-presented with bolder text before being phased-in to replace the existing version.
- Recovery Units: A draft regulation amendment (R 34 & R 4.3.3) has been proposed to take account of the flexibility in use that commercially operated recovery units can provide on events.
- Service Area Safety: This subject is under review to address the increased risk of fire in very hot weather, as experienced in July and August this year.
- Classification of Finishers: There was discussion on whether a competitor could miss the final stage of a rally and still be classified as a finisher. This would involve separating the Main Time Control from the Final Stage Time Control and remains under discussion.
- BARS Update: A new Liaison Officer has been appointed and new BARS videos are in preparation.

(There was a question from the floor about the current position on Inertia Sensing, but there is no news on this.)

## **9. Treasurer's Report**

Kevin W reported that there is £18,263.66 in the business account and £100.00 in the cheque account at present.

## **10. Any Other Business**

Ludlow MC are organising a Motorsport Forum (All Disciplines) on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2023 with evening meal. The cost is £25.00 per ticket and all profits will be donated to Air Ambulance charities. The Association will make a donation.

Kevin W raised the practice that has recently been adopted by Motorsport UK in making post-event changes to the results of rallies. This is usually necessary where competitors leave the venue without checking that their posted provisional results are correct. Changes are being implemented by



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means of the use of the governing body's powers under regulation A 2.4, which results in a lack of transparency or opportunity for consultation, as compared with the previous practice of making amendments via the National Court.

Attendees were in unanimous agreement that amendments should be made in the previously accepted manner and not by reference to Motorsport UK's powers under A 2.4.

The next general meeting will be at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2023

The meeting will be held at Bromsgrove Golf and Conference Centre B60 1LD