

Welsh Association of Motor Clubs

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FHR Devices. These will be mandatory now from 1st Jan 2016 for most most disciplines, with a few exemptions for some historic cars. The decision appears to have been “pushed” through at the Council meeting in June 2015, despite Rallies Committee suggesting it shouldn’t occur until 2017. Some helmets are also being outlawed at the end of 2015.

Tracking. Various systems have been trialled, to varying degrees of success. The process is still ongoing, and has been narrowed down to 2 potential systems, although a new 3rd system has been proposed which could look very promising.

Routes into Rallying. A spread sheet was produced showing the minimum costs of getting a new competitor onto a stage rally with a self-built endurance type car. Geoff and Dorian were asked to produce a similar document for Road Rallies, which will be presented to the October Committee meeting.

Rules for consultation. (Both approved by the Council in June) R25.7.3 False Starts on special stages – A new regulation is to be introduced which will define where a beam recording false starts should be placed (30cm – 40cm in front of the start line).

R32.2 Allowing a penalty of a Stage Maximum for competitors who are unable to complete a stage or stages, and still keep them within the event.

Two proposals were deferred to the Technical Committee, regarding the safe positioning of batteries within the passenger compartment, and the log booking of some category 2 stage rally cars.

Motorsport Event Safety Review. New regulations will appear in the Blue Book highlighting the role of the Safety Delegate and Event Safety officer, in relation to 2 new manuals that are available from the MSA website, the Multi Venue Stage Rally Safety Requirements and MSA Safety Car Roles and Responsibilities.

<https://www.msauk.org/assets/safetycarrolesandresponsibilities30june2015.pdf>

<https://www.msauk.org/assets/2015rallyreqs.pdf>

Jaqueline Campbell gave an update on progress, which has so far concentrated on Spectator Safety, although attention will be soon turning to marshal’s training and accreditation, and possibly rewards, she emphasized the words “real rewards” rather than maybe just caps and mugs.

Media Accreditation is also on the agenda, with emphasis on “Bone Fide” media accreditation, not just somebody turning up with a camera.

There was mention of a few Forums planned to take place aimed towards marshal and spectator safety. This will be a progression from the Ari Needs You poster:

<https://www.msauk.org/The-Sport/Rally-Future>

In the week following the meeting another meeting took place to discuss Historic Stage Rally Tyre Regulations. Following this meeting Rallies Committee members were asked to consider a proposal which would allow removal of the minimum 70% aspect ratio and adoption of the general

stage rally regulations, but with a maximum increase or decrease of 10% from original wheel diameters from period. This was agreed by email from the Rallies Committee and Historic Committee, and should be in place for September, and before the Manx Rally.