



Guyson Scottish Sprint & Hillclimb Championship Committee.

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Dear Competitors, it is my pleasure as chairman to welcome you all to the 2011 Guyson Scottish Sprint & Hillclimb Season. The committee had its first meeting of the year in March from which there are several items to report on.

Firstly it is with much sadness that I have accepted both David & Nina Baker's resignations from their committee positions. During the off season it was brought to my attention that some committee members were uncomfortable with two members of the same family holding positions on the committee. Albeit a difficult subject to address, especially considering it could potentially affect two high profile and worthy contributors to our sport, it none the less needed to be addressed rather than swept under the table. A proposal was subsequently put to the committee to amend the constitution. As committee decisions are made by a vote, the outcome would determine whether or not an issue existed at all and also determine the course forward. In this instance a vote was taken and including the casting vote of the chairman, albeit marginal, more members voted in favour of the proposal than against and the motion was passed. Upon being informed of the outcome and despite being advised that this was not a personal issue against either of them, David & Nina sadly took their own decision to voluntarily resign both their positions. It should be pointed out that had Nina simply stepped down as ADMC representative then she would have been welcome to stay on the committee alongside David, in her role as dance organiser as this is a non voting role. As you can imagine being so close to the start of the season, the first priority is for us to find an interim sprint co-ordinator and ensure that the championship gets underway. So if anyone fancies taking on the role please step forward. The only restrictions on eligibility are the co-ordinator cannot be a registered competitor in the championship and cannot be related to any existing committee members.

For information, the committee is made up of six executive positions (Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Sprint Championship Co-ordinator & Hillclimb championship co-ordinator) In addition to these six positions, sits a representative from each club that hosts a round in the championship as well as a competitor representative from each discipline (normally the sprint and hillclimb champions from the preceding season). All of these people have a single vote in committee decisions with the exception of the chairperson who can only vote in the event of a tie. An Annual General Meeting is held in October each year at which three of the six executive posts are due for re-election. This coming October the positions of vice chair, secretary and sprint co-ordinator are due for re-election and should anyone wish to be considered for election to one of these posts, then they should make their intentions known to myself or one of the other committee members whereupon they will be advised on how to go about it. So if you want to have more of a say in the way our championship is run then this is your chance.

At present if you wish to raise any matters for consideration by the committee then there are two main channels. Firstly there is your club representative. By contacting your own club, they can pass any matters onto the representative to raise at the committee table. The other avenue is via the competitors representative, or if unavailable, their deputy. The hillclimbs are represented by Lee Adams and deputised by Dougie Brown and the sprints are represented by Graeme Bremner and deputised by Garry Dickson. One issue carried on from the last meeting is that we are looking into an additional channel in the form of a direct email address to the committee as well. This is still at the planning stages but if feasible should hopefully be in place soon. One final note on the subject is Flat Chat. Flat chat is a wonderful forum for competitors and enthusiasts to air their views and source information on our sport. It is not however a route of communication to the committee hence any committee matters appearing on there are ignored.

Also present at the meeting was Bruce Lyle. Bruce is a former Scottish Rally Champion and before that Scottish Sprint Champion and he now sits on the MSA council representing Scottish motorsport. Bruce was kind enough to share some of the forthcoming projects to promote Scottish motorsport in the near future. Albeit at the early stages he has promised to keep us informed of how things progress. Now don't get too excited but there was even talk of a closed-road hillclimb.....



Back to this season and the entry list will be available imminently and we have eleven newcomers to the sport and in total, 129 entries. Even before the 2011 season has started we are looking forward to 2012 with very positive results from all the clubs including the Ingliston organiser, Dunfermline Car Club, who are running the National Sprint again at the end of this month.

I am also pleased to confirm that the presentation of awards and annual dinner dance has been confirmed with the same venue in Pitlochry and an exciting new band has been booked to entertain us all.

Well that's nearly all from me for the moment and I will let you all get back to your pre-season polishing. Talking of which can I ask each of you fortunate enough to win any silverware last year to take special care of our trophies. Please use only silver polish and NEVER brasso or the likes as it damages the silver. These trophies are the history and legacy of our sport so with a little care they can continue to tell our tale for generations to come.

Wishing you all the success for the new season

Jonathan Rarity  
SSHC Chairman