

COMMUNIQUE no. 11 – July 2011

A meeting of the Scottish Sprint and Hill Climb Committee took place on the 9th July 2011 at the Bell's Sports Centre in Perth.

With 2 of our Sprint Sponsors having pulled out, we are actively looking to replace them. If you have an interest or know of anyone interested in sponsoring, then please get in touch with myself of the Secretary.

Golspie has highlighted a specific issue with some single seaters and the bumps in the track. On a number of occasions over the years, sump damage has caused oil leaks and it is now recommended that if your single seater is prone to grounding that a sump guard is fitted to stop this problem.

Registered Competitors are reminded that the Sponsor Stickers are required to be on your vehicle, otherwise championship points may not be counted.

There was a discussion about this year's events, thus far, with reduced entries being a common theme excepting the April Doune which had an increased entry. Monklands is looking to make major improvements to Forrestburn.

A review so far of the 3 2011 Championships was given, with current results being available on the website.

There was a full discussion of the results of the recent Questionnaire. With over 70% competitors responding and mainly positive comments, this was very encouraging. The Result Stats are shown below:

Conclusions were that there were too many championship counters and this should be reduced. There were 7 Hill Weekends and 9 Sprint Weekends and the reduction of Sprints to balance Hills was targeted. A sub-committee of Sprint Clubs would take place to decide on which events would not be counters in the 2012 championship. Class structure was discussed. There had been some concerns expressed by competitors about the number of scrutineers attending events and Rob McKinna outlined what the MSA requirement was and the fact that not all scrutineers got paid to attend. Fewer scrutineers could result in a delayed event start.

The Annual Presentation and Dinner Dance would take place on the 26th November 2011 at the Atholl Palace Hotel in Pitlochry. Lesley Sheridan would be circulating notification and application for tickets.

Electronic Payments would be looked at for 2012, as would a common entry form to be used by all clubs.

The AGM is on the 8th October 2011 and due notice will be given to anyone interested in standing for the Committee places which will become vacant.

George Ritchie
Chairman
Scottish Sprint & Hill Climb Championship
July 18th 2011.

Results of 2011 Competitor's Questionnaire.

	Yes	No	n/a		% Yes	% No
I am doing the same number of events in Scotland this year that I always do	22	58	4		26.19	69.05
I am doing fewer events in Scotland than usual	43	37	4		51.19	44.05
I am concentrating on Hills	25	53	6		29.76	63.10
I am concentrating on Sprints	22	56	6		26.19	66.67
I am concentrating on an alternative Championship / venues	16	66	2		19.05	78.57
Motorsport is too expensive / a luxury in the current climate	44	37	3		52.38	44.05
The cost of fuel is limiting my events	30	53	1		35.71	63.10
I have personal reasons for reducing the number of events I attend	37	43	4		44.05	51.19
I would like to see more events / rounds in the Championship	12	68	4		14.29	80.95
I would like to see less events / rounds in the championship	20	59	5		23.81	70.24
Double headers are more attractive to me than single events	63	15	6		75.00	17.86
I believe we visit certain motorsport venues too many times	25	54	5		29.76	64.29
My car not being ready has limited my events	23	57	4		27.38	67.86
The Class structure is putting me off	9	73	2		10.71	86.90
The scoring system is putting me off	11	70	3		13.10	83.33