

# Revised Root and Branch Review Committee –

## Summary Minutes of Meeting 11

The Eleventh meeting of the Revised Root and Branch Review Committee took place on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2012 in the Louis FitzGerald Hotel, Naas Road, Dublin at 7:30pm

### Attendance:

Original Review Committee Members:	Region D:	Ray Heney
Joe Corcoran	Region E:	Frank O'Mahony
Dermott Quigley		Nial Murphy
Angela Henehan		
James Coleman	Convenor:	Michael Irvine.
Region A:		
Paul Lyons		
Sean McHugh	Apologies:	Ann Stevens
Region B:		Kevin Barrett
Noel Devlin		Ger Healy
Roy Stewart		Ed FitzGerald
Region C:		
Kathryn Keogh		

### Matters Discussed:

#### 1. Minutes

Minutes of last meeting, having already been circulated, were approved as a record of the proceedings of that meeting. Noted also that Summary Minutes (also circulated and no comments having been received) were already published on MI website.

#### 2. Matter Arising – 1: Notes on Rev of App 101/102:

Noted that due to pressure of other work, mainly re Year Book, Revised notes re this not yet prepared.

#### 3. Matter Arising – 2: Executive Committee:

Noted that the required change in the IAC Constitution to allow the additional "regional" member had been approved at the November meeting of the IAC, and that the actual appointment could now proceed, presumably being progressed at the next MSC meeting.

#### 4. Documents Circulated since last Meeting:

Noted as documents prepared by Regional Sub-committees re App 101 and also that a submission from the Midland Motor Club had been received in addition to the 10 already received.

#### 5. App 101 – Regional Submissions:

It was noted that the Dublin Group had fairly specific framework proposal for all Committees, other than Karting & Rally S'ctees, the South Group a generally more detailed draft with some notes, & proposals for competitor representation/elections if required, but with some committees/sub-c'tees not commented on, while the NW group had a less specific, more general document, the thrust of which was that there may not be a need for major changes, and that other issues such as the definition of a "Club", cost of entry, etc., were relevant factors.

#### 6. App 101 – General:

The main business of the Meeting was in regard to the Committee Structure as set out in App 101 and how it might be re-constituted. There was a robust debate in relation to the representation on Committees by the AGs, with some stating that the exclusion of these representatives from MSC membership was understood by them to be in the context of alternative representation at C'tee level, but the view that AG representative would attend MSC & Committee meetings at the request of either the

MSC/C'tee or the AG, in order to deal with specific issues, was eventually accepted. Some noted that the facility of MI having multiple nominations to the MSC (as at present) provided a useful mechanism to enable good, active people to be retained in productive roles, and that this facility would no longer exist, but it was also noted that there was still the possibility of such people being nominated to the Chair of the Specialist Committees.

#### **7. App 101 – Competitor Representation:**

It was agreed that, for current purposes, it was sufficient to note a "seat" on the various bodies for a "competitors representative", and that selection/nomination of the representative would be discussed later.

#### **8. App 101 – MSC Powers:**

It was noted that it now appeared that the powers of the MSC would be similar to those as existing, but many felt that, in view of the more "democratic" composition of same, this would not be as much of an issue as before.

#### **9. App 101 – Duration of Office:**

There was general and immediate agreement that the term of office of any club nominee in that capacity would be two years. However, there was a lengthy debate on duration of office of all others, with eventual agreement on a 4 year limit for all others, irrespective of how that 4 year period was accumulated (i.e. whether by combination of Club Rep/MS or MI nomination, or otherwise) with the exception of the Chair of any body, who, irrespective of any previous service on that body, could serve a maximum of 4 years as Chair

#### **10. Future Review**

It was agreed that, as any new set-up would be something agreed in theory, but untried in practice, it might be appropriate to "build-in" a review of the entire after 2 years of operation.

#### **11. App 101 – Committee Membership Lists**

After lengthy discussion, particularly in regard to the Rallies Committee, revised memberships for the various Specialist Committees was agreed.

#### **12. App 101 – Specific Issues**

Specific issues discussed included:

Rallies: Seat for TROA provisional, possibly to be substituted by a 6<sup>th</sup> Club seat.

4x4/Sporting Trials: All agreed these separate sports, little crossover, ex C'tee entirely composed of Sporting Trials Reps, this by default of 4x4 Clubs nominating reps. It was suggested that a single seat be kept for the 4x4 Clubs on the Trials Committee so as to give them a voice should they require to raise any issue. This agreed, subject to consultation with the Clubs concerned.

Autocross: General agreement that there was a significant imbalance in the current representation, as possibly 2/3 of the events were non-grass, but all of the current Club Reps were from Clubs promoting e Grass Autocrosses. It was agreed that the new (i.e. 2013) C'tee would be instructed that the WFG had recommended that they consider a sub-committee to run the Championship(s) and that the increased Club representation provided for be used to ensure proper representation of the "loose surface" Clubs, possibly by means of two separate, parallel rotas.

Autotest: The need to entice beginners into this entry-level sport was agreed by all, and it was agreed that the 2013 Committee would be instructed that the WFG had recommended that they consider having beginners events, possibly Autosolos

Karting: Most agreed that this was a special case, in part due to the highly technical nature of the Regulations.. It was noted that there were few capable at present capable of implementing/interpreting the technical rules of Karting (see below re Duration of Office – AGs).

Midget Cars: It was agreed that, in view of the very small numbers involved, it would be more appropriate for the C'tee to be a Sub-C'tee of the Autocross C'tee

TAG: No final agreement on this, but agreed that it might be beneficial if both race and rallying could have a rep on this group, or at least a rep who could attend, possibly only a couple of times a year, either by his own request or at the request of the TAG. Noted that there was no requirement that a TAG member had to be a Licenced Scrutineer. It was agreed that any proposed changes should not be forwarded direct to the MSC for ratification without, at a minimum, that the TAG would first consult with the Rallies and other Specialist C'tees.

SAG: The possibility of a seperate SAG for Rallying was discussed, and there was general agreement that it was, in principle, a good idea, details to be discussed

AG Representation on MSC: The lack of standing representation on the MSC for any of the AGs was pointed out by some as possibly becoming an issue at the meeting with the Clubs. Others however pointed to their entitlement to attend on the request of either side, and, more importantly, their similar right at Specialist C'tee level.

All AGs – Duration of Office: Agreed, particularly in light of the Karting technical issues as above, that the "4 year" rule in regard to duration of membership which is to apply to C'tees might not always work in the case of AGs, position to be discussed again.

### **13. Appointment of Safety Officers**

Agreed Safety Officer Appointments to be by MSC (but may be proposed/suggested by Specialist Committees). Agreed all appointees must have relevant experience.

### **14. Meeting with Clubs**

Date of Club Meeting to be 28<sup>th</sup> February, 8.00 p.m.

### **15. Next Meeting:**

**Louis Fitzgerald Hotel, Naas Road Dublin, 7:00 pm, Tuesday 31 January 2012**