

Revised Root and Branch Review Committee –

Summary Minutes of Meeting 8

The Eighth meeting of the revised group for the Root and Branch Review took place on Wednesday 24th August 2011 in the Louis FitzGerald Hotel, Naas Road, Dublin at 7:30pm

Attendance:

Original Review Committee Members:

Joe Corcoran
Dermott Quigley
Ann Stevens

Region A: Paul Lyons
Sean McHugh

Region B: Noel Devlin

Region C: Ed FitzGerald
Kathryn Keogh

Region D: Ger Healy

Region E: Frank O'Mahony

Nial Murphy

IRCA: Kevin Barrett

Convenor: Michael Irvine.

Apologies:

Angela Henehan
James Coleman
Roy Stewart
Ray Heney

Matters Discussed:

1. Minutes

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

2. Documents Circulated Since Last Meeting

Various emails circulated by c'tee members since last meeting noted.

3. "MSC" Membership - General

MIrvine asked if all happy with make-up of MSC as discussed at last meeting. Following reservations raised by some, and following a long and detailed discussion, which took up most of the time of the meeting, it was agreed that the membership would be increased to 16, to provide for an additional representative from the regions and for a second representative from the Rallies Committee

These additional members would result in the following membership:

Regional Reps, selected by rotation from Clubs in a manner similar to the existing -	6
Chairman of the Specialist C'tees or Councils from the 5 discipline Groups as follows:	
Speed (Hillclimb/sprint/RallyX)	1
Kart	1
Rally	
2*	
Race	1
Others (AutoX, Autotest, Midget Car, Mudplug/Sporting/PCT/4x4)	
1	
President	
1	
Vice-President or Past President	1
ASN Nominees	
(initially 2 x RIAC, transition 1 x RIAC, 1 x NewCo, eventually possibly 2 x NewCo)	2
Total	

4. "MSC" Membership – Some Details

It was agreed that no Club should have more than 1 member on the Commission, and that, if required to avoid this situation, a Regional Rep might have to step down from that position and be replaced by a substitute from another Club in that Region.

It was agreed that there should be a definite limit on the tenure of anybody as a member of the Commission.

It was confirmed that the President would be elected from the members of the Commission by the members of the Commission, and that, once elected, he/she would vacate all other offices, and any office left vacant as a result would be filled by the body or region that nominated/elected him/her in the first place, but subject always to the "one member per club" rule above. It was also confirmed that the President would or could serve beyond the maximum tenure of other members, but not indefinitely, and a limit and mechanism for this was to be agreed.

It was unanimously agreed that the established practise of the President attending at any meeting of any Committee or Group as he/she saw fit, was good practise, and should continue.

The possibility of the entire of a new Commission having to retire en masse on reaching their maximum tenure was noted, and all agreed that some transitional mechanism would have to be found to prevent this.

5. Other Structures:

It was agreed that, in very broad principle, much of the existing structure at "sub-Commission" levels worked, or had the potential to work, well without major re-organisation of the existing "hierarchy", but that a greater devolution of powers to the individual Committees was essential, and that some reform of their membership would also be required, particularly, but not solely, in regard to provision of competitor representation. In addition, the existing diagram in Appendix 101, and the powers, functions and responsibility of committees/AGs generally, needed to be clarified. It was also agreed that, while the make-up of the Discipline-specific Committees might vary to suit the specific discipline, the powers devolved to, and the responsibilities of, these committees would be the same for all disciplines.

It was agreed that, as a basis for discussion, an outline template for an amended Appendix 101, including both membership of the Commission and the relationship with and makeup of other committees/groups as it might be, be produced.

.Most agreed that the existing CAC set-up was an exception to the "working, or potential to work, well" analysis, and that this would need significant reform, possibly more in relation to its function than in regard to its structure, but it was agreed that the issue should be "parked" pending resolution of the rest of the structure, at which time a suitable role, niche & function would be found for the CAC. There was also a suggestion that discipline-specific TAGs might be desirable.

6. Contact with Clubs

It was noted that the c'tee were possibly half-way to a solution, and it was agreed that it would be appropriate to acquaint the Clubs with the progress to date. It was agreed that the Clubs should be given a summary report on progress to date at the September CAC meeting, and asked for any comments/suggestions to be submitted with a view to holding a meeting with the Clubs in November.

7. Next Meeting:

Agreed as:

**Louis Fitzgerald Hotel,
Naas Road Dublin**

7:30 pm Tuesday 11 October 2011

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