

Hillclimb Committee Meeting Minutes

Cavallino House

11:00am Tuesday 12th November 2024

Attendees:

Christian Mineeff (Chairman) - **CM**

Andy Bush (Championship Scrutineer) - **AB**

Steve Burns (Championship Coordinator) - **SB**

Brian Jackson – **BJ**

Angela Preece - **AP**

Rob Samuels – **RS**

Martin Jones – **MJ**

Mark Pollard – **MP**

Chris Leach (Minutes) - **CL**

1. Chairman's Welcome & Introduction	
<p>Warm welcome and thank you all for attending.</p>	CM
<p><u>COMMITTEE IS REMINDED THAT IN THE INTEREST OF OPEN DISCUSSION CONTENT OF THE MEETING IS STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL EXCEPT FOR MINUTES AND APPENDICES.</u></p>	
<p>Thanks to team for 2024 season and committee members for their time.</p>	
<p>State of play</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Good season in 2024 with the PEP appearing to work as intended.• Attracting newcomers remains our biggest challenge as a championship – all suggestions are welcome.• Championship Stewards agreed for 2025, they are:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Jeff Simpson○ John Warner○ Paul Skinner○ Mike Spicer (new for 2025)	
<p>Reminder – Key objective of the regulations is to encourage fair competition by balancing performance across all Ferrari tipos.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Marketing to existing Club members is ongoing, as is outward promotion at events such as Race Retro	CL
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We are sharing the history of the Championship with Essex Area Group – the championship started as an AG activity	MJ
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We are trying to get AGs to bring members to spectate at rounds to generate interest	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Campaigning EVO magazine to feature hillclimbing as a sport to generate interest. Visibility as a sport is very low and not just for our championship.	RS
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Intro days are key – we have our day at Shelsley Walsh booked for 2025 already	CL

2. 2024 Championship Coordinator Report	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Second season as Coordinator with lots of listening to competitors this year • Feedback was used to shape 2024 calendar and same has been done for 2025 • Double headers and social factors remain key aspects for current pool of drivers • Feedback for 2024 is overall positive • Some venues remain key however will try to keep it fresh year to year with new venues in rotation between years • Changes to regulations in 2024 created no apparent issues 	SB
<p><u>COMPETITOR FEEDBACK FOR 2024 REVIEWED</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MotoFest Coventry is a World Rally-X event in 2025 and will increase spectator numbers dramatically as a result 	ALL
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3. 2024 Championship Scrutineer & Eligibility Report	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended 2x meetings in 2024 • Aim to attend 5x rounds in 2025 • No issues to report in 2024 • Sustainable fuels to be permitted by MSUK in 2025, they are not a requirement yet but may become one in the future. • Sustainability is becoming a larger issue for MSUK – we don't need to add any specific regulations YET but may do in the future 	AB
4. 2025 Sponsor Update	
<p>Draft Budget Presented</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Title sponsorship vital to underpinning majority of operational costs of Championship, with some funding available for the benefit of competitors. • Budget largely similar to 2024 with tweaks where required • Spoke to Rob Rees of CSA Service Group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Rob offers his apologies for not being able to attend a round in 2024 ○ Has offered a hospitality truck for 2025 although not confirmed. Note that MotoFest Coventry is likely the only round where this is viable, all agree that a shelter of any kind would be appreciated in case of poor weather conditions. A lorry may be OTT and present the wrong image • Will we be improving the end of season document to match the SFCC Resume? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yes. Both are being produced in house in 2025 – the final carry over from old administrations. To be a combined competition document. 	MP
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5. 2025 Championship Calendar	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calendar built around survey feedback which showed a preference for Hillclimbs over Sprints and double-headers – ALL agree a great calendar • Either SB or CL will be present at every round in 2025 as with 2024 • Opportunity to organise another anniversary lunch e.g. 30 years since the first entry by a 360? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Original anniversary lunch was a good idea but would prefer to do every five years rather than every anniversary 	SB AP CM
6. Championship Rules & Regulations	
<p>Committee reviews & discusses suggestions & comments sent in by competitors</p> <p>Discuss: Professional vs volunteer organisation Agreed professional organisation is preferred</p> <p>Discuss: Who is on the Hillclimb committee, why are minutes not issued? Reminded that minutes are published on the website alongside regulations and feedback</p> <p>Discuss: Safety recommendations Agree that whilst we should not regulate safety equipment as it is a personal choice, we can offer some information in the guidance notes that may be useful to educate competitors as to the various options available to them including driver training</p> <p>Discuss: Same competition number throughout the season Agree it would be nice however logistically a challenge as numbers are set by event organisers and not by the championship, so no guarantee that numbers we allocate would be used by the event organisers. We fit as part of their event not the other way round. We will continue to push to use the same number at double headers where possible.</p> <p>Discuss: Increase number of rounds counted from 8 to drive more participation at later rounds especially with triple header at Isle of Man opening the season. Agree it could drive more attendance at later rounds, especially with more double headers and the only triple header at the start of the year.</p> <p>Discuss: Target times need to be simplified and fairer to those who are not setting records in a particular tipo (calculated targets very harsh) Agree to simplify to use best practice time on the day in all instances for all competitors.</p> <p>Proposal: Allow List 1B tyres for all tipos Discussed – Approved, no penalty or additional PEP for doing so</p> <p><u>2024 REGS AS PUBLISHED, REVIEWED FOR 2025 PAGE BY PAGE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Throughout – Update logos to reflect new Club branding • Throughout – Replace all mention General Regulations with new National Competition Regulations references • 1.2.3 – Update Stewards • 1.3 – Update to reflect new Club membership wording 	ALL

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1.4.2 – Reg fee set to 195.00 to match 2025 costs, event support, professional admin and end-season competition awards dinner contribution • 1.5 – Update with new calendar • 1.6.1 – Update to best 10 rounds • 1.6.1 – Update PEP table, PEP increase on 488 by 1% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Noted that the 488 whilst slightly heavier, has significantly more torque and power, and is 0.5secs faster around the Fiorano test track than the next comparable tipo used in the 2024 season (458 Speciale). All agree that equalising these tipos is fair. 	
7. Any Other Business	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classic Tipos definition on House Awards to include 355 • We should highlight to members that sharing a car is possible when competing • Can we add screenshots of splits to WhatsApp group throughout a competition day – ALL agree • Can we use more Spa style hotels in 2025? More spouse friendly and should work to improve the social side of the championship which is key – ALL agree • 2024 marks a big improvement, please continue to develop the championship <p><u>COMMITTEE IS THANKED FOR TIME & INPUT. ALL WISHED A SAFE JOURNEY HOME</u></p>	<p>CL</p> <p>AP</p> <p>RS</p> <p>MJ</p> <p>CM</p>