

**Rallies Commission Meeting with the clubs on the 9<sup>th</sup> of July 2019 in Tullamore Court Hotel at 7:30pm.**

Angela welcomed everyone to the meeting open forum. Sean McHugh gave a run down on the Billy Coleman Rally Academy Award going forward. Eight crews being trained so far, this year. All crews were nominated in 2018. Any comments from people are welcome and Sean will take on board. Sean thanked RC Commission for inviting him to speak to the club representatives.

Safety Commission: Aiden Harper presented an update on the first half of the year and the road map into the second half of the year and into 2020. The Safety Commission would welcome any inputs from Clubs or individuals on matters of Safety in our sport. The commission is operates with an open door policy and all actions, communications and decisions for meeting are available on a monthly basis on the MI website. Safety will continue to be the number one focus as we move ahead.

Joe Corcoran: on tracking going forward. Tracking was used on the 3 pilot events. Re Coverage as this is a GSM system. It is all down to the buy in by the club. Should it be ok and not an SOS button on the system? Does it work where a car goes off and cannot be seen. Are unit's P rated rough cost €30 per car excluding RECCE. Need to meet competitors on this item. Some say you should have it yourself.

Pat O'Dowd Technical Commission: Fuel to 102. A dry brake coupling on a pressurised system for 2020, fuel sampling is ongoing, top speed of is also being looked at, tyre restriction and weight of cars.

President John Naylor: Fuel will have to go out of service areas (this is a demand by the insurers). We need to find a way to take fuel completely away from service areas to reduce the risk of fire, injury etc. John has tasked the RC Commission and the Safety Commission to deal with this matter as soon as possible.

Kieran Ambrose review on classes going forward.

Kieran posed the following questions to the meeting. Do we want all the classes? Should we do away with trophies for classes and only have overall trophies on the events? There was no desire for change to the current structures

Angela advised that clubs should not enter contracts with sponsors on foot of TV coverage. To date the championships have to be subsidised by MI to meet the costs including the TV Coverage cost and that this arrangement is unsustainable for the organisation. Talks are continuing with the sponsor of the championship and she stressed that the TV arrangement was subject to change.

IRDS was discussed at length. Clubs were asked to offer sign of early in event to allow for cars to be removed from trailers at scrutiny. It was agreed that IRDS to go on agenda for meeting with competitors.

J1000 on restricted events? Is there insurance issue to be considered? A bit more, thought needs to be put into this item.

Prizegiving – a discussion on how the clubs feel we need to go forward with many suggesting that a prizegiving at the ramp seemed to be acceptable.

- Championship Regs – deadline 13.11.2019 – Dates of events can be added later in the year to the regs if required.

Role of Steward – Clubs were reminded that the club steward is the same as the MI Steward and suggestions included that the stewards should not be referred to as MI or club but just as event stewards. Clubs were informed of the new 7 day rule requirement for the return of the Stewards report to MI Office. In the case of a serious incident a return should be made by noon on the Monday after the event. If a steward is waiting for information the report should be sent in and an appendix can be attached with any subsequent information received.

The rallies commission are working on revised documents for stewards including the Stewards Report Form, updated agenda for stewards meeting and an agenda for the post event debrief meeting which will be required at the end of the day of the event. This will promote a no surprises policy between the organising club and the steward. They will consider adding PR and efforts on publicity to the stewards report form going forward

Steward Reports – Common Issues were reported as follows

- Advance information for stewards
  - Define what is required – Regs, Entry Form, Safety Plan, Alternative Recce list, Entry List
- Radio Coverage – Angela asked clubs to work with the radio providers and if they confirm that there is an issue with an area etc, that rerouting the event should be considered.

Angela requested that COC's and organising clubs arrange for Post Event Scrutiny at their club. Post event scrutiny is seen by competitors as the only quality assurance that the sport has. Previously, an anonymous letter system was operated by MI Office. This has now gone and the clubs will be expected to choose the classes they want checked etc. The technical committee have agreed to cooperate with any request received.

Angela reported the need to restrict traffic in Service areas in order to minimise the risk of an accident. The rallies commission request that clubs enforce the rule around illegal and unauthorised servicing at events. Some clubs suggested that an independent judge of fact should be appointed.

Angela reported progress has been made on standardizing a number of items including

- Event regulations and entry forms
- Timecards
- International Events – From 2021 – all international permitted rallies will have to be a minimum of two days and each event will carry a single international permit fee.

A long discussion took place on Child Welfare Act and who is responsible. Clubs reminded of the requirement to have a Child Welfare officer at all rallies that accept an entry from either a driver or a navigator under the age of 18.

There was a discussion on Entry fees not being paid before events. Should a financial penalty be imposed to assist clubs who have to deal with cash at an event.

Explore how competitors will have to marshal at event, before they get their licences. It was suggested that competitors should be compelled to marshal at two events before they are eligible to renew their license.