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18 June 2001

Mr R E Allender  
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Dear Mr Allender,

Further to my letter dated 3 May 2001, you will be aware that Rick Smith Observed the Welsh Racing Drivers Association Race Meeting at Pembrey on 9 June 2001.

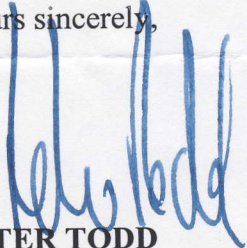
I enclose a copy of the Observers Report which I am sure you will agree was, in the main, favourable.

The MSA proposes that the Welsh Racing Drivers Association be permitted to run a National "B" Race Meeting in the future and that, as recommended by the MSA Observer, this event will again be Observed prior to unrestricted approval being granted to the Welsh Racing Drivers Association to run National "B" Race Meetings in the future.

I would certainly hope that following the above Observations no further restrictions will need to be imposed.

Naturally, I should be most grateful if you could specifically advise me when the Welsh Racing Drivers Association first wish to run a National "B" Race Meeting so that I may put the necessary procedures in place.

Yours sincerely,



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**Observers Report – Rick Smith MSA Steward**  
**Welsh Racing Drivers Association Ltd**  
**Pembrey – 9<sup>th</sup> June 2001**

**GENERAL COMMENTS:**

- Friendly atmosphere
- Small grids in all races
- Number of marshals – just about adequate
- Some confusion over role of Chief Observer and the need for one
- It is understood that, contrary to previous practice, the Senior Clerk, Clerk and Deputy Clerk are now all members of the WRDA Ltd. All are known as experienced Officials for other organising clubs.
- The documentation process was consistently administered
- Documentation for the event was of a suitable standard

**OBSERVATIONS:**

- Initial confusion over whether hand-held radios or marshal post race telephones would be used for communication led to a small delay at the start of the event.
- Lack of start line marshals contributed to some delay when forming up grids.
- There were no judicial matters to trouble the Clerks, so it is difficult to assess this area of organisation; however the Senior Clerks drivers briefing was very thorough and explained fairly how he would treat misdemeanour.
- The small grids for all races makes it impossible to judge how the organising team would have coped (in all areas of administration) with two or three times the number of competitors.

**RESUME**

This observer saw nothing to suggest that upgrading to National B should be denied; however the pressure of bigger grids, championship matters and organisation may possibly highlight weaknesses that are not evident at this lower level. The MSA may in its wisdom of course, seek to have any future upgraded event re-observed to ensure that the required standard is maintained.

**RICK SMITH**

11 June 2001