

The Welsh Racing Drivers Association Ltd.

Event Steering Committee

Debrief meeting 11/7/01

Present: Robert Allender, Marion Allender, Roger Clements, Ken Davies, Geoff Edwards, Clive Hayes, Alan Jenkins, Cindy Pearce, Alvin Powell. Apologies Martin Williams.

The purpose of the meeting was to review the race meeting on June 9th and learn the lessons. The meeting went well in general, competitors had a good day, and we got the upgrading. However we need to learn the lesson to make sure next years event passes the observation. Firstly the Sec read out letters of congratulation received, including one from Neil Shananhans' family, who thanked us for honoring his memory. The letter from the MSA containing Ricks' report formed the basis for the meeting.

Correspondence. The Sec and Ken Davies had a worked on a letter to the MSA observer Rick Smith setting out the reasons why we wanted to be upgraded. It was hoped that this had helped the MSA make the positive decision they made. Since the event the Sec had made contact with several clubs and written to them regarding 2002. We have already received notification from the Irish Fiat Championship that they will come. It is a good strong championship and had a good entry the last time they came. He would continue to look for championship races to fill the bill. It was decided that the appropriate amount of races to run would be 7 championship rounds plus 1 or 2 all comers race. It is not know whether there would be a handicap race or not. This year was good but it could have resulted in cars approaching Honda curve with other cars still stationery on the grid. In future the handicapper would be asked to liase with the Clerks before publishing the grid.

Marshals & Assembly area. The main concern in the report was the number of marshals and particularly start-line marshals. The sec had written to all those who had marshaled with us to thank them. (Roger mentioned that this had gone down well.) He had also written to those who had not, to pass on the good news, and ask them to make our event one of the ones they would be supporting in 2002. He would also ask all members who would not be competing to come along to help as Granville Williams had done. However the start-line problem was caused by the problems in the assembly area (this had been reported on in the 1999 event). It was widely acknowledged that we must make sure that cars are sent out to practice together and races were sent out in grid order. Roger said he was aware of several experienced Assembly area marshals and he would ask them to support us. One of the other problems was the communication between the assembly area and race admin, where the microphone was. Robert suggested that if a radio link was not available than mobile phones could be used, so that the assembly area marshal could ask for a paddock announcement as and when needed.

Signing on & Race Admin. Although there has been no problems with signing on last year or this, we would need to put in safeguards to cover larger entries. The Sec would include a strict timetable in final instructions setting out exact times for the signing on and scrutiny of each race. Also in 97 we had done an early signing on Saturday, and if there were lots of championship cars testing then it would be a good idea to do that again. He would liase with the Scrutineers to see if a Saturday scrutiny session would be possible too.

Photocopying had been a problem at all the 3 race meetings we had run, but for 2002 we should have the funds to cover the costs of hiring the circuit copier with engineer support. Even so a small additional copier would be handy. For the next meeting we would need a couple of runners, but they should make sure that the Clerks signed the time sheets from the timekeeper, before they were printed.

Clerks of the Course. For the 2002 meeting it was felt we would need 2 Clerks and 2 deputies. Roger Clements agreed to assist as an assistant Clerk of the Course. We would also need 2 Judges of Fact.

AOB. Geoff said Richard Culverhouse who had recently left the Aston Martin Owners Club had approached him, and offered his services. It was general felt that someone of his experience would be very welcome. Richard had also mentioned about expanding our fixture list in 2003. It was decided that Geoff should make contact with Richard and invite him to join us.

Next meeting. It was decided that a further meeting would be good later in the year and a date on October or November would be arranged. We may then have a tentative date for 2002