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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FIA CONFEDERATION OF AFRICAN COUNTRIES IN MOTORSPORT (CACMS) HELD AT THE LUSAKA HOTEL, LUSAKA, ZAMBIA ON THURSDAY 20TH JULY 2006 AT 09.30 HRS.

Present

Surinder Thatthi (Chairman)
Viren Goricha
Ashok Bhdla
Richard Leeke
Willie Du Plessis
Harold Lingner
Philip Archenoul
David Bitolo
Kabulo Mwana
Derek Conroy
Erest Zebron
Sylvia Chdikosa

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CACMS
Kenya Motor Sports Foundation (KMSF)
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Motor Sport South Africa (MSA)
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Namibia Motor Sport Federation (NMSF)
Zimbabwe Motor Sport Federation (ZMSF)
Fed. of Motorsport Clubs of Uganda (FMU)
Democratic Republic of Congo
Zambia Motor Sport Association (ZMSA)
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Zambia Motor Sport Association – Secretary of meeting

In Attendance

Patrick Emontspool	ARC Driver (Belgium)
Robert Alain	ARC Driver (FRANCE)
Richard Robinson	ARC Driver (Zimbabwe)
Colin Schreiber	ARC Driver (Zimbabwe)
Paul Monge	ARC Driver (Zambia)
Muna Singh	ARC Driver (Zambia)

1. Welcome Remarks

- 1.1 The Chairman welcomed all members present and declared the meeting open. He explained the reason behind the annual CACMS meeting that is essentially to discuss motor sport promotion and development in the various disciplines of rallying, Cross Country Rallying and Karting except for motorcycling.

- 1.2 He thanked the ZMSA president for hosting the 2006 meeting and invited members present to introduce themselves.
- 1.3 The Chairman thanked all members present and noted that it was the first time Zambia was hosting this prestigious meeting. He also thanked the management of the Lusaka Hotel for the meeting venue, drinks and lunch. He encouraged everyone in the meeting to stay for the Zambia International motor rally, round 6 of the FIA Africa Rally Championship (ARC) whose programme he briefly outlined. The Chairman expressed hope that the meeting would be constructive in building motor sport in Africa. He also confirmed 7 member countries present .
- 1.4 Countries represented include the following:-
 - 1.4.1 Kenya
 - 1.4.2 Namibia
 - 1.4.3 Uganda
 - 1.4.4 South Africa
 - 1.4.5 Zambia
 - 1.4.6 Zimbabwe
 - 1.4.7 DR Congo

2 Apologies

- 2.1 Achie Khan – Kenya Motor Sports Foundation
- 2.2 Ralph Stead – Zimbabwe Motor Sport Federation
- 2.3 Nizar Jivani – Automobile Association of Tanzania
- 2.4 Jack Wavamuno – Federation of Motor Sports Clubs of Uganda
- 2.5 Dismas Kayibanda – Rwanda Automobile Club
- 2.6 Sdim Abdulgani – Rwanda Automobile Club

After apologies were noted one minute of silence was observed for late Shekhar Mehta who was Vice President of the FIA and President of the FIA Rallies Commission.

3. Confirmation of the Previous Minutes

Minutes of the previous meeting were perused and proposed as correctly reported by Mr Richard Leeke and seconded by Mr Ashok Bhdla.

4 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

- 4.1 **Item 4 (c)** The Chairman reported that the application for Africa's representation on the FIA world council was successful. The council had

- received only two applications from Kenya, Surinder Thatthi and Roger Pearce of South Africa. The successful candidate was Surinder Thatthi. The Chairman stated that this was the first time in 21 years of that Africa has been given a seat on the world council which is a good thing for motor sport in Africa.
- 4.2 **Item 4 (d)** The Chairman reported that Namibia represented by Harold Lingner had reconfirmed their wish to come back to the Africa Rally Championship after leave of absence of 3 years, by staging a candidate event on a date to be confirmed.
- 4.3 **Item 6** The Chairman confirmed that South Africa's application to be included in the World Cup for Cross Country rallies was successful.
- 4.4 **Item 7** The Chairman confirmed that the bid by South Africa to host the World Rally Championship was successful after a very good candidate rally in May 2006. Mr Richard Leeke of South Africa reported that the FIA Safety, Medical and Technical delegates observed this event and all gave good assessment of the rally. He also informed members about the negatives of the rally with regard to timing, results and tracking. On the same matter members were informed that FIA supports that a round of the WRC must go to Africa for it to be truly classified as World Championship covering all continents.

The provisional date set for WRC event is December 2008.

Mr Leeke further reported that during the candidate rally in May 2006, there were 65 entries, 50 of which were local and 14 visitors. The percentage of FIA homologated vehicles was fair as was the participation of the S2000 homologated. The event took place in a new area with good stages, therefore, there was no undue advantage to the hosts. There was one day race using pace notes and the video system was introduced using a camera mounted on rear view mirror. The video had been given out to the participants one week before the event to give them some form of familiarity. This system will be tried out by MSA in August/September 2006 and copies of the video may be passed on to other countries that may be interested.

Mr Willie Du Plessis thanked Mr Thatthi for all he had done for Africa.

Item 8 It was noted that the current format of the ARC calendar has worked well in as far as attracting participation of competitors. The biggest problem observed was that of 'one time' competitors who have no plans of running the whole championship but enters one event and takes away points from those who are chasing the ARC title at great cost, moving from one part of the continent to the other! These 'one time'

competitors do not proceed with the championship once they score the good points.

Zimbabwe suggested that there be a registration system by February of the year in which those who wish to participate in the ARC show their intentions or introduce a minimum number of entries for qualification to score points for the ARC.

There was also another suggestion to grade the entry fees for the different championships such as the ARC and National and any other event peculiar to each country, so that if the entry fee paid does not cover a particular event, points for that event may not be scored.

The meeting was cautioned to bear in mind the impact any suggestion to avoid those not chasing the ARC would have on sponsors and the expense involved. It was generally agreed that individuals had obligations to their sponsors and it would be up to them to honour those obligations individually.

Item 10 The meeting agreed in general that the costs of producing a television programme was prohibitive if done professionally. The promoters looking at the WRC event will get a report on television coverage for the ARC. Kenya reported that costs are Euro 40,000 per event to make a film.

Item 11 The FIA ban on Group S cars will take effect as from 31st December 2007

Item 12 The proposal to promote rallying has resulted in the introduction of younger competitors mainly due to the government's support of duty free importation of sports vehicles. Zambia and East Africa confirmed that the duty free facility was currently in use in their countries.

Members agreed that the issue of training was important to improve the standards of officials in organizing events better. The suggestions made include:-

- a) More training with direction from CACMS
- b) Workshops be introduced before or after each ARC event through the Stewards
- c) There two FIA observers, one for Northern region and another for the Southern region in order to address consistency in reporting.

5 Format of 2007 ARC calendar

5.1 The Chairman stated that due to the wet weather patterns, it was not possible to organize events in southern countries during December to April. For this reason it makes sense to run the Northern Rallies first and then go the southern Africa region.

The events proposed on the calendar were accepted except for the following request for changes:

- a) Rwanda – request to move one week earlier.
- b) South Africa – request to move to end of May 2007 (It must be in June as from 2008)
- c) Namibia – requested to adjust to November 2006 to as the main sponsors want the ARC event to take place outside the South African national championship. It was suggested that a gap be created if the current proposal does not work by the 12 August for CACMS to present to the Council meeting.
- d) Cote D'Ivoire – Must be the first event in the third week of January 2007. Concern was raised on the lack of reciprocal participation from the competitors in Ivory Coast. CACMS to put this forward to Ivory Coast ASN.

Members stressed the need for CACMS to be firm on decisions affecting the calendar and not be dictated to.

6 SuperRally Rules for 2007

The Chairman explained that the objective of the SuperRally was to encourage participants to re-enter for the sake of increased participation.

- 6.1 It was generally noted that the SuperRally concept is working for spectators and sponsors in Africa.
- 6.2 The meeting agreed to the suggestion that 30 minutes be reduced to 10 minutes to narrow the gap.
- 6.3 **Zimbabwe** proposed that ARC follow the format in WRC where if one is in SuperRally, one is not eligible to be classified. The proposal further suggested that participants in the SuperRally qualify for bonus points for each day by class of say 5,4,3, 2, 1. It was strongly felt that this would protect the participants who had done the whole rally while it gave an incentive to re-enter. It was further proposed that participants who had previously rallied in the

SuperRally before this proposal be amended to the bonus point system.

South Africa proposed the WRC system.

Namibia proposed participants re-enter without final classification.

Zambia proposed the WRC system for Leg 1 & 2 only.

Uganda agreed with Zimbabwe on the 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 for more incentive.

DRC maintained stand of observer.

Kenya proposed the SuperRally rules remain as they are with stage penalty of 10 minutes plus the fastest time.

7 African Rally Championship - Regulations

Item 2.1.4 remove the phrase '**or spectator stage**'
.....third paragraph add '**plus fastest time in its class**'

Item 5 - Tyres

The first sentence to read '.....the tyre.....must be filled with air/nitrogen not mousse.

Item 6.1 - Reconnaissance

- a) The meeting resolved to enforce or allow a double recon run.
- b) The meeting recommended each stage should have 2 passages

Item 7 Servicing - General

The meeting resolved that there will be only 2 legs in all ARC rounds and the Super Special stage or spectator stage will be Leg 1 – Section 1 and the rest of Leg 1 will run on the next day.

Item 7.2 the meeting proposed to delete the sentence reading '**Communication from air to the crew is permitted.**'

Item 12

After extensive debate the meeting resolved to delete the old SuperRally regulation and adopt the bonus point system for the top three of 3,2,1.

Item 13 – Official Rally Guide

- a) Add to first paragraph a last sentence 'Updated versions may be published as and when new information is available

It was generally agreed that this document be made available 5 months before the event in order to assist the organizers with information to participants.

8 WRC Competition Numbers

The meeting resolved to adopt the WRC format of competition numbers on the window with orange fluorescent colour.

9 FIA Assistance in Procuring Radios and Timing Equipment

- a) The meeting discussed this item and agreed that the best way was to engage the ISC technology.
- b) Patrick Emontspool offered to assist by contacting his club for whatever assistance they could offer
- c) The meeting also agreed to get feedback from South Africa on the cross-country tracking system.

10 Two Pass Recce

This item was resolved under agenda item 7 (6.1) above.

11 Southern African Rally Championship

The meeting discussed this item and agreed that NMSF would contact MSA, ZMSA and ZMSF to look at the possibility of another Series event.

The Chairman informed members that FIA would charge Euro210.00 for a Zone inscription fee of neighboring countries.

12 Progress on Karting In Africa

The countries in attendance reported as follows:-

- a) **Zimbabwe** – Karting has continued with more juniors joining the sport, whilst the seniors and masters have declined. There are cross border events between Zimbabwe and South Africa.
- b) **DRC** reported that karting was a very small sport in the country.
- c) **Uganda** reported that there is no progress on acquisition of land, though currently there was a suggestion to use some old car parking lot.

- d) **Zambia** reported that there was not much progress in terms of improving the sport although the person in charge of promoting it is looking at building tracks. South Africa offered to provide expert advice as and when required to Zambia.
- e) **Kenya** reported that currently they host the junior 50cc championship that holds 6 races a year.
- f) **South Africa** reported that karting in their country is a growing sport that currently has a membership of 3000 licence holders!

13 Cross Country Rallies

- a) **South Africa** reported that it has joined World Cup for cross country rallies and was offering free advice on the sport to any country interested. They further extended an invitation to everyone, particularly **DRC**, to attend the national event to be hosted on October 28, 2006 in South Africa, to learn something on organization. It was further reported that South Africa is running 8 events with 56 entries for the championship but experiencing sponsorship problems.
- b) **DRC** reported that it is the only type of rally in that country. Mr Mwana thanked everyone for allowing him to attend the meeting and extended apologies once again for his colleague. He informed the meeting that DRC would have the first democratic national elections in ten days and hopefully this would see the country stabilize after which there would be good reason to contact CACMS for that country to get back into motor sport. He further said in the previous regime rallying was easier.
- c) **Kenya** also reported that this discipline of sport that was started in that country is still going strong and would have an event in three weeks time. An invitation was extended to those who are able to attend

14 Next CACMS Meeting

It was proposed that the next CACMS meeting be held in South Africa in May 2007 on the Thursday before the running of Rally South Africa in Durban. This will be confirmed after consulting with MSA and the organizers of the Zulu Rally.

15 Any Other Business

- a) Members expressed concern over the need to have FIA accreditation for officials. Zimbabwe proposed FIA accreditation of their scrutiner Roy Knaggs.

- b) Further to the above, the meeting agreed that there is need to standardize specifications in training and send FIA technical delegates to Europe for further training to avoid inconsistency in judgment during scrutineering of Arc events.
- c) The meeting further proposed different ID cards for different levels of officials such as stewards, clerk of the course, competitors relations officer etc

The Chairman thanked all who attended for a constructive meeting, whilst Mr Leeke also thanked the Chairman for keeping CACMS going.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 16:25hrs with a vote of thanks to Zambia Motor Sports Association for hosting the meeting.

Signed : _____
CACMS Chairman

Date: _____
