

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FIA CONFEDERATION OF AFRICAN COUNTRIES IN MOTORSPORT (CACMS) ANNUAL MEETING, HELD AT THE HOTEL INTERCONTINENTAL, KIGALI, RWANDA ON THURSDAY 5TH AUGUST 2004 AT 09H00

PRESENT:

Surinder Thatthi (Chairman)	-	Kenya
Bharat Bhardwaj	-	Chairman, Kenya Motor Sports Foundation
Ashok Bhalla	-	Kenya Motor Sports Foundation
Yvon Leon	-	President, CIK
Diether Kok	-	Motorsport South Africa
Jerry Bailey	-	FIA Technical Delegate, Motorsport SA
Doug Kemsley	-	Topcar Sports Management, South Africa
Ian Shrosbree	-	Topcar Sports Management, South Africa
Hannes Cruger	-	Zimbabwe Motor Sport Federation
Lorna Cruger (Mrs)	-	Zimbabwe Motor Sport Federation
Muna Singh	-	Zambia Motor Sports Association
Jacques Regis	-	President FFSA – Reunion Federation
Jack Wavamunno	-	President, Federation Motor Clubs of Uganda
David Bitalo	-	Federation Motor Clubs of Uganda
Dismas Kayibanda	-	President, Rwanda Automobile Club
Arif Ahmed	-	AA Tanzania / Chairman Rally Commission
Meenaz Ahmed (Mrs)	-	AA of Tanzania
Kady Angelbert (Mrs)	-	President, Federation Ivoirienne Sport Automobile
Anseleme Bigirimana	-	President Burundi Automobile Club
Francois Katikati	-	Burundi Automobile Club
Andy Millns	-	FIA Observer, Rwanda Rally

1. Welcome and Introductions

1.1 The Chairman welcomed all to the 2004 Annual CACMS Meeting and introduced the Minister of Sports of the Republic of Rwanda Hon. Robert Bayigamba. The Minister welcomed all the participants from Africa to Rwanda and was happy that CACMS was having its annual meeting in Kigali, and stated that his President Hon. Paul Kagame gave importance to the development of Spots in Rwanda and his Ministry was committed to the development of all sports and the Rwanda Mountian Gorilla Rally.

The Chairman then introduced to the Minister all the CACMS members in attendance. He further thanked all present for traveling from far to attend the meeting. The Minister made a short speech and officially opened the Meeting.

Mr. S. Thatthi introduced Mr. Bharat Bhardwaj the Chairman of the Kenya Motor Sports Foundation who addressed the Members. He appealed all members present to work together to develop Motor Sport in Africa and welcomed Mr. Yvon Leon and Mr. Jacques Regis, President of the French FFSA who had traveled from France for the meeting.

The President of Rwanda Automobile Club, our hosts for the meeting, Mr. Dismas Kayibanda welcomed all and thanked CACMS for holding this meeting in Kigali.

1.2 Additions to the Agenda.

- a) Discussion on Namibia Motor Sport Federation and the Namibian Tara Rally to return as a round of the ARC.
- b) Under item 11 add Zimbabwe/Zambia (Zim/Zam) Rally championship.

2. Apologies

Beulah Schoeman (Mrs) – Motorsport South Africa
Richard Leeke – Motorsport South Africa
Willie Du Plessis – Motorsport South Africa
Ernest Zebron – Zambia Motor Sports Association
Richard Himmel – Etosha Motor Club Namibia
Lemma Sebatu – Ethiopian Motor Sports Federation
Serge Evrard – Democratic Republic of Congo

3. Confirmation of the Previous Minutes

The Minutes of the CACMS Meeting held in Johannesburg, South Africa on 9th April 2003 were taken as a true record of the proceedings. The minutes were signed.

4. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

The Chairman reported that Item 6.1 of the Previous Minutes - the TV Africa contract payment still due to CACMS and Richard Leeke had been asked to take action against TV Africa and he was in process to recover through a lawyer friend. The Chairman said the amount was only US\$2,500 and it was more a matter of principle to try to recover this. It was agreed that if this would not work out by the next meeting, we should write off the amount. **Action: R. Leeke MSA**

5. Adoption of CACMS Internal Rules and Regulations.

The Chairman asked for any comments since they had been circulated some time ago to all ASN's in Africa. Hannes Cruger (ZW) pointed out that he had not seen the draft of these rules before and the Chairman confirmed he had sent these to the Zimbabwe to Rose Rushforth at ZMSF. It was noted that CACMS was not a separate body but an arm of FIA in Africa and was founded at Cape Town, South Africa in 1990 by the FIA President Max Mosley.

The adoption of these CACMS Internal rules and regulations were proposed by Mr. Ashok Bhalla of Kenya and seconded by Mr. Arif Ahmed from Tanzania. These were duly adopted and will be circulated by the Secretariat to all members.

Action: CACMS Secretariat

Mr. Andy Millns asked the Chairman if CACMS could put a formal request to FIA for funding for this body to be able to achieve more in the development of motorsport in

Africa. The Chairman explained funding from FIA Foundation can be applied for by any FIA member and most of the cases considered are those related to education and safety purposes. Members with the help of CACMS should investigate the possibilities to apply for funding from the FIA towards the development of motorsport in Africa.

Noted: Action Members

6. Current Status of Cross Country Rallying (Off-Road) in Africa

Two letters had been received from South Africa and one Inscription confirmation from Kenya to run a candidate Cross Country World Cup event in 2005 – hoping for Championship status in 2006. Copies of letters attached in the dossier.

Diether Kok (MSA) was asked to elaborate on the SA letter. Off road rallying was very strong in with high entries including participation from Zimbabwe and Namibia. These Off Road cars were not allowed to enter normal motor rallies. The manufacturers in SA felt Africa was a pick-up country and in the future SA was going to introduce Production cars for off road racing. Hannes Cruger added that for manufacturers SA the biggest market was pickups. He added the right way to go was to involve manufacturers – keep cost low and it would do very well in Africa. Zimbabwe was all for it to try to develop this sport.

Democratic Republic of Congo also runs Off Road rallies and Mr. Evrard sends info on this to CACMS which is distributed to members.

The Chairman said Kenya was having their first ever Cross Country Challenge rally in September and this was a start in Kenya. He further said it would be good to see an African Championship for cross country within a few years – he suggested all Federations to start organizing small events to start off with the aim to have an African Cup for Cross Country Rallies within two years?

It was suggested Topcar TV should consider covering off road racing as well. It was noted that Cross Country Rallies should not be merged or combined with normal Rallies and should have separate rules and regulations of their own.

CACMS will circulate the FIA General Prescriptions and Appendix J for Cross Rallies to all members.

Action: CACMS Secretariat

8. Current status of Karting – progress on development of the FIA Formula Kart.

The President of the CIK, Mr. Yvon Leon, advised members that the FIA formula which he presented in Nairobi two years ago had finally been adopted at the last World Council meeting of the FIA. Now CIK was going ahead to use and market this formula which costs at approximately US\$ 2000 per kart. The most popular formula at present is the Rotax Max formula which is a 28 horsepower kart and this is not really a formula for beginners. For many countries Africa, which are just starting with Karting he recommended that the ASN's allow only the one FIA formula type of kart so that competition is well controlled and within the budget of the common man thus developing motorsport from the grassroots. He would also like to see Zone Championships and an African Championship for Karting in the future.

The Chairman requested all Federation to give a update of karting in each African country. **Tanzania** - Have started a kart circuit. Due to lack of funds it is not being run well. They were looking for proposals from suppliers for Karts – Richard Leeke from SA was assisting them with this.

South Africa - They had too many classes and formulas at present and anyone who imports a type of Kart seems to make a new formula. It was agreed to narrow down on classes and it was noted that was already happening. The FIA world formula had not been introduced yet.

Uganda – The Federation was in final stages of signing a piece of land to build a track on. Somebody had imported karts from UK. FMU had organized some karting at a stadium car park. The new track was proposed to be ready by end of the year.

Zimbabwe – Karting had many classes with no particular formula. They had assortment of karts numbering to about 60 in all. They requested Mr. Leon to visit the Zimbabwe Karting fraternity.

Zambia – No karting at all but would like to investigate this.

Burundi – Had karting going on for a long time. They had a small circuit near the airport and had about 10 karts running.

Ivory Coast – they had no karting activity because of the political situation.

Rwanda – no karting

Kenya – Had started to implement FIA formula. About 10 Briggs & Stratton engines have been imported. Local chassis were being built by Karting enthusiasts. Kenya was at present looking for funding to build a 1.2 km. Track on land that the Government has allocated to Motor Sport.

It was agreed that all Federations should seriously look into the development of Karting for this was a very good grass root entrance into motor sport and affordable. Federations should put applications in to the FIA Foundation to help fund the start of Karting in their countries and that CACMS to help formulate proposals from ASN's for development and funding to build tracks.

9. Change in the format of the ARC Calendar in 2006

A lengthy discussion was held if the championship calendar could be rotated with North rounds first and South Rounds second for the Southern part of Africa had rainy season until April every year. Several countries cited reasons for not being able to change and after much discussion a calendar was agreed.

The 2006 calendar was finalized as follows:

Ivory Coast	Last week of Jan
Tanzania	3 rd week February
Kenya	3 rd week March
Namibia	end April (subject to candidate)
SA	3 rd week May
Zimbabwe	June
Zambia	July
Rwanda	August
Uganda	September
Reunion	November

Tanzania made a request to change the 2005 date to February since they had elections in Tanzania in October 2005. This was agreed and AAT to send a written request to CACMS and also do the change electronically with the FIA.

10. FIA African Rally Championship

a) Ban of Group S by the FIA as from 1st January 2006

The Chairman gave his view on how great steps taken to promote homologated cars for ARC and how each country had increased participation by homologated cars. Mr. Diether Kok said if this ban will be enforced from January 2006, South Africa will have to pull out of the African Rally Championship. Majority of the rally cars used in South Africa were Group S. They would not be able to run a separate event for Championship due to lack of sponsors. Mr. Jerry Bailey noted that this decision had been made without proper consultation with all the African countries. South Africa has taken the decision to make the FIA's S2000 formula their top rally class as from 2005 but it needs time to build up the numbers in the fields.

Hannes Cruger pointed out the problem was created with FIA by Kenya by allowing Group A8 cars to run as Group S cars using 34mm turbo restrictors and this car won the event overall.

After long discussions, it was agreed that Africa should request the FIA Rallies Commission to differ the ban until 2009. It was agreed that cars not qualifying under the Group S cars regulation, were to be run behind the homologated cars in a separate event which did not interfere with the main ARC rally, it was up to the organizers to apply for a dispensation from the FIA to do this. The Chairman was to let FIA know about the decision taken at this meeting and request a deferment of the Group S ban.

Action: CACMS Secretariat

b) Standards of organization of ARC events.

The Chairman stressed one point of using experienced organizers for their events. Zambia was cited as an example of running the event without experienced organizers resulting into a very poorly run rally. It was agreed that countries should get experienced people to help them so event standards are maintained.

c) 2005 FIA – African Rally Championship rules (attached in dossier).

It was noted that Group A8 cars have been banned by the FIA and they are not permitted to run in ARC rallies even as Group S cars. These cars can run only if they comply with the permitted turbo restrictor size of 32mm as allowed in Group N.

Action: All ARC Organisers

d) Super Rally Format:

This proposal had come from Zimbabwe and had been incorporated into the 2005 ARC regulations. The format will be tried in 2005 and will run without the awarding of points per leg. It was debated if points should be awarded and it was decided to wait and see for one year for the WRC to come up a regulation on this.

e) TV and Commercial contract

The Chairman briefed the background of previous talks with Topcar. The proposal was to film all rounds of the ARC and produce a 26 minutes film to be shown on Supersport, a South Africa Satelite channel which airs throughout Africa. TSM's Managing Director Ian Shrosbree said that they will bring media, marketing, corporate hospitality and sponsorship to the events of the championship. Concern about TV sponsors being in conflict with the event sponsors was talked about and Topcar said they would consult with event organizers on this before each event. Topcar was running out of time to put a deal for 2005 together and it was resolved by

all organizers of the ARC events to go ahead and give these rights to Topcar Sports Management. Topcar would prepare contracts for each country and send them to the organizers to sign.

It was agreed to give CACMS the mandate to coordinate the contract with Topcar – The Chairman thanked Topcar for their interest shown in ARC.

f) Namibia Status

Hannes Cruger advised the meeting that there were divisions in the ASN in Namibia which were not helping the development of motor sport in Namibia and as result they lost their round of the ARC. There seems to be some resolution and Mr. Richard Himmel has asked the meeting to be advised that they will be back into African motor sport soon. CACMS has offered to help in any way to resolve the issues and the Chairman even stated that he is willing to go there to meet with them.

11. East African Rally Championship

A letter (attached in dossier from KMSL was discussed) Jack Wavamunno briefed on details of this championship. The main point was that it would be run under FIA rules and regulations and that all cars used will run with 32 mm restrictors as per the FIA regulations. The aim was to encourage and promote entries from each of the neighboring country. CACMS was to coordinate between the four countries and it was agreed to go ahead with this championship with the first year using all four rounds of the African Rally Championship in Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania and Rwanda. The ASN of the four countries should correspond to work out the logistics of rally cars transport and awards for the championship. It was agreed that this championship should be started in 2005 and that if a sponsor was not sourced then the ASN's should contribute to the Cups for prizes. Kenya is to coordinate the start of this series.

Action: KMSF Kenya

Hannes Cruger pointed out that the Zim/Zam championship series had taken off well and all events were being well supported from both countries. They also use FIA regulations of 32 mm turbo restrictors and Group S cars get a 20% penalty in Championship points.

12. Election of CAMCS election Chairman for the next term of three years

A letter of withdrawal from contesting for Chairmanship at the CACMS elections from the candidate Mdm. Kady Angelbert was received by the CACMS Secretariat.

For the purpose of good order the Chair asked the meeting if it should be accepted or to go ahead with the elections. It was agreed by all not to hold elections and accept the withdrawal.

Mdm. Kady Angelbert said she withdraw her candidature in a sporting manner, though she was not happy he way CACMS and the FIA were not supporting Ivory Coast to join the African Championship and only seem to be promoting the English speaking countries. The Chairman assured her that CACMS was not interested only to promote English speaking countries only as we have Rwanda and Reunion in the Championship. He would love to see Ivory Coast run a good ARC candidate event and join the championship. It was noted that due to insecurity in Ivory Coast at present the candidate event scheduled for September 2004 will not be run and the candidate event will be held in February 2005.

Mr. Surinder Thatthi was elected unanimously as the Chairman for the next term of three years.

13. Any Other Business

Nomination to have a seat on the World Motor Sport Council in 2005.

Africa has no representation on the World Motor Sport Council and it was noted that the FIA Statutes did state under Article 12 that representation on the Council, must be from each geographically region of the world.

It was noted by members that such representation should be for the whole African continent and all members of Africa should benefit from this, thus CACMS should apply for this seat in the next elections.

It was also noted that South Africa had expressed desire to get a seat on the Council during the last CACMS meeting.

It was resolved that Africa should apply for the two seats on the Council in 2005 and that the CACMS chairman should represent Africa on the World Motor Sport Council.

14. Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed to hold the 2005 meeting in Zimbabwe on Thursday 26th May 2005.

Mr. Hannes Cruger assured all present that he personally will take charge of this meeting and ensure that suitable facilities will be provided for the CACMS members.

Uganda Federation (FMU) expressed interest for hosting the 2006 CACMS meeting.

Action: ZMSF Hannes Cruger

The Chairman thanked Rwanda Automobile Club in particular Mr. Dismas Kayibanda and Mr. Salim Abdulgani for hosting the meeting and Rwandan hospitality and all the hard work they did in coordination of the members.

Dismas Kayibanda on behalf of RAC thanked all for coming to Kigali.

The meeting closed at 3.30 p.m.

Signed _____ Chairman

Date: _____