

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FIA CONFEDERATION OF AFRICAN COUNTRIES IN MOTORSPORT (CACMS) ANNUAL MEETING, HELD AT THE IMBA MATOMBA HOTEL, HARARE, ZIMBABWE ON THURSDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2005 AT 09H30**

**PRESENT:**

Surinder Thatthi (Chairman)	-	Kenya
Oscar Kihika	-	Federation of Motor Sports Clubs of Uganda
Jack Wavamunno	-	Federation of Motor Sports Clubs of Uganda
Viren Goricha	-	Kenya Motor Sports Foundation (FIA Technical Delegate)
Diether Kok	-	Motorsport South Africa
Richard Leeke	-	Motorsport South Africa (FIA Observer Challenge Rally)
David Thompson	-	Zambia Motor Sports Association
Sylvia Chalikosa	-	Zambia Motor Sports Association
Muna Singh	-	Zambia Motor Sports Association
Paul Monge	-	Zambia Motor Sports Association
Gary Kirk	-	Zimbabwe Motor Sports Federation
Gary Bluett	-	Zimbabwe Motor Sports Federation
Derrick Lane	-	Zimbabwe Motor Sports Federation
Vladimir Nikolov	-	Zimbabwe Motor Sports Federation
Ralph Stead	-	Zimbabwe Motor Sports Federation
Rose Rushforth	-	Zimbabwe Motor Sports Federation
Dave McComb	-	Zimbabwe Motor Sports Federation
Austin Whitehead	-	Zimbabwe Motor Sports Federation
Dee Aitken (Mrs)	-	Zimbabwe Motor Sports Federation – Secretary of the meeting

**1. Welcome:**

1.1 *Welcome and introductions by CACMS Chairman:*

The Chairman welcomed all the Delegates to the 2005 Annual CACMS Meeting and extended thanks to the Zimbabwe Motor Sports Federation for hosting the meeting. All delegates introduced themselves.

1.2 *Address by the Chairman of Zimbabwe Motor Sports Federation.*

The President of the ZMSF, Mr John Gilbert, is currently away overseas, but his address was read by the Vice President – Mr Austin Whitehead.

1.3 *Additions to the Agenda:*

There were no additions to the agenda, but a request was submitted to move the lesser involved items further up the agenda. This was agreed and the agenda was adjusted.

**2. Apologies**

Meenaz Ahmed	-	Automobile Association of Tanzania
Arif Ahmed	-	Automobile Association of Tanzania
Lemma Sebatu	-	Ethiopian Motor Sports Federation
Richard Himmel	-	Namibia - Etosha Motor Club
Adolf Botes	-	Namibia - Etosha Motor Club
Renzo Bernardi	-	Kenya Motor Sports Foundation
Willie Du Plessis	-	Motorsport South Africa
Jacques Regis	-	FFSA - Reunion Federation
Derek Conroy	-	Zambia Motor Sports Association

**3. Confirmation of the Previous Minutes:**

Mr Ian Shrosbree of Top Car Sports Management requested changes to item 10 e)  
To be read as follows:-

TV and Commercial Contract:

The Chairman briefed the background of previous talks with *Topcar Sports Management (TSM)*. The proposal was to film all rounds of the ARC and produce a 26 minutes film to be shown on Supersport, a South Africa Satellite 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 *TSM* said they would consult with event organisers on this before each event. ***TSM stressed that it was its intention to work with all the organisers to enhance the ARC, not work against them.*** *TSM* was running out of time to put a deal for 2005 together ***and it was agreed that a contract had to be signed by end of August 2004 to allow sufficient time for TSM to find sponsorship for the championship.*** It was resolved by all organisers of the ARC events to go ahead and give these rights to Topcar Sports Management.

It was agreed to give CACMS the mandate to coordinate *and sign* the contract with *TSM*.

***(Upon subsequent advice taken by CACMS with the FIA's legal representative, it was found that only the FIA can sign a contract with TSM encompassing the whole championship and this would have to be ratified by the World Council among others. It would therefore be far simpler for individual organisers to sign a contract directly with TSM. TSM then agreed to forward individual contracts to each organizer upon receipt of details and the registered address of the authorised body empowered to sign the contract.)***

The Chairman thanked *TSM* for their interest shown in ARC.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.

#### 4. ***Matters Arising from Previous Minutes.***

- a) The Chairman reported that Item 6.1 of the 2004 Minutes – the TV Africa contract payment was still due to CACMS in the amount of US\$2 500.  
After a brief discussion it was agreed that this amount would be 'written off'.
- b) Item 10 (a) Ban of Group S cars in the ARC as from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2006.  
CACMS made an application to the FIA Rallies Commission to defer the above ban on Group S cars and this was successful but only by 2 years and not 3 as applied for. Therefore, as of **1<sup>st</sup> January 2008 no Group S vehicles** will be permitted to participate in the events of the FIA African Rally Championship
- c) Nomination for Africa to have a seat on the World Motor Sport Council in 2005.  
The Chairman reported that the FIA President Mr Max Mosley has given CACMS positive indication that Africa will be represented on the World Motor Sport Council. The relevant FIA elections are to be held during the FIA General Assembly in Rome during October 2005.
- d) Item 10 f) Namibia: Progress has been made and is at an advanced stage. The NMSF have requested to stage a candidate ARC event in October to be observed by the FIA. It was noted that an event in October is very late for inclusion into the 2006 calendar. The delegates agreed in principal and would await the outcome of the candidate.

#### 5. ***Progress on Karting in Africa:***

The Chairman reported that Mr Vincent Caro has taken over from Mr Yvon Leon as interim President of the CIK. He also reported that the 4 stroke engine FIA formula kart programme has been halted and the karting manufacturers have opted for a two stroke engine.

Karting reports from in countries in Africa.

Mr Gary Bluett then gave the meeting a brief run down on the progress of Karting within Zimbabwe, together with classes run and engines used. He also outlined the future plans for Karting but expressed concern regarding the Sport further North of Zimbabwe in the rest of the continent.

Spares and parts are difficult to obtain and competitors are still using the 250cc gearbox kart. In the Rotax class, there is no sales representative in Zimbabwe - the nearest being Mr Ed Murray who resides in South Africa. There had been some problems regarding the results of the Rotax Max events run within Zimbabwe last year, but for 2005 they have agreed that Mr Murray would acknowledge receipt of the results so as to avert any further problems.

The Chairman informed the meeting that the Annual Rotax Max event was a Challenge and not a Championship run by the FIA but a private enterprise.

Mr Thatthi suggested to Mr Gary Bluett, that through the ZMSF, extend an invitation to the CIK President Mr Vincent Caro to visit Southern Africa to attend a race meeting and approach him for advice on the best way forward to development this discipline within Africa. This should be co-ordinated through the ZMSF and Motorsport South Africa.

Further suggestions were tabled regarding approaching the relevant governments to obtain Duty Free imports for motorsport including Karting, as some countries have done, but this facility, should it be granted has to be strictly monitored and not abused.

Uganda requested assistance in obtaining this, and they were requested to write to the KMSF and the AA of Tanzania to initiate this within the East African region for the new customs union in East Africa under the EA Community.

The FM Uganda are in the process of reviving karts within their country and were trying to source karts.

It was suggested that CACMS start a data base be set up regarding classes, engines needed etc, so that most of Africa can follow a maximum two classes like Juniors and one other class for adults. ZMSF and MSA would assist in this venture.

The FMU were urged to consult with experienced personnel and obtain advice first before reconstructing their circuit in order for it to be up to International Standards.

A draft developmental programme has already been drawn up by MSA which has never been sent out. It was agreed that as the MSA were more aware of the pitfalls, this document would be of relevance to CACMS. **Agreed:- CACMS Secretariat to correspond with MSA.**

After discussions, it was suggested that through CACMS a developmental forum be created and it was agreed that Mr Gary Bluett would co-ordinate the development of Karting and be the liaison between all CACMS ASN's for karting, together with Mr Richard Leeke from South Africa.

Mr Bluett thanked the Chairman and delegates for the opportunity of attending this meeting and the Chairman thanked Gary for taking on the coordination task.

#### **Short Circuit / Oval Track racing :**

South Africa and Zimbabwe are currently the only countries that are staging these events. It was reported that Namibia had a tar oval circuit but was not being utilised.

ASNs were encouraged to consider building an oval circuit when building a racing complex as it was not an expensive sport and certainly worth developing. ASNs currently staging these events were requested to send their Rules and Regulations to the other ASNs in order for them to attempt to revive this discipline within their countries. Mr. Richard Leeke undertook to send the Oval racing regulations to CACMS by email for distribution to all members.

#### **6. *Cross Country Rallies Progress – SA Bid for World Cup CC Rallies:***

South Africa have submitted a bid to host a round of the World Cup for Cross Country Rally the relevant FIA officials would be observing the Off Road Rally event to be held in October in Kwazulu-Natal.

The delegates were informed that the second bid to be held this year by Kenya has been postponed for a year.

Further discussions were held regarding Off Road Rallies, and delegates agreed that this was a way to retain the retired drivers within the motorsport fraternity. Organisers should go back to basics and have classes for 'pick-ups' etc in Production classes.

ASNs were encouraged to use their initiative to promote Cross Country Rallies and between CACMS would distribute the 2005 FIA regulations on Cross Country rallies.

#### 7. **WRC Bid by South Africa**

Mr Diether Kok advised all delegates that a strong bid has been made to run a WRC rally in South Africa. This will be held in Durban and during the presentations done by the SA team in Cyprus during the WRC rally there much emphasis was made on the fact that this WRC bid is being done for 'Africa' as a whole. The next their ARC event to be held in May 2006 will be run in Durban if the WRC is not achieved for 2006. Mr Kok appealed to CACMS members for their support and CACMS members pledged their support at all levels.

#### 8. **Format of the 2006 African Rally Championship Calendar:**

- i) Uganda requested moving their ARC event to April as there was a gap.
- ii) The Reunion has been asked to advise if they wish to resign from the African Championship.

Two proposals put forward to ensure guarantee participation in the ARC were:

1. Registration for the championship.
2. Create regions and make participation compulsory as a minimum.

After lengthy discussions on how to 'guarantee' participation from the North to the South and vice versa, it was finally agreed that Africa would be split up into 3 regions being:-

Northern Region:	Rwanda; Uganda; Ivory Coast
Central Region:	Tanzania; Kenya; Zambia
Southern Region:	South Africa; Zimbabwe; Namibia

It was further agreed that in order for competitors to score points in the ARC, they would have to be a starter in one rally from each region and also be a starter in one other.

The Chairman was tasked to submitting this proposal to the FIA to be considered for incorporation for 2006. The Chairman is to further draft regulations and circulate them.

**Action: CACMS Secretariat**

#### **Calendar agreed for ARC events – 2006:**

28 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup>	January	2006	Ivory Coast *
25 <sup>th</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup>	February	2006	Tanzania
25 <sup>th</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup>	March	2006	Kenya
21 <sup>st</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup>	April	2006	Uganda
26 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup>	May	2006	South Africa
23 <sup>rd</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup>	June	2006	Zimbabwe
21 <sup>st</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup>	July	2006	Zambia
1 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup>	September	2006	Rwanda
6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup>	October	2006	Namibia **

\* - Subject to confirmation by the FIA of Observation report.

\*\* - Subject to candidate event being run and approved by the FIA in 2005

It was agreed that CACMS would do the electronic registration for the 2006 African Rally Championship as per the dates above calendar and send each ASN a copy of the application. These are due by the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2005.

#### 9. **New Super Rally Rules:**

Delegates agreed that this format was a good system so far, but reserved to make any further judgement until this system has run for a full year within the World Rally Championship for there

was some reservation in the WRC when drivers who retire were classified ahead of those that had done the whole route. Many felt this was wrong and after discussion it was agreed to defer the implementation of the new super rally rules until 2007.

**10. TV for 2006 African Rally Championship:**

Mr. Doug Kemsley has advised CACMS that Topcar Sports Management that the sponsor from last year was still interested in sponsoring the televised coverage of all ARC events in 2006.

As all the attending ASNs had various questions and queries regarding the 'commercial rights' etc. It was agreed that Mr Diether Kok (South Africa) and Mr Oscar Kihika (Uganda) would be tasked with seeking clarification from Topcar Sports Management (TSM) on the various issues including their definition of 'Commercial Rights'.

The Chairman read an article from the FIA General Prescriptions that event organisers only have the broadcasting rights to sell or exploit.

It was agreed that a positive and suitable reply must be sent to the TSM and this is to be drafted by Mr Surinder Thatthi in liaison with Mr Ralph Stead and Mr Oscar Kihika.

**11. FIA Ban on Group S Cars – Latest Status:**

The Chairman stated that the Rally Commission had reconsidered the cut off date for Group S Cars participating in ARC events. The FIA Rallies Commission has deferred the ban on Group S cars and they will not be permitted to participate in an ARC event as of the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2008.

As an overview, it was agreed that a majority of the ARC countries have made good progress in developing Group N vehicles. Uganda is the only ASN that is still having problems.

**12. Proposal to promote Rallying by FIA & ASN's (Zambia)**

Mr David Thompson from the ZMSA presented their proposals to CACMS. ZMSA were complimented on their presentation as they had captured the more pertinent points. as tabled below) : -

*The current status of the ARC can be improved in the following areas:*

**1.0 INTRODUCTION:**

**1) COMPETITION:**

*Because of the current set up most legs of the ARC do not have many competitors e.g. 2 or 3. This provides for lower competition and reduces the impact for the local Sponsors.*

**2) *The cost to the local Hosts of Officials (Foreign) is a burden that threatens the budget of an ARC organiser.***

**3) *The support of the FIA seems to be more focused on 'Policing' the events as opposed to Developing and Training the local organisers such that events can improve rather than demoralise the many volunteers who provide the back-up Human Resource.***

**2.1 COMPETITION:**

*It is proposed that each federation that hosts an ARC event annually, as a pre-requisite to qualifying, must enter a crew who must compete in a minimum of 80% of the annual calendar.*

**2.2 COST EFFECTIVENESS:**

*It is proposed by the Zambia Motor Sports Association that the cost of foreign officials must be met by the FIA or from the funds for which are sourced as per our proposal 2.4.*

**2.3 PRE/POST EVENT TRAINING:**

*It is proposed that the foreign officials conduct pre/post event workshops and training to develop and motivate local volunteers. This could be further developed with appropriate accreditation. (e.g. CACMS issue a simple certificate of participation which is accredited.)*

2.4 **SPONSORSHIP:**

*It is proposed that sponsorship be sought from PAN-African Corporates to support the ARC championship as a whole*

*e.g. Coca-cola  
Banks (with African portfolio)  
Telecoms companies  
Department Store Chains e.g. Game; Shoprite  
Pan African Breweries  
Pan African Airlines*

*Thus there can be a continental input with local support from each host country.*

2.5 **EQUIPMENT SUPPORT**

*It is proposed that ARC source*

*Timing*

*Scoring*

*Communication Support*

*Which can be provided to the federation that do not have equipment to ARC specification. This can be included in the sponsorship deal.*

Discussions on various points ensued and it was agreed that:-

- a) Several problems raised would be solved should the Television contract materialise.
- b) A non profit making company as done by the Asia Pacific Rally Championship be established to raise funds. (To be done by October / November 2005)
- c) Some ASNs do require training, but that is an 'in house' problem and larger and better developed ASN's should assist.
- d) Mr Surinder Thatthi would approach the FIA Rally Commission members and possibly source some of their older time keeping equipment from developed countries which ASN's in Africa could buy cheaply.
- e) Officials 'in training' attend FIA Stewards meetings to observe, gain knowledge and experience.
- f) Approach the TSM to 'buy' the television rights from the FIA for Africa and a certain % of the funds come back into the ARC either via CACMS or the private company for their usage in development and training.

**13. EAST AFRICAN RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP – PROGRESS:**

It was noted that Kenya had originally proposed this championship but since seem to have lost interest in this venture.

Little progress seems to have been made and Uganda was encouraged to correspond with Kenya and Tanzania in order to boost the momentum once again.

A progress report is to be submitted to CACMS a.s.a.p. for circulation to members.

**14. DATE AND VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF CACMS:**

This will take place in Lusaka, Zambia on the 20<sup>th</sup> July 2006.

I was noted Uganda have offered to host the Annual Meeting in July of 2007 away from the date of their ARC event.

**15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

- a) Mr Richard Leeke reported on the new FIA Formula S2000 Regional Rally Championship car. It will be integrated into the new FIA system of R4 class, 4 wheel drive, 2 litre normally aspirated engine with a FIA tender transmission and diff in 4 wheel drive..

This vehicle will be produced at a realistic cost and it must not exceed € 150 000. Volkswagen and Toyota South Africa have built 2 cars each and they will build further cars to order if there is enough interest to warrant it.

Should delegates be interested in the vehicles, they must liase with Mr Leeke. There is also an 'after sales' support package, together with Technical and Driver training. The homologation of this vehicle takes place on the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2005.

- b) Mr Kok queried the fact that at CACMS level, Historic Car Rallies are never discussed. It was agreed that this item would be incorporated in the 2006 Agenda.
- c) The Chairman advised all that CACMS had started a web site for the FIA African Rally Championship which was on line but under construction at present and will be finished by the end of June 2005. the address is : [www.africanrallychampionship.com](http://www.africanrallychampionship.com)
- d) Delegates from Zimbabwe thanked everyone for attending the meeting in Zimbabwe and hoped that they had enjoyed it and that they would go on and enjoy the Dunlop Challenge Rally commencing the next day.
- e) Mrs Dee Aitken was thanked for taking the minutes of the meeting.

In closing the Chairman once again thanked those that had attended the meeting as well as the hosts Zimbabwe Motor Sport Federation.

He further stated that CACMS's goal was to 'achieve togetherness' and although they may be slow in attaining their goals, these goals will be attained.

The ASN's gave a vote of thanks to Mr Surinder Thatthi for running the Secretariat for CACMS.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 16h20.

**NEXT MEETING – ZAMBIA – 20<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2006**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman

Date: \_\_\_\_\_