

Chairmans Report MSC AGM

SATURDAY 20TH JANUARY 2018

2017 was a year of consolidation for the Championship, having a delayed start due to the late approval by the MSA of our Regulations and our decision not to invite membership until such times the Championship permit had been issued.

This resulted in a reduced membership of approximately 64, although the membership are very active, with virtually all competing at one or more of the Championship rounds and approximately 30 scoring over 120 points.

Professional help was sought and a new website was installed, providing improved access for members in order to obtain target times and up to date results. DTA/FAST provided further financial support which assisted in the cost of setting up the new website and are pleased to confirm their continued support in 2018.

The reduction in our membership, together with additional costs incurred, has resulted in an operating loss for the year, although I am pleased to state that the Championship is financially sound.

Membership has been increased by £10 to £45, still providing one of the lowest membership costs in the Country. This increased revenue, together with a hopeful increase in the number of members, linked with the reduced costs for 2018, should ensure that we have a financial surplus for 2018.

Congratulations to Steve Barnard for being the overall Champion for the second year in his Audi TT spaceframe, with longstanding member John Palmer being in second place in his Westfield SE and Committee member Jeff Allen in third place in his Nissan leaf in the electric class.

There is of course unlikely to be any electric or hybrid cars competing in hillclimbs and sprints during 2018, due to the draconian MSA requirements and although not competing in 2018, Jeff is hopeful of providing his technical input to the MSA and to individual Clubs.

I am pleased to welcome Stuart Bickley as a new Committee member and we should continue to attempt to bring down the average age of Committee

members and by this time next year hope to confirm at least one other new Committee member.

I wish to thank everyone on Committee for working so hard in continuing to organise such a successful Club and Championship.


Alex Smith
Chairman
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