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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FIA CONFERENCE OF AFRICAN COUNTRIES IN MOTORSPORT (CACMS) MEETING AT MONTE CASINO, JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA ON THURSDAY, 28TH AUGUST 2014 FROM 14H00

PRESENT:

Surinder Thatthi (Chairman)
Nizar Jivani
Satinder Birdi
Kevin Branch
Simon Modisaemang
Anselme Bigirimana
Raymond Yavakalond
Adam Yachine
Sanjy Rajaonarivelo
David Bitalo
Jack Wavamunno
Alain Ambrosino
Jacques Regis
Hardial Singh Kalsi
JS Vohra
Christian Affoque
Jalil Nekomouche
Jamal Zakari
Adrian Scholtz
Richard Leeke
Richard Schilling
Steve Harding
Steve Miller
Wayne Riddell
Willie du Plessis
Jacqui Monteiro
Antonio Marques
Dippies Dippenaar
Jan de Jager
Harald Lingner
Olu Abdulraheem
Christian Gakwaya
Eric Maxime Nzamwita
Victor Nshuti
Dialo Kane
Muna Singh Bhandhair
Sam Chingambu
Ralph Stead
Balveen Singh
Sandy Yannick

IN ATTENDANCE:

Jean Todt
Carlos Abella
Henriette Jooste
Jarmo Mahonen
Nicholas Deschaux
Jackie Schreiber

APOLOGIES:

Simone Ferrari

ASN:

CACMS – FIA Vice President Sport Africa
Automobile Association of Tanzania (AAT)
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Botswana Motorsport
Botswana Motorsport
Burundi
Democratic Republic of Congo
Federation Du Sport Automobile de Madagascar
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Fed. Of Motor Sport Clubs of Uganda (FMU)
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FISAM Ivory Coast
FFSA Reunion
CACMS Guest
Kenya Motorsport Federation (KMSF)
Mauritius
Morocco
Morocco
Motorsport South Africa (MSA)
Mozambique
Namibia Motorsport Federation
Namibia Motorsport Federation
Namibia Motorsport Federation
Nigeria
Rwanda Automobile Club
Rwanda Automobile Club
Rwanda Automobile Club
Senegal
Zambia Motor Sport Association
Zambia Motor Sport Association
Zimbabwe Motor Sport Federation (ZMSF)
FIA Women in Motorsport Africa
FIA Women in Motorsport Africa

President FIA
FIA Development Department
South Africa
FIA Rally Department
FIA Zone & Region coordinator
CACMS Secretary

Ethiopia

19 African FIA Member countries were represented and FIA Women in Motorsport

1. Welcome by CACMS Chairman

The CACMS Chairman, Mr. Surinder Thatthi, welcomed all the members and FIA representatives present and thanked FIA President Jean Todt for attending the conference in the Africa Region.

The Chairman introduced the delegates from the member countries and the apologies were **NOTED.**

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the previous meeting held on 29 August 2013 in Gaborone, Botswana were **CONFIRMED AND ACCEPTED.**

3. ZONES IN AFRICA

3.1 Zones in Africa – Division and regulations

The Chairman stated that it was being proposed to implement zones within Africa to encourage cross border participation, and allow competitors to score within other countries.

Following a lengthy discussion, it was **AGREED** that the decision to change the zones would not be based on language groupings, but on geographical location.

AGREED TO PROPOSE to have three zones, being a combination of the proposed Zone 1 – North and Zone 2 – West; Zone 3 – East and Central; Zone 4 – South.

The Chairman advised that this discussion was to give Mr. Nicolas Deschaux a feeling of what the African countries wanted so that he can make an informed proposal to the FIA.

4. FIA AFRICAN RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

4.1.1 2015 FIA African Rally Championship Regulations

Mr. Mahonen reported that the FIA had looked at the regional regulations, and were trying to reduce the restrictions of homologation in place. He stated **that the region could decide which cars they wish to use in their regional championship**, but the FIA didn't want people to build "monster" cars. **NOTED.**

The Chairman proposed that consideration be made to allow all classes of FIA homologated vehicles, as well as **South African MSA homologated vehicles to participate in the African Rally Championship.** **AGREED**

Following some discussion and debate on whether **R5 should be included into the African Rally Championship** or not. After discussion it was agreed to allow the R5 cars in the ARC. The Chairman agreed to draft the 2015 ARC section of the RRR and send it to all before Mr. Muna Singh takes it to the FIA Rally Commission. **AGREED.**

The Chairman asked the meeting to include a **Class for Historic Rally Cars pre-1985** with the specification of 2WD, normally aspirated (no turbo charger or supercharger) front or rear wheel drive had been included as a Class for 2015 FIA African Rally Championship. It was confirmed that this class would score in the championship and be eligible to score overall points. **AGREED**

The Chairman further **CONFIRMED** that the FIA–ARC Travel fund concluded at the CACMS Conference held in Mauritius, had now been approved by the FIA for the 2015 season. Mr. Mahonen confirmed that travel grant approved was 25,000 Euros per year for two years. It was noted that the travel funding will be handled by the CACMS secretariat and at every ARC rally the Chairman of Stewards would be responsible to make a formal decision on who was paid the travel funding for the rally. It was noted that this travel funding is only for those drivers registered to participate in the FIA ARC. **NOTED.**

A discussion ensued on the length of events from the current ARC RRR's which stated the duration of an ARC rally to be 5 days. It was questioned why the Safari Rally Kenya 2014 was running over 7 days. It was noted that the Safari Regulations should not have been approved by the FIA Observer if they did not follow the regulations. The FIA Observer stated that the regulations for the Safari Rally had come very late only one month before the event and did not have the Itinerary in the regulations. This matter was not concluded and the FIA Observer should make note of all these matters in his Observers report.

Mr. Leeke proposed that the ARC event Supplementary Regulations be sent to the Chairman of Stewards, opposed to the Observer, as the Chairman was ultimately responsible for the event and not the Observer. Following a debate on the matter, it was **AGREED** that the FIA would be requested to also send the regulations to the Chairman of Stewards to look at when the sending to the Observer, so that Chairman of Stewards can also have input.

Mr. Leeke queried why SuperRally / Rally 2 is not being allowed in the African Rally Championship. Mr. Muna Singh responded that previously a vote had been taken to not have super rally in the ARC.

Mr. Leeke stated that he felt that competitors did not get a second chance if they broke down and the fact that they had travelled so far, was perhaps chasing some away, and that you had fewer cars at the end.

A vote was carried out and it was **AGREED** not to have Super rally/Rally 2.

4.1.2 ARC Calendar rotation in 2016

AGREED that there will be NO rotation of the calendar from 2016, until it is felt that there is a need.

5. **The 2015 African Rally Championship Calendar Confirmation**

The 2015 ARC Championship Calendar has been **CONFIRMED** as follows:

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| • 06/08 March | CIV | Rally Bandama Cote D'Ivoire |
| • 17/18 April | ZAF | Sasol Rally |
| • 15/17 May | ZMB | Zambia International Rally |
| • 12/14 June | TZA | Rally of Tanzania |
| • 31 Jul/02 Aug | RWA | Rwanda Mountain Gorilla Rally |
| • 28/30 August | UGA | Pearl of Africa Uganda rally |
| • 02-04 October | KEN | Safari Rally Kenya |
| • 06/08 November | MDG | Madagascar International Rally |

6. Karting in Africa

Mr. Harding gave an overview on the compact karting project by MTA for development, with the pricing and details etc. it would be an entry level karting package consisting of 10 karts, spare, tyres, coaching manual. Technical people would be sent, teach instructors who to run an entry level karting programme. Looking at implementing for 2015.

The Chairman said it was really an interesting concept and would fit into the FIA Development programme for funding applications.

Mr. Harding will circulate the project to members shortly. **NOTED.**

Mr Marques encouraged all the delegates to start a karting series within their countries. He noted that in the FIA Young Driver's programme for 2013, Mozambique's driver from Karting came in the Top 5. Very important that people consider karting within their countries, as it is open to everybody from 5 years onwards, girls and boys etc, and competitors can do well and grow from there. **NOTED.**

7. Cross Country Rallies

The Chairman welcomed the President of the FIA Cross Country Commission, Mr. Richard Schilling. Mr. Schilling reported that locally cross country was flourishing and that they were looking at implementing an entry level pick up class, where the cost would be in and around USD \$30,000, which would be usable anywhere in Africa. Production parts, spaceframe chassis and would be accessible to a lot of people in Africa. Details to follow.

10. Countries in Africa who do not have enough motorsport (CACMS)

The Chairman stated and encouraged federations to get more motorsport in their countries. He encouraged Botswana, DRC, Senegal and Burundi to try and get more motorsport going. He further encouraged cross border participation.

The Chairman welcomed members to contact CACMS or their Regional Training Provider to assist with drawing up regulations etc to set up a championship so that motor sport can grow in these countries. **NOTED.**

11. How to build a karting circuit in DRC (DR Congo)

Mr. Yavakalond reported that he had met with the politicians before coming to South Africa regarding the possibility of obtaining land for use in motorsport, but stated that he needed help and assistance from CACMS, as really wanted to fulfil the purpose and be taken seriously by the government.

Mr. Stead recommended that to avoid huge costs initially, that organisers use parking lots and stadiums etc to build karting circuits, to showcase motorsport and get their governments interested.

12. Any Other Business

- i. Government collaboration

Mr. Modeisemang enquired how other federations were working with their local governments, as they had encountered a problem in Botswana, where their government had requested Environmental Impact studies for certain events, which was hugely expensive.

There was not a lot of collaboration currently, but Mr. Harding encouraged members to be proactive and get involved with their local authorities, before these studies were required.

Mr. Schilling encouraged members to negotiate with the authorities, but also to be very aware of the environment when organising events, as that steps had to be taken by the organisers.

Mr Branch recommended members get involved with their tourism authorities, which in Botswana's case have proved to be hugely helpful. Mr. Branch agreed to send a document regarding the financial impact of the spend surrounding an event in an area, to circulate to members for information. **NOTED.**

ii. Events through countries

Morocco reported that they would be organising the 2014 Moroccan Cross Country Rally in October, but were concerned about the "pirate" rallies that take place weekly in their country. Due to their proximity to Europe, groups of cars were shipped in weekly for raids/cross country event etc. It was reported that they had managed to obtain co-operation from their authorities that these groups were now being charged "visa duties" to enter and run events within their country.

AGREED that this was being experienced throughout the continent, but there was a distinct difference between an illegal rally and an event run outside of the FIA.

Mr. Wavamuno queried whether it would be possible to share calendars as many members were travelling within other countries and there could be events of interest. **AGREED** to look at how this could be done.

14. Next Meeting of CACMS

AGREED that no date and venue would be decided upon at this point, but that the Chairman would liaise with President Todt on where the next Conference would be held.

15. **IN CLOSING**

The Chairman thanked everybody for the attendance and valuable input.

There being nothing further to discuss, the meeting closed at 17h51

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