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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FIA CONFERENCE OF AFRICAN COUNTRIES IN MOTORSPORT (CACMS) HELD AT SABLES MOTOR CLUB, HARARE, ZIMBABWE ON THURSDAY 12TH JULY 2007 AT 9.30HRS.

Present

Surinder Thatthi (Chairman)
Viren Goricha
Ashok Bhalla
Richard Leeke
Satinder Singh Birdi
David Bitalo
Edourd Kouassi
Jean-Claude Kanga
Kabulo Mwana
Austin Whitehead
Rose Rushforth
Ralph Stead
Gary Bluett
Felicity Coom

ASN

CACMS
Kenya Motor Sport Foundation (KMSF)
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Motor Sport South Africa (MSA)
Automobile Association Tanzania (AAT)
Fed. of Motorsport Clubs of Uganda (FMU)
FISA Cote d Ivoire
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Democratic Republic of Congo
Zimbabwe Motor Sport Federation (ZMSF)
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Zimbabwe Motor Sport Federation –Secretary

8 Countries in all represented

Also in Attendance

Paul Monge	ARC Driver (Zambia)
Muna Singh	ARC Driver (Zambia)
Phil Archenoul	ARC Navigator (Zimbabwe)

APOLOGIES

Willie Du Plessis	Motor Sport South Africa (MSA)
Derek Conroy	Zambia Motor Sport Association (ZMSA)
Harold Lingner	Namibia Motor Sport Federation (NMSF)
Serge Verara	Democratic Republic of Congo
Dismas Kayibanada	Rwanda Automobile Association
Nizar Jivani	Automobile Association Tanzania (AAT)
Jack Wavamuno	Federation of Motor Sports Clubs of Uganda

1. WELCOME

- 1.1 The Chairman of the Zimbabwe Motor Sport Federation Mr. Austin Whitehead welcomed all members to Zimbabwe and declared the meeting open. Mr.

Whitehead extended the invitation to members present to stay for the Dunlop Zimbabwe Challenge Rally Round 6 of the FIA Africa Rally Championship.

- 1.2 The CACMS Chairman thanked all members present and noted that it was the second time Zimbabwe was hosting the conference. He also received letters of introduction from both Cote d Ivoire and the Democratic Republic of Congo. The Chairman gave a brief history behind CACMS explaining that CACMS was formed to promote and represent Africa in all disciplines of Motor Sport.
- 1.3 Addition to the Agenda
Safety Clothing under Item 9 - Regulations
Proposal from Cote d Ivoire and Democratic Republic of Congo under Item 7 –
The 2008 African Rally Championship Calendar

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

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

3. MATTERS ARISING

- 3.1 Item 4 (2) The Chairman reported that Namibia did not hold their candidate event in 2007 so unfortunately will not be part of the 2008 ARC Calendar. CACMS hopes they will return in 2009.
- 3.2 Item 4 (3) Mr. Richard Leeke reported that South Africa run the World Cup for Cross Country Rallies, with only 2 overseas participants. Mr. Richard Leeke mentioned that there was a lot of effort put in by the promoters and no commitment from teams in the Cross Country World Championship.
- 3.3 Item 4 (4) Mr. Richard Leeke of South Africa reported that the Promoters have pulled out of the Zulu Rally South Africa during the last week to the event due to lack of funds. The ARC rally went ahead but the event was not a candidate for the 2008 WRC. Mr. Richard Leeke reported that the event ran well considering. The event was not observed under WRC regulations. There has been no decision made about running this event in the future and South Africa has placed the WRC candidature on hold for the moment.
- 3.4 Item 11 The FIA ban on Group S cars will take effect as 31st December 2007. Group S cars can be run as a super rally behind the African Rally Championship Rally. It was noted that countries like South Africa where the speed of the field would constitute a safety problem could apply for a waiver to run the field together.

4. PROGRESS OF KARTING

- 4.1 Gary Bluett of Zimbabwe reported on Karting. He mentioned that this was the last year that Zimbabwe would qualify for the Rotex event. Gary Bluett stated

that there has been a decline in the numbers of competitors. Gary Bluett extended an open invitation to all ASN.

- 4.2 Ashok of Kenya stated that Karting was alive in Kenya with 8 Championships events over the year. The Karting track was upgraded. He mentioned that out of the 40 karts in Kenya 30 were active.
- 4.3 There is Karting in the Cote de Ivorie but there is no championship at present.
- 4.4 Mr. Kabulo reported that there was no Karting in the D.R.C.
- 4.5 Mr. Satinder Singh Birdi reported that there was Karting in Tanzania but this is owned by private individual and karts can only be rented. The federation would consider looking at setting up a Karting championship. CACMS to advice on classes and send the CIK regulations to Tanzania.

5. **CROSS COUNTRY RALLIES**

- 5.1 Kenya reported that there are 4 national championship events or competitors this year and that all FIA regulations for Cross Country Rallies were followed.
- 5.2 DRC reported that the Cross Country Rally has been developed and that there were currently 7 races in the Congo. An invite was extended to all African Countries to attend. DRC mentioned that there were also about 10-12 motorcycles that have entered the CCR. Mrs. Rushforth enquired if the DRC were going to join the AMU.
- 5.3 Zimbabwe reported that the ZMSF will look at holding a CCR in Zimbabwe but expressed concerned about getting the rally guys to join this event.

6. **2008 AFRICAN RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP CALENDAR**

- 6.1 Mr. Muna Singh has proposed that there be 5 weeks between events in order to allow competitors time to prepare their vehicles before the next rally.
- 6.2 Mr. Ralph Stead expressed his concern about losing competitors at the Dunlop Zimbabwe Challenge due to being 2nd last on the calendar. It was suggest that either the dates be changed or a registration system be implemented. The dates for the 2008 Dunlop Zimbabwe challenge have been changed to the 22-24th August 2008.
- 6.3 Mr. Edourd Kouassi of Cote de Ivoire thanked everyone for allowing both himself and Mr. Jean Claude to attend the meeting to be considered for an the rally calendar. It was mentioned that the Federation FISA would need to assist competitors who have committed to do a rally in Cote de Ivoire with transport either by ship or air as the distance is to far to travel by road. This rally would have to be the first rally on the calendar as the rainy season is from September to December. It was suggested that a candidate rally be organized for 2008 and an

observer be sent to monitor. It was also suggested that an officer be sent to Cote de Ivoire to advise on rallies and also to hold a technical/Medical/Safety seminar.

- 6.4 Mr. Kabulo of DRC presented a proposal to revive the old rally but under a new name. He invited a CACMS member to observe the event. Mr. Kabulo requested Mr. Richard Leeke's assistance on setting the regulations.

7. REGULATIONS

- 7.1 Item 18 - Super Rally Bonus Points
Option 1 1 point for every leg completed.
Option 2 WRC regulations – fastest time + 10 minutes per section missed
Option 3 Take out Super Rally altogether

It was agreed that Mr. Surinder Thatthi would present Option 1 to the FIA Rally Commission for consideration.

- 7.2 Item 9 - Mrs. Rushforth requested a list of all registered drivers. Mr. Muna Singh stated the money to pay registration fees all go the FIA but does not see the money coming back in the form of development. Mr. Thatthi stated that Mr Singh should not relate fees to funding. He mentioned that he has started communication on funding for Africa.
- 7.3. Item 12 – "...nominate" be taken out and "The only registration..." also be removed.
- 7.4 Item 17 – should read 1600cc Cup and not 2 Litre Cup.
- 7.5 Item 21 – Mr. Muna Singh required clarification on where advertising is required on each event.
It was agreed :CACMS to write to all ASN regarding the following: Organizers to get 50% of front windscreen front half of doors and Tech Panel.
It was noted that the KCB Safari Rally would be exempted for the next 2 years for they already have a contract with IRC which has been signed.
- 7.6 Item 28 – Should read ..."safety seed..." and not "...reed..."
- 7.7 Item 29 – This has not been amended as requested should read "...device/sustenance and "...air/nitrogen..."
- 7.8 Item 7 – Reconnaissance to be added to the General Prescriptions.
- 7.9 Item 12 – FIA Technical Delegate – to remain the in regulations.
- 7.10 Item 10 – The last paragraph has been modified to item 11.

8. SAFETY CLOTHING

- 8.1 Mr. Richard Leeke stated that this was not followed according to FIA regulations. With effect from 2008 the correct clothing must be worn for all African Rally Championship, this is to include FIA approved long sleeve vests, leggings and socks. With effect from 1 January 2009 a helmet HANS device will be implemented.
- 8.2 Mr. Phil Archenoul of Zimbabwe thanked Mr. Viren Goricha for implementing the safety clothing regulations. CACMS to send out a bulletin to all ASN advising on the correct clothing required.

9 **ELECTIONS**

Proxies and ballot forms from Tanzania for Reunion, Kenya for Rwanda were handed to Mrs. Rushforth (for checking).

The two candidates for the CACMS chairmanship were Mr. Roger Pearce of South Africa and Mr. Surinder Thatthi of Kenya.

Mr. Surinder Thatthi was voted in for another term.

10. **NEXT CACMS MEETING**

The next CACMS meeting will be held in Johannesburg South Africa at a date to be advised.

11. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- 11.1 Mr. Richard Leeke expressed his concern at the expense of the FIA time cards. The meeting was advised that the FIA is considering a new format and the Mr. Surinder Thatthi would be following up on this matter.
- 11.2 Mr. Viren Goricha viewed his concern that over the years the FIA Technical Delegate had been scrutineering vehicles and that this was not a requirement of the Technical Delegate who should be observing the ASN's scrutineers at each event only. Unfortunately the ASNs did not always have qualified Scrutineers available so Mr Goricha had been called on to assist with the scrutineering.
- 11.3 It was resolved that CACMS Chairman investigate the possibility to open a bank account in the name of FIA-CACMS in Kenya so as to receive any funds from the FIA for the promotion of Motorsport in Africa.

The Chairman thanked all who attended the meeting and thanked Zimbabwe Motor Sport Federation for hosting the meeting once again at short notice.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 16.43pm.

Signed: _____
CACMS Chairman

Date: _____