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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FIA CONFERENCE OF  
AFRICAN COUNTRIES IN MOTORSPORT (CACMS) HELD AT  
KEMPINSKI HOTEL, DAR ES SALAAM, TANZANIA, ON THURSDAY,  
JULY 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2009

**Present**

Surinder Thatthi (Chairman)  
Nizar Jivani  
Satinder Singh Birdi  
Athumani Hamisi  
Moses Matovu  
David Bitalo  
George Kagimu  
Willie du Plessis  
Anthony Taylor  
Richard Leeke  
Dismas Kayibanda  
Tsegaye Afsfaw  
Baimiyi Ishaku  
Ralph Stead  
Muna Singh  
Anselme Bigirimana  
Omar Munshi  
Jimmy Rakotofiringa  
Adam Yachine  
Antonio Marques  
Tony Rust  
Michael Hughes  
Abdul Sidi  
Simon Modeisman  
Rushmi Bowry

**ASN**

CACMS  
Automobile Association of Tanzania (AAT)  
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Fed. Of Motorsport Clubs of Uganda (FMU)  
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Motorsport South Africa (MSA)  
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Rwanda Automobile Club  
Ethiopian Motor sport Association  
Automobile Sports Club of Nigeria  
Zimbabwe Motor Sport Federation (ZMSF)  
Zambia Motor Sport Association  
Club Automobile Du Burundi  
Federation Automobile Du Congo(FEDACO)  
Federation Du Sport Automobile De Madagascar  
Federation Du Sport Automobile De Madagascar  
ATCL Mozambique  
Namibia Motor Sports Club  
Kenya Motor Sports Federation  
Kenya Rally Drivers Association  
Botswana  
CACMS -Secretary

**15 African Countries in all represented at this meeting.**

**Also in Attendance**

Jan Regner  
Uwe Schmidt  
PZM Czech Republic  
D.M.S.B Germany

## 1. WELCOME

1.1 The CACMS Chairman, Mr. Surinder Thatthi, thanked the AA of Tanzania for hosting the Conference and also thanked FIA Foundation for allowing Motor Sports Clubs to join the Road Safety conference in Dar.

Formal introduction by the Chairman of all the members present was done.

1.2 Welcome address was given by the President of AA of Tanzania Mr. Nizar Jivani where by he congratulated the CACMS Chairman Mr. Surinder Thatthi for getting so many countries to attend the meeting. It was noted that the meeting had the biggest number of attendance for many years.

1.4 Mr. Uwe Schmidt of Germany briefly attended the meeting and thanked AA of Tanzania for their hospitality.

## 2. APOLOGIES

Chris Mehmel  
Christian Affroque  
Kady Angelbert  
Moctar Fall

President FIA Rallies Commission  
Mauritius  
Ivory Coast  
Senegal

## 3. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the previous meeting were perused and confirmed.

## 4. ADDRESS BY MR. PETER DOGWILER (FIA) – THE MOTOR SPORTS DEVELOPMENT FUND

The Motor Sports Development Fund is managed by the FIA Foundation and is designed to assist Clubs in three areas:

- a) Young drivers safety programme
- b) Facility improvement programme
- c) Officials safety training programmes

ASN's can apply for funding to improve their existing projects. Mr. Doggwiler informed the members that the Fund will not be made available for purchasing of land. Applications are due by 11<sup>th</sup> September 2009 for the next phase of the fund distribution.

CACMS encouraged all African Clubs to take advantage of this facility and send in applications that can benefit the improvement of motor sport in their countries. Once

an application has been made then if a copy is sent to CACMS the secretariat can assist to follow up on this.

## **5. MATTERS ARISING**

3.1. Mr. Richard Leeke reported that he did not send the South African cross country regulations to anyone other than DR Congo. Anyone who requires a copy should contact him.

## **6. KARTING IN AFRICA**

6.1 Mr. Anthony Taylor from Motorsport South Africa reported that CIK's KF Classes have been stopped in South Africa due to the high cost in purchasing the karts and spares for this series. In South Africa they are running only two types of platforms: Rotax and Rok. There is a 10% downturn in the number of participants. It has been noted that there are only 15-20 competitors at an average participating in the Rotax Regional Championships.

6.2 He further informed the members that Cross Border karting participation is being encouraged e.g. The Triangular Series with Mozambique. Competitors from other countries are welcomed to participate in the event.

Mr. Anthony Taylor agreed to send information on gravel kart circuits to Mr. Omar Munshi of DRC and to create a hub to send communication on karting to all the ASN's in Africa.

6.3 The Chairman informed the CACMS members that the FIA Foundation is discussing about creating regional Road Safety Centres in their respective zones in the world and have training programs and that Africa was one of the regions. They are talking of building full CIK circuits within their regional safety development program at the venues of these Road Safety Centres. This would be an added benefit to have an African Championship Kart meeting. CACMS to investigate more about this.

6.4 Mr. Antonio Marques from Mozambique requested to host the African Championship for karting in Maputo. He informed the members that South Africa and Mozambique were encouraging the Triangular Series. He reported that they have 90% Rotax platform being run in Mozambique. He requested for assistance for funding from FIA and this was an example of an application to the Motor Sport Development Fund which Mozambique was encouraged to do.

6.5 Mr. George Kagimu of Uganda asked members about the possibility of having gravel circuits in Uganda for the creation of Tarmac tracks was too expensive and to be sent more information on the gravel circuits.

Mr. Anthony Taylor kindly offered to send him the information and at the same time

informed the members that the number of gravel circuits was on the increase. The Chairman requested Uganda to look into building a Kart track in the future.

- 6.5.1 Mr. Omar Munshi from DRC informed the meeting FEDACO in DRC Kinshasa has a gravel kart circuit.

The Chairman emphasized to the members to apply to the Motor Sports Development Fund for funding. He further requested all members to go through the requirements carefully.

- 6.6 Mr. Michael Hughes from Kenya requested members to circulate the dates of their Kart events to enable their competitors to plan their diary and see if Kenya can sent Kart drivers down to compete in South Africa and Mozambique.

- 6.7 Mr. Jimmy Rakotofiringa from Madagascar reported that they have an international event once a year and 20 National Championship events. He requested for their track to be checked as it had been built by the French. Mr. Taylor suggested to him to get the CIK approval. Mr. Surinder Thatthi agreed to send him Mr. Vincent Caro (CIK Secretary General) contact. Mr. Taylor asked him to send him the photographs to enable him to report on the circuit.

The Chairman undertook to request CIK send the CIK Kart Regulations to all the members of CACMS.

- 6.8 Mr. Ralph Stead from Zimbabwe informed the members that they are very keen to participate in the Triangular Series. He reported that in Zimbabwe they have a good karting circuit built on CIK specifications though there is room for improvement.

- 6.8.1 Mr. Tony Rust from Namibia informed the members that Karting was stagnant in Namibia.

- 6.8.2 Mr. Anselme Bigirimana from Burundi reported that the Karting track in Burundi has not been maintained for the past 30 years and nothing has been done to get it going. He requested for funding to improve the track.

To conclude Karting the Chairman said

**“ KARTING IS THE WAY FORWARD TO BRING YOUNG BLOOD INTO MOTORSPORT”.**

## **7. CROSS COUNTRY RALLIES**

- 7.1 Mr. Omar Munshi from DRC requested that they would like more competitors to participate in their Cross Country Rallies and to have the African

Championship introduced. Mr. Richard Leeke suggested that someone from **CACMS** should go to the DRC to evaluate the rally which is scheduled to take place from September 9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>, 2009. It was unanimously agreed that Mr. Leeke should be the official for he has the most experience in this sport.

Mr. Michael Hughes from Kenya requested for details to be sent to him for the DRC Rally to enable him to encourage the Kenyan competitors. Mr. Munshi tabled an incentive of paying the freight charges for the competitors to encourage them to come to the DRC.

- 7.2 Mr. Richard Leeke reported that they have 65 active Off-Road competitors in South Africa and two categories of the Cross Country rally are run : Production and Two wheel drive cars.
- 7.3 Mr. Abdul Sidi from Kenya reported to the members that there are three (3) Cross Country events held during the year with an average of 40 participants, in variety of vehicles including autocross Buggy machines. The Cross Country Commission in Kenya are looking at putting together an International event in 2010 using cars, bikes, quads and trucks.

## **8. AFRICAN RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP**

**SEEDING SYSTEM & START ORDER** - Seeding of the drivers should be based on the 'wat spot" system run by Willie Du Plessis and the fastest driver from the host country to start off first in cases where it is appropriate. Starting order of the drivers for the second day should be based on the results at the end of the last Special/ Competitive stage of the previous day. This should be added in the ARC regulations for 2010.

- 8.1 **NEW TIME CARDS** - It was agreed to have the single page time cards. Mr. Ralph Stead from Zimbabwe proposed the adoption of the time cards used IN South Africa. The proposal was seconded by Michael Hughes. Some of the observations made for adopting the one page time cards were: Auditing is made easier Cheaper to have single sheets instead of multiple page booklets. Easier to fill. Easier to read.

Suggestions were made to have a place for signature which does not exist in the FIA single page cards as seen in the sample from the Mille Miglia Rally.

Conclusion: It was agreed to have the African version of the single page Timecards included in the ARC regulations.

- 8.2 **HANS DEVICE SAFETY INTRODUCTION** - It was agreed to make the use of the Hans Device compulsory for all Registered Drivers in the ARC Rally Championships from January 1st, 2010.

All ASN's in Africa were requested to highly recommend the use of Hans Device in their National Championships in 2010 and to be made compulsory for all drivers by January 2011.

Members were of the opinion that training seminars on the use of the Hans Device should be carried out before the ARC events both for the Drivers and the medical teams.

Pamphlets to be distributed before the event to bring awareness all ARC events next year. Mr. Richard Leeke from South Africa kindly offered to make the pamphlet for distribution.

Mr. Jan Regner was requested to provide the Safety DVD shown to the meeting to Mr. Richard Leeke to enable him to edit the same to the African version and have it distributed in Africa.

Once ready it will be forward to the Chairman to be sent to all the CACMS members.

**OVERALLS AND UNDERWEAR:** Mr. Richard Leeke insisted that drivers should wear FIA approved overalls and underwear. It was agreed that the ARC registered drivers **MUST** comply with the regulations from January 1st, 2010.

**DRIVING GLOVES:** Will be made compulsory for drivers to wear them from January 2010. The rule does not apply to the navigators.

#### 8.4 **SUPER RALLY AS PER FIA REGIONAL REGULATIONS -**

Will be used in 2010. This is to bring back drivers who cannot finish a leg to enable them to continue with the event next day but only to get bonus points for the championship. This would only be an incentive to the top drivers but it was noted that spectators only wish to see the top drivers in the event.

The bonus points to be awarded to the drivers will be based on the top five finishers 3,2.5,2,1.5,1 point. They will not be included in the final classification and are not allowed to advertise their leg result or the bonus points results.

Organisers must ensure that they produce Leg classifications including the super rally participants for the allocation of these points. I

In addition an overall classification without the Super Rally participants for the final rally points allocation.

The Clerk of the Course must be informed once the driver decides to take advantage of the Super Rules.

It was noted that ARC is the only one not applying the Super Rally rule and the FIA has requested that the super rally rule is made standard for all regional Rally Championships.

**RECONNAISSANCE:** Speeding during Recce was noted. The Clerk of the Course has all the powers to fine or give prescribed time penalties to drivers who do not obey the speed limits during Reconnaissance.

8.5 **SAFETY BOARDS** – Mr. Richard Leeke suggested that all ASN's must have permanent boards for “**Red Cross**” and “**Green O**” instead of having them at the back of the Road Books. Members from Tanzania, Namibia and Zimbabwe reported that they have already adopted the system.

8.6.1.1 **CLOSED ROADS SPECIAL STAGE TYPE EVENTS** -  
Can we stop open road rallies and go to closed roads was the question raised?

It was discussed at length whether to run the rallies on closed roads though it would not be always possible e.g in Uganda, Rwanda and Kenya. Speeds and routes should be looked into when organising the rallies.

The total distance in the competitive sections should be shortened to a minimum of 200-300 kilometres from 300-400 kilometres. It was agreed that

“Distance reduction should be implemented in 2010 for competitive sections rallies to the same as the special stage events.

It was agreed that the maximum average speed of the stages of 130kms should be strictly observed for both Special stage and Competitive section event. If the speed exceeded this then the section should not be used.

Safety of spectators was discussed. When organising the event heavily populated areas should be avoided. Spectator friendly areas should be looked into.

Campaign to educate the public is important through internet, handouts, advertising etc.

**LATENESS:** For all African Rallies the maximum time for the lateness was increased to 30 minutes from 15 minutes as in the FIA General Prescriptions. The total lateness of 60 minutes for the Leg/Day remains.

Penalty will be 10 seconds per every minute for the whole duration of the

lateness of 30 minutes. Penalty of one minute per Minute has now been discontinued.

It was agreed to have the Itinerary timing system made universal for all the African countries and should be based on the Special Stage format time card where the time allowed is from TC to TC and the Flying Finish is only used to record the Stage finish time and is not the time control to start the next road section.

All "Rally time" for ARC rallies should be adapted to GPS time.

## **9. SAFETY TRACKING, TIMING, RESULTS SYSTEM DEMO FOR ARC**

Mr. Richard Leeke from South Africa gave the demonstration of the Safety Tracking system used in South Africa. This system was based on tracking of rally cars to eliminate suspicions of cheating and short cutting by the crew and to know if any car has stooped in the stage due to accident or other reasons.

CACMS agreed to apply to FIA Motor Sports Development Fund to see if they could finance the purchase of the equipment which can then be shared by the countries hosting the African Rally Championship events. The cost estimate produced by Mr. Leeke was approximately 66,000 Euros based on an average 40 competing cars.

An application is to be made with the help of Willie Du Plessis and Richard Leeke.

## **10. THE 2010 AFRICAN RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP CALENDAR**

It was agreed that the dates in the dossier were suitable and the 2010 calendar for the ARC is finalized as follows:

19/21 February 2010	- Kobil Rally of Tanzania
2-4 April 2010	- KCB Safari Rally Kenya
30 Apr-2 May 2010	- KCB Pearl of Africa Uganda Rally
4-6 June 2010	- Rwanda Mountain Gorilla Rally*
16-18 July 2010	- Zambia International Rally
27-29th August 2010	- Zimbabwe Challenge Rally

\* Subject to FIA approval



Countries in the South part of Africa have requested to change the format of the ARC in 2011. After discussion it was agreed that the provisional Calendar for 2011 is as follows:

February	-	Namibia*
March	-	Zimbabwe Challenge Rally
April	-	Sasol Rally South Africa
May	-	Zambia International Rally
June	-	Rwanda Rally Candidate Event
July	-	KCB Pearl of Africa Uganda Rally
August	-	Rally of Tanzania
September	-	KCB Safari Rally Kenya
October	-	Madagascar*

\* Subject to FIA approval

It was agreed to enforce the rotation system. The rotation system will be enforced in the year 2011 for a period of five years. It was proposed that the Championship should start from the Southern Sector i.e. South Africa, Namibia and Zambia. The Northern Sector would start in Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda and Rwanda.

Dates between events should be set at an interval of five - six weeks whenever possible.

Burundi and Madagascar have expressed their desire to join for 2011 ARC And will run candidate events in 2010.

It was noted that this rotation would be able to allow South Africa to rejoin the ARC in 2011 which was applauded by all members.

## 11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 11.1 **MEDICAL:** All officials/medical staff on duty should be supplied with Tabards by the organisers.

Helicopter should be made available in the situation where a nearby hospital is 90 minutes from the point of any particular special stage.

Ambulances should be parked in special stages as Medical intervention point.

Medical kits should be standardised. Mr. Thatthi informed the members that the list is very well laid out in the FIA's Appendix L.

**OFFICIALS INSURANCE AND MEDICAL COVER** – The Chairman informed the members that there is an FIA Insurance for the FIA Observers. He

undertook to find out details of the Insurance Cover for appointed FIA officials and to circulate the same.

- 11.2 **DAILY ALLOWANCES/VEHICLES** – Daily allowances for the officials on ARC duties should be catered for by the respective clubs and should be given to them when they arrive. Vehicles to be used by FIA Officials should be ready, roadworthy, on standby, and fuelled when the officials arrive to check the route etc.
- 11.3 **HOMOLOGATION OF VEHICLES IN AFRICA** - It was recommended that Africa should campaign for Homologation for cheaper cars to use in the FIA ARC. Mr. Willie Du Plessis was requested to look into the regional homologation of cars from South Africa in the R2 category.
- 11.4 **MEDIA** – It was noted that the media coverage for the ARC events is very poor. All organisers for ARC rallies were requested to see how to improve their media centres during events and to send out regular updates and results. All ARC events must have a website which is updated during the event.
- 11.5 **AFRICAN RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP REGULATIONS For 2010** - Should be submitted by September, 2009. CACMS will do this and circulate the modifications.
- 11.6 **COURSES FOR CLERK OF COURSE AND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE** – Mr. Antonio Marques from Mozambique requested if it could be made possible to have Courses for Clerk of Course and Medical Trainees. CACMS to see if we can coordinate such courses at the next CACMS meeting in Maputo, Mozambique.
- 11.7 The delegates from Mozambique requested for Karting Circuits to be included in the Agenda for 2010.
- 11.8 An apology was made by Mr. Tsegaye Afsaw the Ethiopian Delegate, for the failure in running the Highlands Rally Ethiopia to Mr. Richard Leeke who was appointed as the FIA Observer and had to cancel his trip 3 days before the event.
- 11.9 Mr. Richard Leeke requested for the Minutes to be circulated as quickly as possible. CACMS Secretariat to handle this.
- 11.6 **DATE AND VENUE OF THE NEXT CACMS MEETING** – The FIA Foundation is having their next conference in Maputo, Mozambique, at the end of June beginning of July, 2010. CACMS will request the FIA Foundation to combine the CACMS meetings with this conference as done

this year for it brings a lot of added value to the Road Safety programme and helps to combine motor sport with Road Safety.

**13. VOTE OF THANKS**

The Chairman thanked Mr. Nizar Jiwani of AA of Tanzania for the hospitality accorded to all the members in Dar-es-salaam.

He thanked the FIA Foundation and Institute for hosting the Conference which proved far more productive due to all the members being able to interact for the three days.

Finally he thanked all the members who attended the meeting.

Mr. Nizar Jiwani thanked all the members for attending the Conference.

Mr. Jimmy Rakotofiringa from Madagascar thanked all the members for inviting them and undertook to try their level best to participate fully.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 16.00 p.m.

Signed: .....

Date: .....