



# MOTORSPORT SOUTH AFRICA NPC

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## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO THE 26<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MOTORSPORT SOUTH AFRICA NPC

This report covers the period since the 25<sup>th</sup> AGM held on 3 November 2020. It is also the first time in the history of MSA that the meeting is being held virtually. This is not an ideal scenario, however, we do believe that it is better to have a virtual AGM than to defer the AGM.

The Board currently consists of the following individuals:

CAPACITY	NAME	SURNAME	Term of office expires	FIN COM	GOV. COM	REM COM	TRANSF. COM	RACE	GENDER
Chairman	Anton	Roux	AGM 2022	√	√	√	√	W	M
Chief Executive Officer	Adrian	Scholtz	Dec. 2024	√	√		√	W	M
Financial Director	Rakesh	Beekum	AGM 2022	√	√	√	√	PDI	M
Board Member	Denise	Abrahams	AGM 2023				√	PDI	F
Board Member	Cecil	Oates	AGM 2023				√	W	M
Board Member	Ashwin	Harri	AGM 2022					PDI	M
Board Member	Monde	Hashe	AGM 2023					PDI	M
Board Member	Richard	Schilling	AGM 2022			√		W	M
Board Member	Melanie	Spurr	AGM 2021					W	F
Board Member	Sifiso	Themba	AGM 2023				√	PDI	M
Board Member	Greg	Mills	AGM 2022		√			W	M
Board Member	Frik	Kraamwinkel	AGM 2022				√	W	M

In terms of the provisions of MSA's Memorandum of Incorporation, either Mel Spurr or Ashwin Harri are required to stand down at this year's AGM, having served 5 years of a double term. Mel graciously agreed to step aside and therefore Ashwin will serve out the final year of his term of office. I would like to thank Mel for her dedication to MSA over the years. She has challenged the board on many occasions and contributed to some rigorous debate which has led overall to an improved decision-making process. Thank you very much for your contribution to Motorsport, Mel, you will be missed by all.

Covid-19 has also had a dreadful impact on our officials. Most notably, we have had three senior officials pass away during the pandemic. They were Tony Taylor (senior CoC, administrator and event organizer), Dick Shuttle (Chairman of the MSA Karting Management Group) and Wally Pappas (senior CoC/Steward and administrator). These gentlemen provided decades of their time to motorsport, and they will be sadly missed. Our condolences are extended to their family and friends.

There may be many more officials and motorsport employees who have succumbed to this sickness and our deepest sympathy is with all of their loved ones.

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Directors: A. Roux (Chairman), A. Scholtz (Chief Executive Officer), R. Beekum (Financial), Mrs. D Abrahams, A. Harri, M. Hashe, FC. Kraamwinkel, Dr G. Mills, C. Oates, R. Schilling, Ms M. Spurr, S. Themba

## Highlights

### Training of Officials

Nearly 1 000 individuals attended training webinars presented by MSA since the beginning of 2020 to the end of July 2021. The table below represent the training that was provided.

Total number of participants:	GCR	TC/Scrutineer	Covid	Event Secretary	Environmental	TOTAL
	263	344	227	72	70	976
Circuit Cars & Motorcycles	63	143	60	12		278
Karting	27	39	40	8		114
Cross Country M/Cycles & Quads	35	29	19	15		98
Enduro	23	12	16	9		60
MX	38	30	29	14		111
Rally	6	21	10	4		41
Drags	8	9	7	3		27
Cross Country Cars	8	13	7	0		28
Oval Tar	25	31	5	3		64
Oval Dirt	6	6	15	4		31
Other (i.e. marshals, photographers)	24	11	19	0		54

Total number of non-white participants:	GCR	TC/Scrutineer	Covid	Event Secretary	Environmental	TOTAL
	6	8	6	0	0	20
Circuit Cars & Motorcycles	2	4	2			8
Karting		1				1
Cross Country M/Cycles & Quads						0
Enduro						0
MX						0
Rally	1					1
Drags	2	2				4
Cross Country Cars						0
Other	1	1	4			6

Total number of female participants:	GCR	TC/Scrutineer	Covid	Event Secretary	Environmental	TOTAL
	79	52	83	59	0	273
Circuit Cars & Motorcycles	13	12	1	8		34
Karting	6	7	17	4		34
Cross Country M/Cycles & Quads	19	9	13	13		54
Enduro	7	4	10	9		30
MX	10	5	12	10		37
Rally	1	2	4	4		11
Drags	1	3	3	3		10
Cross Country Cars	3	2	4	0		9
Oval Tar	10	7	3	3		23
Oval Dirt	3	0	5	4		12
Other	6	1	11	1		19

These training course results are encouraging, but also disappointing at the same time. 28 % of all attendees were females, while only 2% of attendees were from previously disadvantaged communities. The Transformation Committee is tasked to encourage more PDI's to attend these training webinars which are all provided free of charge to the participants.

## We are doing well Internationally

Several competitors are doing incredibly well internationally and making us all proud. There are currently 69 international license holders competing in a wide range of different categories of motorsport.

## Assistance from the Department of Sport, Arts and Recreation

During 2020 MSA responded to an invitation to apply for Covid-relief financial assistance from the Department of Sport, Arts and Culture. We received an amount of R 2,7m during December 2020 from the Department. These funds were given to MSA with the purpose of retaining employment of all our staff within MSA. We appreciate all the support that we received from the Department of Sports, Arts and Culture.

## Lowlights

### Number of Competitors

The economic impact of the Covid-19 pandemic has caused a significant drop in competitors as well as license revenue as highlighted by the financial director's report. Many competitors have also opted not to renew their licenses on an annual basis but rather to take out a day license for a specific event.

We have seen growth in license numbers for Cross Country Cars and have issued more licenses in this category than in 2019. Circuit cars have also shown some growth in the number of licenses (4%); however, we are experiencing a reduction in licenses for drags and karting. The Karting reduction is mainly as a result of the decision by Rotax to move to Womza. It is furthermore evident that many competitors have opted to take out only "one event" licenses when they compete.

### Number of Events

The number of events held have reduced significantly since 2019 when 472 events were held. During 2020 we hosted 206 events and up to the end of June 2021, 132 events have been hosted with another 163 events scheduled for the last six months of 2021. We are not nearly back at the 2019 number of events but 2021 is a much better year than 2020.

	TOTAL EVENTS		
	2019	2020	2021
JAN	7	6	2
FEB	34	46	20
MAR	58	26	30
APR	39	0	26
MAY	48	0	29
JUN	51	0	25
JUL	37	1	7
AUG	49	15	28
SEP	43	36	37
OCT	43	35	45
NOV	49	29	31
DEC	14	12	15
	472	206	295

## Spectators

We acknowledge that hosting events without spectators causes financial hardship to promoters, clubs, circuit owners and sponsors. SASCOC has made representation to government on behalf of all sports regarding the return of spectators and it is hoped that this approach will bear fruit as soon as possible once the vaccine rollout in the country gains sufficient traction. Any changes to the current status regarding spectators will be communicated as soon as the information becomes available

## Conclusion

I need to thank the board, every MSA employee, all the volunteer officials and all promoters and clubs that continue to arrange events in these very uncertain and turbulent times.

It is also clear to me that during these difficult times we have less and less volunteers arranging events and at events to perform all the duties that need to be performed. We will have to develop "career paths" for all these "volunteer" individuals and begin to increase the stipends that are being paid to them to maintain and improve the standards that we have become accustomed to.

I remain hopeful that we, as Motorsport South Africa, will be able to host and participate in more race meets in the coming months.



**Anton Roux**  
4 August 2021