



## **Report Sporting Director**

### **TONY ROWLEY**

“Comment must be made on FIM Africa commission members. Folks you have volunteered. Thank you. BUT ... it does not end there. You all need to pick up the “baton” and run with it. Far too many of you do not [make] any contribution, when asked to, during the year. Even when comments were specifically invited, only a few “regulars”, bother to reply. It’s disheartening to say the least. We all need to become “ACTIVE” members! It’s very hard for a team to progress, carrying non contributors. Frankly, you need to contribute or resign. Let someone else in, who can contribute and interact”.

Above is from my 2020 report. Sadly no reaction, comment or action let alone change for 2021!

As I am responsible for our Continents Sporting activities and I think this inaction reflects badly on myself and Council Members.

The FIM Africa statutes and Terms of reference clearly detail what working groups are supposed to do, i.e., Agendas, Minutes, time frames etc!

I would like to comment now on activities which have been achieved during another very difficult sporting year mainly due the Covid pandemic.

### **MOTOX**

**Members:** Joseph [Chairman Uganda] Maina [Kenya], Gary [Zimbabwe], Gomolemo [Botswana], Jack [FIM AFRICA Consultant], Neville [RSA – Observer], Stewart [Zambia – Observer]

Sadly, we had to cancel our premier event once again, we did however publish the MX SSR’s 2021/2 and had the Ugandan MXoAN 2021 SRs approved. All being well this event will happen in 2022.

I travelled to Uganda and was very well received. I conducted an FIM Africa Officials Licensing Seminar using “our” new GSR’s and conducted a track inspection. There was an encouraging number of participants at the seminar, some of whom passed with flying colours. Well done to all. FMU certainly have an enthusiastic team and certainly have a great venue. I am sure that the event will be memorable.

Thanks to Uganda, Zambia, Madagascar and RSA members for your informative MX reports.

I am not completely up to speed with the new developments in the world of MX, but I believe that FIM Africa MX WG needs to be on their “A Game” as there are developments in MXGP and Junior MX we must keep abreast of. E powered bikes, for one example, as well as new safety regulations concerning riders’ apparel.

There is a need to improve our track marshal’s performance. This working Group must develop a Marshal/Safety training document for FMN’s to train their marshals. This will help ensure a higher standard of marshalling which FIM Africa needs for MX events.



## **ENDURO CROSS COUNTRY**

**Members:** Andreas [Chairman Namibia], Anne [Kenya], Kevin [Zambia], Greg [RSA - Observer]

We are in the process of publishing separate SSR'S for Enduro and Cross Country. Whilst there are few entries at these events, it is felt that FIM Africa should have these regulations in place, to begin growing each facet. Our members in the "North" have Cross Country/Rally style events. These have been circulated to WG members, but to date we have had 1 comment.

Our sport depends on the growth of JUNIORS, and we must accommodate them into our race regulations and programmes as well as the Women riders!

Next in my sights is the FIM Africa Technical Seminar which will initially cover all our disciplines, but will be specific when doing the Cross Country Tech Seminar, as these motorcycles are quite different to the others.

Andreas Brendel, who has had terrible health issues this year, has finally managed to get the proposal and costings for the Enduro/Off Road timing system, which has been successfully developed in Namibia over these past few years. This system is a simple and effective tool for organisers and Namibia will apply to FIM for funding. We wait to see how successful Namibia will be with this system.

This group must hold regular Zoom meetings [2 or 3 time a year] and it is important that the discussion and decisions are minuted for record purposes, furthermore all WG meetings must have an agenda.

Thanks to Anne and Gilly for the report and pictures from the successful Kenyan event in March. Noted the strict adherence to Covid protocols.

Both Zimbabwe and Zambia held Enduro's at Victoria Falls [May] and Livingstone [October]. Both event organisers are eager to hold a FIM Africa championship event soon! However, in terms of the regulations these events must be observed before they are considered for FIM AFRICA Status.

Thank you to Stewart Parkes for a very comprehensive 2021 report on the activities of Zambia Motorcycle sport. It is so encouraging to see such enthusiasm.

## **OTHER MATTERS**

To our new members, welcome and I hope we will all share our experience to further our sports growth. As you can see we are going forward so all contributions are welcome. As always volunteers are very difficult to find. Please may I ask all FMN's and FIM Africa members to actively solicit new "blood" in the form of willing officials. Zambia certainly seems to have a good system. Perhaps other FMN's may mimic this system.

I have been asked to develop a "Officials Training Webinar". However this is one facet I am out of my depth and will need guidance from anyone who has the expertise and time to contribute to this successful implementation.

The renewal of Officials Licenses will be available online by the beginning of 2022. We will hold at least 2 FIM Africa Officials Seminars before the end of April 2022. These will be for both new and old officials. I hope that you and your FMN's will ensure that these are well attended.



I am encouraged by the large numbers of “observers” who have taken the time to attend the few WG meetings this year. Your contributions were welcome, thank you.

The maximum number of years FIM Africa members may be in “office” is 12 years. Quite a few of our current WG members terms will expire at the end of 2022. Please may you actively encourage your FMN’s to begin to find replacements to ensure continuity within our WG.

I wish you all a safe and happy festive season and a very positive action filled 2022.