

Chairman's report.

The current Chair and committee –having served the two year tenure can confidently report the following;

Having completed a full two year stint, the entire committee has decided to offer the opportunities of service on the committee to alternates. As Chairman I have to thank everyone that contributed toward the successes of the term. This includes but is not limited to the members of the committee; Hayder as Vice Chair who added stability, Clint with his wealth of technical knowledge and many hours of private time offered to assist competitors, Maria for her work on social events including brilliant year end functions in 2013 and 2014. Ian long behind the scenes contributed greatly with content and advice on PRO programs, Ryss, Reynard, Frankie and all the track media personnel who ensured every slip, slid, dive and Roll was caught and posted on the many forms of social media.

The Series

Midas Sport Clubmans racing is in excellent health. If we look at the history of competitor number we find;

2014 was a year where there were 84 different competitors entering races during the course of the year, this slightly down from the 93 total entrants during the 2013 season. Although not yet mid season for 2015, competitor entrant numbers already sit at 66 compared to 43 the same time in 2014 and the 42 of 2013.

Race day entries have been constant and only drop slightly on 'Rain days' due to some competitors not having access to 'Wet Tyres'.

Midas Sport Clubmans can to date still consider itself the most successful and well supported series in South Africa.

One has to just look at the quality of the cars and driver support in the pits to see how the series has developed over the years.

Sponsors

The Sponsorship packages for 2013, 2014 and now for 2015 are fully taken up.

Without all the sponsors Midas Sport Clubmans would not be able to function at the level currently experienced.

This year we are proud to have Midas Sport as our chief sponsor- A relationship which has existed since 2010.

Our support sponsors for 2013

Midas ; Akwasol ; G and A Promotions ; Spur ; Belfreeze ; DTM Nissan and Renault ; Goodwood used Spares ; ASA Midas ; Executive decisions and Metro Consuting

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Midas; Akwasol ; Spur ; DTM Nissan and Renault ; Executive Decisions ; Million air ; Stratos Panel ;Andres Rubber ; BM Packaging; Parkers Parts centre and Metro consulting.

For 2015 we are supported by ;

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Initiatives

2014 saw initiatives which were created to create more awareness for not just motorsport through WPMC but also to build a conversation around racing. To this end we saw the “Midas Day” where Midas staff and customers were taken around the track in clubmans cars which was seen as a Demo race scenario and enjoyed immensely by all. Following that WPMC arranged a lunchtime track “Experience” for several lucky winners as well as a group of celebrities. This is planned to be repeated over the coming months.

For 2015 Clubmans has, from excess funds, purchased a VW Golf “Midas “ car which is being used by celebrity drivers to participate in race days and promote Clubmans racing. This year the car is being campaigned by D J Ready D from Good hope radio. While still acclimatizing to the racing environment Ready D is steadily improving on his times. The car is maintained by Ernest , Lance and the guys from Executive, Allister and Shaun. These are guys who live the true spirit of Clubmans by giving freely and without expectation.

Social Media

There is of late a concerted effort to improve the Social media exposure . Here the likes of Ryss, Reynard, Frankie and so on all add value to the process. It is difficult though to get data and information from the drivers who would rather be working on the mechanical than taking “selfies” for the site.

Valuable lessons have been learnt and shared on the pitfalls of social media and vigilance we need to observe when posting to this media form.

Regulations

The yearly rule sessions resulted in perhaps the best rule change in a long time with the reduction of the class times to two seconds from three. Initially there was some confusion with some drivers needing to gain power and others having trouble getting the “sandbag” weight adjusted correctly. In the end the classes stabilized with a well balance number of competitors in each class. The result was a class D,E,F competitor winning the championship for 2014. Currently the overall leaders in the championship are from classes A;B;D and E once again proving the Structure.

Other rule amendments include the issue around timing devices and the specific location for the fitment of cameras which have become more previant of late. In addition the weight penalty system for class A competitors had been altered to “Black mark Decals” rather than weights in an attempt to ensure driver safety in the event of an accident. The weight penalty system change meant drivers needed to physically reduce power to prevent breakouts. This system worked well and resulted in Class A having 16 possible competitors by end of the 2014 season. Year to date the class is strong with 9 possible competitors.

Ups and Downs

2015 saw the loss a friend of Clubmans Linda Long. Linda had a tireless desire to do for others, and an astounding ability to give. She will be missed.

There were, during the past year several quite severe accidents which left a few of our drivers rather worse for wear. The most severe probably being Ewald’s magnetic attraction to the inside of turn three where many a driver has found himself parked. Luckily Ewald walked away from that one minus a tooth which I believe was donated to the tooth fairy.

Some of the highlight of 2014 was the excellent quality racing produced by many drivers on many occasions. The inclusion of Midas Sport Clubmans in the extreme festivals of the last years and the promotion from last and first races of the day to Headline status acknowledges the growth of the series. Many national drivers and teams have mentioned how well the Clubmans racing presents and are astounded at the technical expertise of our guys.

Finances

The Clubmans fund is strong with sufficient reserves.

Our loyal sponsors ensure we retain the ability to support all the activities and liabilities we undertake. Comments are included in the financials.

Conclusion

Midas Clubmans is a strong formula with strong support from sponsors, strong backing from WPMC, and strong people in both competitors and their “teams” who have the conviction to drive Midas Sport Clubmans to ever higher places.

I thank you for allowing me the time as your servant, am proud of where I was, with whom I was and where we went.

Thank you

Wayne Wilson