

Hillclimb Committee Meeting Minutes

Cavallino House

11:00am Wednesday 22nd November 2023

Attendees:

Christian Mineeff (Chairman) - **CM**

Andy Bush (Championship Scrutineer) - **AB**

Steve Burns (Championship Coordinator) - **SB**

Brian Jackson – **BJ**

Angela Preece - **AP**

Steve Nunney - **SN**

Mark Pollard – **MP**

Chris Leach (Minutes) - **CL**

1. Chairman's Welcome & Introduction	
<p>Warm welcome and thank you all for attending.</p> <p><u>COMMITTEE IS REMINDED THAT IN THE INTEREST OF OPEN DISCUSSION CONTENT OF THE MEETING IS STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL EXCEPT FOR MINUTES AND APPENDICES.</u></p> <p>Thanks to team for 2023 season and committee members for their time.</p> <p>State of play</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Challenges ahead that we need to prepare for, new title sponsor is the first step to addressing these. Biggest challenge facing the FHC is the low number of new competitors, invites all suggestions and initiatives to increase numbers.Championship Stewards have agreed to continue for 2024, they are:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Jeff SimpsonJohn WarnerPaul Skinner <p>Reminder – Key objective of the regulations is to encourage fair competition by balancing performance across all Ferrari tipos whilst respecting the history of the championship.</p>	CM
2. 2023 Championship Coordinator Report	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Transitional year with inherited regulations and calendar with a focus on meeting officials, contacting organisers, meeting competitors & listening to feedback.Competitor registrations are lower than ideal alongside event entry from those that are registered – need to increase average entry level across events in 2024.Looking forward, hopeful we can encourage more consistent commitment from competitors, believe the 2024 calendar is a first step towards this.Should we have surveyed past competitors as well? Learn why they no longer compete in the Championship.<ul style="list-style-type: none">ALL agree.	SB AP

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ CL advises that whilst the Club may not be able to contact some past competitors of which are no longer members (GDPR) however individuals are invited to canvas past competitors on a personal level for feedback. ○ 3 groups of competitors to target: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Existing and hopefully rolling over from 2023 ▪ 2. new competitors ▪ 3. prior competitors, also split into 2 groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a) still club members – AP to survey for feedback on FHC • b) not club members – it is only this group where GDPR prevents us from contacting them as a club • Effective relaunch of the Championship in 2024 is key – we will promote to all. 	<p>AP</p> <p>CM</p>
3. 2023 Championship Scrutineer & Eligibility Report	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First involved with the Championship in 2021 as Eligibility Scrutineer. • Attended two rounds of the Championship in 2023. • No eligibility issues in 2023 to report. • There are some challenges in checking some aspects of some cars that requires honesty and integrity on the competitor's part – ALL agree that honesty is paramount amongst all involved in the Championship across all levels. • AB to attend SIX FHC rounds in 2024. • CL to share as much information on cars entered in 2024 at the point of registration with AB to assist with eligibility checks. 	<p>AB</p> <p>CL</p>
4. 2024 Title Sponsor & Draft Budget	
<p>Sponsors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of CSA Service Group – who are they? • Two-year agreement with Robert Rees of CSA Service Group. • Additional sponsors: Pirelli, Woodford Trailers & Meguiar's. • All paying with exception of Meguiar's who will supply complimentary "paddock cleaning kits" to help keep paddock presentation standards high. <p>Draft Budget Presented</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Title sponsorship vital to underpinning majority of operational costs of Championship, with some funding available for the benefit of competitors. • Propose to offer one complimentary dinner place for registered competitors at two of the four feature rounds (double headers), presenting a direct benefit to competitors in 2024 thanks to the title sponsor. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ AP asks is paying for dinners a good idea? – SB points out that social functions around events is a key interest in the survey, and one of the few areas we can offer a direct benefit to competitors. Given evidence in survey, ALL agree a good idea. • We are speaking with Hillclimb.TV to see if coverage of our championship can be expanded (they cover us at some events but currently limited). Could also produce a highlights reel at the end of the season – would also be useful for promotion to prospective new entrants. ALL agree would be a great addition to the Championship subject to fees. 	<p>MP</p> <p>MP</p>

5. 2024 Championship Apparel	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overview of jacket options available CL recommends the committee approve funds to be used to produce a waterproof jacket for all competitors – ALL agree this is a good idea. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CL to liaise with suppliers to finalise design and costs ahead of season. AP to share photos of previous coats with CL to aid design 	CL
6. 2024 Championship Calendar	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Calendar built around survey feedback which showed a preference for Hillclimbs over Sprints and double-headers – ALL agree a great calendar. Cadwell Park was unpopular so dropped for 2024. No repeat venues for 2024. 8 weekends for full attendance rather than 10 should make it easier to compete at more rounds and therefore open competition. Event organisers want us to support them – Ferrari name helps! 	SB
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overview of aims with feature weekends – we intend to promote to AGO's and hope to have a ticket offer or arrangements with the caterers at venues for lunch vouchers or similar to entice more spectators (more likely to "have a go" if they first spectate). 	MP
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Championship Representative will be present at every round in 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SB to attend 9 of the 12 rounds CL to attend other 3 of the 12 rounds Additional attendance by other Club staff where possible 	SB
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Event Reports – these need to be done by competitors to keep a varied tone of voice & perspective throughout the season – encourage competitors to contribute and collaborate together. 	CM
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thanks to all who contributed to reports and supplied photos in 2023. 	CL
7. Championship Rules & Regulations	
<p>Committee reviews & discusses suggestions & comments sent in by competitors and committee member proposals</p> <p>Proposal: Remove ban on trailers Discussed - Approved</p> <p>Proposal: Invitation Class for non-compliant Ferraris, excluded from Championship Points Discussed – Approved</p> <p>Proposal: Include 348 as a Classic tipo. Discussed – Approved</p> <p>Proposal: Move PEP 0-point to F430. Discussed – Approved</p>	ALL

Proposal: Outlaw excessive warming of engines.

Discussed – **Rejected**. Unsympathetic to force competitors to compete with cold engines. Will add to guidance notes that excessive running of engines is unnecessary on environmental grounds. Competitors to be reminded of environmental responsibility when competing in the Championship.

Proposal: Remove Champions PEP and CET from regulations.

Discussed – **Approved**. Replace with 2% Success Equaliser Percentage (SEP) for the competitor scoring 20-points in each round. This will apply to that competitor's next round (not the next round in the calendar) and is not accumulative. Should that competitor not score 20-points at their next round their SEP will be removed. Multiple competitors can carry a SEP and it is applied to the competitor not the vehicle. SEP does not carry across to the next season.

PEPs discussed (F430 now 0%)

Proposal: Revise PEP of SF90 Stradale/Spider.

Discussed – **Approved, reduced to 7.5%**

Proposal: Set PEP of 296 GTB/S to 6.5%.

Discussed – **Approved**

Proposal: Set PEP of F8 Tributo/Spider to 4.5%.

Discussed – **Approved**

Proposal: Revise PEP of Portofino.

Discussed – **Approved, reduced to 0.5%**

Proposal: Revise PEP of California T.

Discussed – **Approved, reduced to 0%**

Proposal: In case of a tie, change from two decimals for timing to as many as possible.

Discussed – **Rejected**, Motorsport UK General Regulation G.6.5.1 "For Hill Climbs and Sprints, timing is only permitted up to an accuracy of 0.1 or 0.01 seconds."

2023 REGS AS PUBLISHED, REVIEWED FOR 2024 PAGE BY PAGE

- **Throughout** – Update logos and all mentions of Championship to new title *CSA Service Group Ferrari Hillclimb Championship*
- **Throughout** – Replace all mention of *Technical and Regulatory Committee* or *TRC* with *Championship Organisers*.
- **Throughout** - Remove references to *Group 2*, replace with new wording throughout specifically in 4.2.
- **1.2.1** – Update Officials
- **1.4.2** – Registration Fee to increase to £150 for 2024 season
- **1.5** – Update with new calendar
- **1.6.1** – Update F355 to F430 as PEP 0-point
- **1.6.1** – Remove Champion PEP and Champion Extra Tariff, replace with Success Equaliser Percentage (SEP) as above.
- **1.6.1** – Update PEP table to reflect new 0-point and alterations as above.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3.2 – Add that the driver’s seat must be occupied by a suitably qualified individual. • 4.1 – remove “and be driven to the meetings”. • 4.1(a) - replace "...non-standard pistons, re- programmed engine management systems and including machining, lightening, polishing, porting or matching of internal components will carry a 1.5% PEP factor (see 4.2 Special Notes)." with "replacement components / standard pattern parts to the standard specification is permitted." • 4.1(d) - change to read "brake pads are free" • 4.1(e) – Remove “no restrictions” and rework wording to remove ambiguity. • 4.2.2 – Rework to require all modification be declared and any additional PEP be set on a case-by-case basis by the Committee. Result may be no additional PEP, an additional PEP, or the car being declared invitation class. • 4.2.3 - Add "or rebodies and replicas" after "...wheel arches" • 4.2.4 – remove “the marque”. 	
8. Any Other Business	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add a shopping list to guidance notes to assist newcomers to the Championship – SN to share with CL to add to 2024 guidance notes. • Add to guidance notes tips on how to get started in Hillclimb such as licenses and how to enter a hillclimb event once you have registered for the championship. <p><u>COMMITTEE IS THANKED FOR TIME & INPUT. ALL WISHED A SAFE JOURNEY HOME</u></p>	<p>SN</p> <p>SB</p> <p>CM</p>