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1/8 IC Off Road Buggy 2011 report

The Season 2011 has passed, and I must thank again everyone for their collaboration on the well running of the Section.

Immediately after our last AGM I depart from Brussels to the IFMAR World Championship of Pattaya, we all know what have happened there, what I am able to add is that all the EFRA drivers managed properly,

After Thailand, the usual correspondence received in regards to entries and allocations with some adjustments and very few technical matters with quite a traffic of mails regarding some National penalties to several international drivers.

As you all know the EFRA 2011 Season consists on 3 EFRA GP, Germany, Switzerland and Italy and the 2 main events, the European Championships, A & B, plus 2 international races, Great Britain and Czech Republic.

The feedback received out of our races needs to improve, and this is a problem I have already pointed out every year since 2008, I will use 2012 as last chance and then I will take measures.

Season started as per official racing with the EFRA GP of Germany, Warm-up of the coming European Championship A, with facilities prepared and some improvements required for the European Championship.

Next came the European Championship B at Lyon, France, organized by the CAMSE Club and the French Federation, my thanks to them for a good event. Some small glitches probably caused by a lack of knowledge of some standards but the event was successfully completed with a good work at Race Direction, time keeping and Technical Inspection.

The full camp was filled, 144 drivers, and the victory went for the young AGAMA driver J, Bacro followed by country fellow man Laurent Tartare with the third position for the swede M. Sandberg.

Before going to EC A we went on the first weekend of July to the EFRA GP of Switzerland at Oberbüren. Luckily the Organizing club sent representatives to the event at Lyon, as obliged per the rules, and they did take a lot of notes so they have tried to implement most of those and/or are prepared to do it for the ECB 2012. I as Section Chairman went there and acted as referee giving them track side my advice over possible improvements for 2012 event and compromised to send them a full document, still pending to be done.

The event was great and facilities and ambience are on a real HIGH level, so I expect an excellent EC B 2012.

After such a successful event we went back to Sand Am Main for the European Championship A.

It has been a very good European Championship, the small size of the track forced your EFRA Section Chairman to take the decision, after the GP experience, of making the qualifying groups just to 10 drivers, so we went to 18 groups at each round.

The work done by the Club has been excellent although weather influence was there during qualifying, many thanks to all race officials and club members.

My congratulations are extensive as well to the referees of the event, and to the Race Director Mr. Norbert Rasch.

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180 drivers present , so again a full camp event; victory after a thrilling final went to the Mugen-Novarossi driver Don Robert Battle followed by the french driver Jerome Aigoïn and the "young newcomer" Daniel Reckward from Germany.

Last of the season was the EFRA Gp of Italy at Sacile nearby Venice where, most probably, we are going to have the European Championship A in 2013.

Our Vice Section Chairman Alex was present there and have already suggested a list of improvements to be carried out for the next EFRA event to be celebrated there., We will be at your disposal for information over this venue and as well for the Austrian and the Oberburen venue of the next Euros B as far as either me or Alex we have been already there.

Joined you will find the results from Euro A, Euro B and of the EFRA GPs of the year. You can find as well the list of the drivers not eligible for the European championship B 2012.

This is all in regards of the racing Season.

Now the Deposits.

As per the EFRA rules this matter is the Section Chairman decision "9.- He decides if the deposits paid for GP and EC events maybe refunded and requests the Treasurer to refund any monies due" but I want to consult you, the member countries to make my decision.

The deposits we have to consider are the following ones:

EFRA GP of Germany (600 Euros minus 121 x 5; 605) = 0 Euros

EFRA GP of Switzerland (600 Euros minus 52 x 5; 260) = 340 Euros

EFRA GP of Italy (600 Euros minus 42 x 5; 210) = 390 Euros

EFRA European Championships B at Lyon, France = 600 Euros

EFRA European Championships A at Sand Am Main, Germany = 600 Euros.

My recommendation, although some small problems indicated is to return all deposits in full.

As a conclusion we have to keep on working to keep with a good friendly section, I will try to help everyone as usual and keep demanding the best out of our organizers so our events set a new standard of excellence.

With all my respect

Your Section Chairman

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