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Subject: Pre 2012 Section Meeting letter

Dear sport friends:

This is an open letter to all EFRA member countries Federations or Associations and for all their Club members and Drivers who love the 1/8th I.C. Off Road class; Industry and Media are welcome as well as receivers of this letter.

When I am at races, normally many people address me and say, "you EFRA should do this or that...", this is rather frequent, even more, I must say it is a never ending tale.

So to be clear and transparent enough, all of you, Media included, are invited to assist to our Section meeting that will take place next 3rd of November by 14:00 approx. at the Holiday Inn Hotel nearby the Brussels airport, normally meeting last up to 19:00 maximum, so if you need to take a plane or a train or to hit the road you will be able to make it in just 1 day.

What are we going to deal with? The Agenda of our Section meeting, our member countries contacts have received it with the other EFRA AGM agendas and normally it is displayed at the EFRA web site: <http://www.efra.ws> as General news , package 2 for the 2012 EFRA AGM.

Anyhow, I am going to use this letter to summarize what will be our meeting.

After an opening that includes welcome, list of assistants and vote holders (please do keep in mind that only member countries duly designed representatives are allowed to vote) we do a short recap over past year minutes and then the Section Chairman presents his annual report that normally includes all results of the season and some considerations from my side after our annual experience achieved.

The next in the Agenda is the selection of Venues for future events, this is a very important matter for all candidates who have to make a presentation but having previously fulfilled all the requirements of rule 3.2.2 at page 52 & 53 of the 2012 EFRA Handbook.

The procedure for such is clearly settled in the EFRA Handbook, this stage of the Meeting normally takes some time depending on the number of candidates who have to make their presentations and on the rounds of vote needed.

After Venues have been selected we move forward to allocation spots for the different events of the coming season, this is done following applications received from our different member countries either presents or given in writing previously to the Section Chairman. Normally to make everything fit some adjustments are done but common sense leads to a valid outcome for everyone.

Nevertheless some other adjustments are valid to be done before 15 December, mainly linked to events where the venue or date have been decided at the meeting, like for instance this year EC-B 2013, but that is standard as well.

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Then the coffee break arrives for us, relax for a while, and it is a good moment to get some info from other section meetings, i.e. dates or venues, to try to avoid any collisions.

After the coffee break we move to rule changes approval.

The rule changes have as well its own procedure, the only ones entitled to make proposals are the Member Countries, the EFRA Section Chairman and the Manufacturers, but those only in regards to constructional matters. Every proposal needs to be seconded to be able to be considered by the meeting and then comments, suggestions or amendments can be raised. If an amendment arise then it will need a seconder as well.

Everyone can express his opinion in regards of it, but the voting is only done by the member countries representatives with casting vote for the Section Chairman.

What rule changes are we going to consider?

Those are included in the Agenda, there are 13 different proposals; lets have a short explanation about all:

1st.- A text inclusion of a rule already included at chart level.

2nd.- A rule change to make possible for drivers to find a different position at the track before the 2 minutes to the start announcement.

3rd.- Some conceptual items that have been missing at rules for a while or due to changes at other classes.

4th & 5th .- 2 pretty similar proposals to have more shorter practice runs on the 2 first days of our ECA.

6th.- A proposal to make all sub finals on 20 minutes, even the ones on Friday.

7th.- A timetable modification to adapt it to the new practice format, if passed.

8th.- A proposal to change the way to find the final result of an event in different weather conditions have been present and continuation has not been possible.

9th.- Change of length dimension of the cars and of the way to express and measure the width of it.

10th & 11th.- 2 proposals related to tires, one only for EC-B and a second one related to all Ecs

12th.- A proposal to include rules for Electric Buggy 1/8th and for Truggy as well

13th.- A proposal to give trophies for manufacturer of car, engine and tires.

The proposals comes from different member countries and Section Chairman and many of them are based on our annual experience achieved, some of you may think there are too many, some other may think there are too few ones, please do keep in mind that our Section Meeting is only a part of the EFRA AGM and that many items related to more than one class are discussed and voted at the General Meeting covering all Sections; that one is held Saturday Morning and Sunday Morning as well, so for many of us this is a long weekend meeting.

After the proposals we vote positions and then we go to deal with any other business including the IFMAR aspects to close the meeting with Items of General discussion. Minutes are to be done immediately after the meeting and those are done normally after dinner time unless we have been so lucky to close the meeting earlier enough to make those before it.

This is in short summary what we are going to deal with and how EFRA and its member countries works for every driver, organizer, industry member and for the RC racing community.

As I have already mentioned before all of you will be welcome to our meeting, if Industry, Drivers or Media come for the meeting I am sure their presence and input will make a better meeting. As the EFRA web you can find invitation covering the whole meeting and Manufacturers meeting and hotel packages.

With my best regards
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