

Member Consultation

- 1) Should BRC give a donation to the two teams each year that go and compete abroad – France and Ireland?

If so, this would come out of the main BRC budget so would have money cut back from elsewhere.

- 2) FOTH and DTM Swapping seasons (possibly in future)

As we always looking at reviewing Championships, the FOTH can be a struggle for many areas to run the Challenge over winter.

Now the FOTH is no longer a Hunter Trial and we are no longer at Olympia for the Quadrille Final, there are no restrictions as such on the time of year.

The idea is to swap the FOTH and DTM Championships over, so that the DTM would become a winter competition and FOTH became a summer competition. There are obviously pros and cons to the idea.

This potentially will give areas more time to run the Challenge as currently only really have October, March and April to run, whereas could have the whole of summer instead. DTM is run predominantly indoors so would make sense for it to be winter competition. Downside is that indoor schools are hot commodity over winter so may not help areas as such.

Obviously this is just a thought at this time so not gone as far as checking with venues this would be possible etc. What are your areas thoughts firstly in feasibility of running the qualifiers at the different times of years and also would this suit the members? If the majority come back as to this being a good option for areas, then we will look at the feasibility and whether this would be something that can be done for the future.

- 3) BRC Handbook to all members at an additional cost. Raise affiliation fees for clubs. Each club currently gets 5 Handbooks then they are sold through Bookshop at £6.
- 4) Future of the Quadrille – entries this year are worryingly low and the current format holds us back from considering new venues. We would like to consult members on how we go forward with this. There are four potential options:
 - a. Leave as it is and find best possible place for final
 - b. Drop the Quadrille altogether
 - c. Run all in the same night at the DTM Championship
 - d. Potentially run at an equine event where they run the qualifier and final on separate days/ afternoon selection and evening final e.g. Equifest