

# NAMIBIA MOTOR SPORT FEDERATION (NMSF)

## SEASONS GREETINGS - 2020



WHAT A YEAR!!!

As I sit and pen this message, I pause to reflect on the year we have had and its impact on humanity, our personal dignity and off-course our sport. The Coronavirus and subsequent Covid -19 Pandemic brought life as we know it to a complete standstill. It engulfed every aspect of our lives and threatened the very liberties we enjoy. Many of our friends and relatives were affected in some or other way. Some fell victim to the virus, some overcame it, others succumbed to it. Some lost their jobs and others were fortunate enough to retain theirs but were faced with reduced salaries whilst still having the same financial exposure, if not more. Business owners had to close their doors and those that managed to survive the lockdown are slowly trying to rebuild.

As humans, our very instinct is to try and survive.. and I am so glad to say that whatever personal journey you had in relation to Covid -19, if you're reading this, **you survived!!** Take a moment to bow down and Thank the Almighty for this very fact.

Namibian Motorsport was no exception. The Year 2020 was difficult for us as a Federation but also as a sport. After the few events that took place we were faced with a lockdown which brought an immediate halt to life, and more so, sport as we know it. Though at times clubs felt that there was limited engagement with them, I can assure you that there was tremendous work behind the scenes in ensuring we could go ahead with some events towards the end of the year. To this end, I would like to thank our office administrator, **Mr Derek Jacobs**, for his time and commitment to this process. Sometimes even working until 23:00 to ensure we meet certain deadlines. Your diligence and commitment is highly appreciated.

I would also like to commend the clubs for their willingness and versatility to adapt, by developing and adopting the Covid -19 protocols, with our office and with the assistance and guidance of the office administrator, under which the last few events were held. This shows a level of maturity long since seen in this sport.

What we have however been afforded, is an opportunity to reflect on our lives and the sport that we so much enjoy. Next year is a new beginning and with the limited resources we have available to us, we must strive to engage one another with enthusiasm and vigor. Let's band together and pick up the pieces: only with full cooperation, commitment and respect for one another can we achieve our goals.

Sport is a great unifier. It brings people from all walks of life and from the entire cross-section of society together under one banner, to compete on a level playing field for the honor to be crowned champion. It begs compassion, respect and genuine sportsmanship at the highest level. When we put sport above human life, we compromise its integrity. I implore you to consider that when next time you put or regard your sport above human life.

Honor the ideals upon which you base your competitions each year, keep the racing on the track and not on the road. You represent not only yourself, your club, your teams, your Federation and most importantly yourself.

The NMSF Council and its members wishes everyone peace and happiness for the holidays, a Merry Christmas, and all the joy and prosperity for a successful 2021.

Yours in Motorsport



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