



NSW Rally Panel

Saturday 31st January 2015
Blacktown RSL Club

MINUTES

1. Attendees

Present:

Matthew Martin (Chair) (MM), Andrew Crowley (Secretary) (AC), Col Fletcher (CF), Darren Mowett (DM), Katie Fletcher (KF), Michael Harding (MH), Michael Taylor (MT).

CAMS Personnel:

Nil

Observers/Visitors:

Nil

2. Opening / Welcome / Confidentiality

The Chairman declared the meeting open at 10:15am and welcomed all attendees. All were reminded of the need to finish the Panel meeting in time to allow for lunch and the start of the 2015 Rally Organisers Forum later in the day.

3. Apologies

Chris Giddins (CG), Lui MacLennan (LM).

Adriana Pallister (AP) – carrying out work for Rally Panel.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion: "That the NSW Rally Panel accept the Minutes of the Panel Meeting held by teleconference on Wednesday 10th December 2014 as being a true and accurate record of the meeting."

Moved: KF Seconded: MT All in favour. CARRIED.

5. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

- MM - State Exec have approved the change to the 2015 Competition Conditions to include G2 vehicles as eligible to compete and score points at NSWRC events. MM has been in contact with ARCOM regarding updating the CAMS Manual to reflect this and allow other States to include these cars in more events in the future.
- MM – Ongoing correspondence with Ben Pretty and CAMS Legal Department in Melbourne regarding the possibility of accepting scanned copies of competitor paperwork and licences prior to events to save time at event documentation. There is concern that the Event Secretary and/or admin staff at events still need to check photo identification of competitors on the day. Awaiting further info from CAMS.
- KF asked if the action items following Panel meetings and teleconferences could be distributed sooner. AC explained that these are updated at the same time as preparing the minutes of each meeting, and apologised for the time it takes to release the draft minutes each month.



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- KF suggested the setup of an official Dropbox account for the NSW Rally Panel, as MM and KF currently using their personal and/or work accounts to store files for the Panel. KF to pursue setting this up in March 2015 after returning from holidays. There will be a small cost involved in this but the amount of data stored in photos, videos and documents is now making it a necessity. In the interim, MM to allow access for the rest of the Panel to his Dropbox awaiting KF's return.
- CF is working through updating both the Rally Organiser/Director Manual and the Checker Manual. This is a long term project that will take some months to complete, providing the subject matter for future training of CAMS rally officials in NSW. Upon completion of these manuals, an approach to be made to the AOC regarding the running of a rally specific face to face Bronze Event Command theory module.
- MT – Contact with Rhys Pinter did not turn up the missing Excel Series perpetual trophies. The general consensus is that they were last awarded in 2011 to Andrei Artamonov and co-driver. DM to follow up return of these trophies, and getting them engraved to distribute to Josh Hyde and Mel McMinn sometime after the Presentation Night. Contact details for Andrei available from series registration forms.
- MM – Naming rights sponsor for the 2014 NSWRC, Garys Motorsport Tyres, has agreed to a sponsorship deal for the 2015 NSWRC. The Panel thanks Gary Harrison for his continued support. Rally NSW working group are in negotiations with further sponsors for 2015.
- MM has been in touch with the NSW Stewards Panel regarding series reports for 2014 and looks forward to a great working relationship in 2015.
- MM – Panel is in support of a State of Origin Challenge at the 2016 NatCap Rally. No further action at this time, more info from ARCom will be available closer to the date.
- DM raised the prospect of reviving the State of Origin Excel Challenge at the Bega Rally as in previous years. MM advised this is not possible in 2015 as Bega not a DRS/Excel round and that perhaps an event like Tumut would be more suitable. MT advised that calendars for NSW and VIC events clash at that time of year. MM suggested that further work in this area with both the VIC and QLD Rally Panels should be looked into for the 2016 competition year, especially relating to the Excels but at other levels as well.
- MM and KF – Win the Ultimate Rally Navigating Experience Competition has been postponed to 2016. The concept is great, the competition is ready to launch but the car is still being built and now is not the best time to coordinate things considering current workload of the Rally NSW working group.
- MM – Videos for the 2014 Presentation Dinner now complete. All thanked MM for the research and work that has gone into this, and trophy winners will be impressed with the results.
- KF – Update of website for 2015. Work still happening on Series pages but almost complete. New event pages have been set up, still awaiting content from some event organisers. The need for ongoing supply of content from organisers will be stressed at the Organisers Forum this afternoon.
- DM – Ongoing education of competitors into what events require frontal head restraints to be worn in 2015 is very important. MM - Recent press release on Rally NSW website has been a good start and the All-Comers section of each NSWRC round ensures that all competitors should feel welcome at any event on the calendar.



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- MM – Dennis Trigg now a recognised certifier for the Rally Vehicle Scheme. CAMS have advised Geoff Thomas that his application was unsuccessful. KF to update list on website to reflect the latest information.

6. Decisions made by email vote between meetings

- 11/12/2014 – Vote to update members of the TRE Working Group to include Roderick Towers of Australian Historic Rally Group. 6 For, 4 Abstained. CARRIED.
- 22/1/2015 – Vote to include Stephen ‘Fro’ Horobin as a new member of the Rally NSW working group to assist with event media coverage. All in favour. CARRIED.

7. Correspondence

Inbound:

- 13/1/2015 – Email from Col Trinder of ARCom supporting the idea of including G2 vehicles in State Championship events.
- 22/1/2015 – Email from Barbara Anderson of NSW CAMS Office advertising the 2015 CAMS General Assembly.
- 23/1/2015 – Email from Ben Pretty of CAMS regarding scanned documents at event documentation and contact details of Scott Schlink from CAMS Melbourne Office to discuss the matter in greater detail.
- 30/1/2015 – Email from Selina Goodreid of CNCSCC requesting date changes for two of their rallysprint events at Nabcac.

Outbound:

- 15/12/2014 – Flyer for Organisers Forum on 31/1/2015 sent to NSW CAMS Office to distribute to car clubs.
- 5/1/2015 – Email to all 2014 trophy winners advertising Rally NSW Presentation Night.
- 12/1/2015 – Email to all RSS, DRS, NSWRC event organisers further advertising the upcoming Organisers Forum.
- 12/1/2015 – Email to ARCom requesting inclusion of G2 vehicles as eligible for NSWRC events and pointscore.
- 21/1/2015 – Bulk email to all competitors on the Rally NSW email database advertising the Presentation Night.

8. Chairman’s Report

- MM - All Panel Chair reports will now be published on the CAMS website. MM to confirm if it is the version sent to State Council, or the version sent to State Executive, that will be made public on the website.
- MM - The election of members for the 2015 State Executive will be finalised at the next State Council meeting on 14/2/2015.



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9. Past Events

- 18/12/2014 – NSSCC Tarmac Rallysprint Round 3 at WSID.
- 22/1/2015 – NSSCC Tarmac Rallysprint Round 4 at WSID. Great events that are proving very popular.

10. Coming Events

- 14/2/2015 – AMSAG Bombala Rally.
- 19/2/2015 – NSSCC Tarmac Rallysprint Round 5 at WSID.
- 8/3/2015 – CNCSCC Nabiac State Rallysprint.
- 19/3/2015 – NSSCC Tarmac Rallysprint Round 6 at WSID.
- 28/3/2015 – Rally New England NSWRC. Prime News have shown interest in covering this event and the local Mayor is very supportive.
- 11/4/2015 – WAC Awaba State Rallysprint.
- 18/4/2015 – NSSCC Caves Classic DRS at Jenolan State Forest.

11. Finance

- Financial Report – as distributed by MM on 28/1/2015.
- 2015 Budget has been adjusted from last month to include new sponsorship agreements. KF advised that website hosting costs have increased for 2015.
- Plan to set up banners advertising our series sponsors at spectator points and on selected stages at events this year so that they appear on incar footage on social media. Greater coverage for sponsors, Fro Horobin to assist on this project.
- MM – the NSW Rally Panel will again be subsidising clock hire as a service to event organisers in 2015.

12. CAMS Reports (ARCom / Exec)

- No new reports since the last Panel meeting.

13. Rally NSW Working Group Update

- No report tabled. Rally NSW have not met since last Panel meeting due to the Christmas break.
- New member of the team Fro Horobin.
- Website has been upgraded to make it easier to navigate. Content mostly up to date but need photos and profiles from our new Panel members AP and MT.
- Additional sponsors for 2015 being sought for various Series but also minor sponsors providing one off prizes and competitions at events.
- 2014 Presentation Night. Covered in Section 16 below.



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- Next projects include work on series stickers, registration packs for competitors and media presence at Rally New England in March.
- 2015 Top Gear Festival clashes with the Caves Classic Rally in April. No involvement by Rally NSW this year as the main focus is on supporting series events.
- Win the Ultimate Navigating Experience Competition is ready to launch for 2016. Plans to start advertising at the Coffs Harbour WRC in September 2015.

14. RVS Report

- Application by Greg Boyle to become an additional certifier for the RVS in Sydney. This has been rejected due to the number of certifiers already in Sydney metropolitan area.
- 28 cars registered on the system so far, more coming over as existing registration renewals fall due.
- Bob Davies at Artarmon is no longer on the list of approved RVS Certifiers.
- Currently have 3 certifiers in Sydney – Stewart Wilkins at Mulgrave, Ben Ruggles at Chipping Norton and Frank Neale at Greystanes. Ben Ruggles now has his own plate brake testing machine on site.
- Currently have 3 regional certifiers – Mark Beard at Woolgoolga, Dennis Trigg at Toronto, David Weller at Nabiac. DM to work with David Weller to get details on the plate brake tester he is using.
- MM expressed the need for a certifier on the South Coast of NSW as we are lacking in this area.
- Panel must be vigilant that the correct procedures are being followed by all certifiers as per the RVS Technical Manual.

15. Registrations

- List of current registrations circulated by AP on 27/1/2015. 19 individuals have registered so far, with 8 NSWRC, 4 DRS, 5 DRS4, 7 PRS and 9 RSS.
- Many Panel members expressed their intent to register for various series at the Presentation Night where AP will be taking registration forms and cash. Panel members to promote series registration on the night.

16. Presentation Night

- Discussion on prices for raffle tickets to be sold on the night at the sign-in table and also by KF and AP circulating throughout the room during the night. A selection of great raffle prizes have been donated.
- 94 dinner tickets sold to date, a great response and enough people to make it a memorable event. It's all about the vibe.
- A great selection of videos of trophy winners and photo slideshow has been planned for the night.



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- Trophies and novelty awards now all sorted. AP finishing off trophies today with artwork supplied by KF.

17. Organisers Forum

- Planning now complete, Powerpoint presentations prepared by CF, MM, KF.

18. Pacenote Rally Series

- Following discussions by email and at this meeting, the rounds chosen so far are NatCap (full event), Narooma Forest Rally, Rally of Kyogle and Mundarlo Road Rallysprint.

19. General Business

- Concern about the date of Rally des Femmes on 21st March being one week after AMSAG Jenolan on 14th March and one week before Rally New England on 28th March. Moving forward, Rally Panel to work closely with car clubs to avoid similar clashes by non-series events in 2016.
- DM asked about car numbers at events for 2015. Are we continuing with large white doorplates as per Schedule K or moving towards ARC style numbering? MM to ask event organisers about this at the Organisers Forum this afternoon. If the support is there, MM to write a decision paper to send to the next State Executive meeting on this matter. MH and MM suggested the Rally Panel might be able to supply the new style numbers as a service to organisers, similar to the rally clocks.
- MM to respond to Selina Goodreid of CNCSCC regarding the requested date change of two rallysprints at Nabic.

20. Close and Next Meeting

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 11:55am.

Next Face to Face Meeting: TBA.

Next Teleconference: Wednesday 25th February at 7:30pm.

21. Distribution to

State Executive, ARCom, Ben Pretty, NSW Stewards Panel, NSW Scrutiny Panel, NSW Officials Panel.



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22. Action Points

| Item | Responsibilities | Timeline |
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| 2014-1. Liaise with Rally Australia organisers regarding Rally NSW tent and display in Service Park and/or spectator areas at Coffs Harbour WRC in September 2015. | MM | Ongoing |
| 2014-2. Update list of RVS certifiers on Rally NSW website to include Dennis Trigg in Toronto. | KF | ASAP |
| 2014-3. Design of template award certificate to reduce trophy costs at events for organisers. Once completed, these to be available for download from Rally NSW website. | KF | Ongoing |
| 2014-4. Arrange quotes and purchase of Rally NSW printed marquee. | MM, CF | Ongoing |
| 2014-5. Update of Director Manual – long term project. | CF | Ongoing |
| 2014-6. Update of Checker Manual – long term project. | CF | Ongoing |
| 2014-7. Liaise with CAMS as to whether it is possible to accept scanned copies of competitor licences, club membership cards, other paperwork, etc, prior to events to save time at documentation. Panel working with Ben Pretty and CAMS Legal Department on this matter. | MM, CF | Ongoing |
| 2014-8. Liaise with ARCOM for an update of the CAMS Manual, allowing G2 vehicles to be eligible to compete at State Championship level rally events in all States. | MM | Ongoing |
| 2014-9. Set up an official Dropbox account for storage of NSW Rally Panel documents, photos, videos. | KF | March 2015 |
| 2014-10. Arrange return of perpetual trophies for Excel Series from the 2011 winners for engraving and distribution to the 2014 winners. | DM | ASAP |
| 2014-11. Encourage event organisers to include in their supp regs the registration jurisdiction in which the event will be running. This will better clarify vehicle registration requirements for competitors prior to each event. | MM | Ongoing |
| 2014-12. Sponsorship proposals for 2015 season – existing sponsors and new. | Rally NSW | Ongoing |
| 2014-13. Organise the Win the Ultimate Rally Navigating Experience competition for 2016. Advertise at Coffs Harbour WRC in September 2015. | Rally NSW | Ongoing |
| 2014-14. Update of NSW Checkers List. | CG | Ongoing |
| 2014-15. Article for website on co-driving. | AC, KF | Early 2015 |
| 2015-1. Liaise with QLD and VIC Rally Panels regarding State of Origin type challenges as part of 2016 events, not only for Excel Series but higher. | MM, DM | Ongoing |



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| 2015-2. Liaise with 2015 event organisers to ensure Event pages are kept up to date with the latest content throughout the year. | KF | Ongoing |
| 2015-3. Confirm which version of the Panel Chairman's Report is to be published on the CAMS website - the State Council or State Exec version. | MM | February 2015 |
| 2015-4. Sponsor stickers to be updated for 2015 and sent to event organisers and/or registered competitors as appropriate. | Rally NSW | Ongoing |
| 2015-5. Photos and profiles required for new Panel members for website to be updated. | AP, MT, KF | ASAP |
| 2015-6. Contact RVS Certifier David Weller in Nabiac for details of the plate brake tester he is using. | DM | ASAP |
| 2015-7. Consult with event organisers about ARC style door numbering vs the white door plate requirements of Schedule K at Organisers Forum. Write decision paper to go to next State Executive meeting. | MM | ASAP |
| 2015-8. Liaise with CNCSCC about rallysprint date changes. | MM | ASAP |



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23. List of Attendees

| Panel Member | Meetings | Reason |
|-------------------|----------|--------|
| Andrew Crowley | 1/1 | |
| Adriana Pallister | 0/1 | 10 |
| Colin Fletcher | 1/1 | |
| Chris Giddins | 0/1 | 3 |
| Darren Mowett | 1/1 | |
| Katie Fletcher | 1/1 | |
| Lui MacLennan | 0/1 | 7 |
| Michael Harding | 1/1 | |
| Matthew Martin | 1/1 | |
| Michael Taylor | 1/1 | |

Legend

1. Absent due to officiating
2. Absent due to club commitment
3. Absent due to work commitment
4. Absent due to urgent commitment
5. Absent due to competition
6. Absent due to personal leave
7. Absent due to National meeting
8. Absent due to illness
9. Absent no apology
10. Absent due to Panel work