



NSW Rally Panel

Wednesday 25th February 2015
Teleconference

MINUTES

1. Attendees

Present:

Matthew Martin (Chair) (MM), Andrew Crowley (Secretary) (AC), Col Fletcher (CF), Chris Giddins (CG), Lui MacLennan (LM) Michael Harding (MH), Michael Taylor (MT).

CAMS Personnel:

Nil

Observers/Visitors:

Nil

2. Opening / Welcome / Confidentiality

The Chairman declared the meeting open at 7:38pm and welcomed all attendees.

3. Apologies

Adriana Pallister (AP), Darren Mowett (DM), Katie Fletcher (KF).

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion: "That the NSW Rally Panel accept the Minutes of the Panel Meeting held at Blacktown RSL Club on Saturday 31st January 2015 as being a true and accurate record of the meeting."

Moved: CF Seconded: MH All in favour. CARRIED.

5. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

- MM – State Exec have approved the use of standardised ARC Style numbering (minus the large orange stickers on rear side windows) for series events in NSW in 2015.
- MM – State Exec have approved using two separate heats for the two day NatCap Rally when scoring the first event of the PRS pointscore.
- MM – when formulating the 2016 Calendar, beginning August 2015, NSW/ACT car clubs to be encouraged and given a friendly reminder to liaise with the Panel for scheduling of all rallies and ralliesprints, not just series events. MM has modified existing forms to include space for multi-club and club only rallies and ralliesprints. State Exec are in support of open communication between clubs and the Panel.
- CF expressed concern that there are still competitors who are confused about what level events require frontal head restraints in 2015. Information has been distributed via Facebook and the Rally NSW website already, with further information to be sent to competitors via the Mailchimp email database.
- CG is working through combining and updating the list of Checkers received from the NSW CAMS Office and the list received from Laurie Cunningham to settle on an accurate list of current Checkers in the State.



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- MM – Panel Chairman will continue to write separate reports to go to State Exec and State Council, with the State Council version to be ‘for publication’ on the CAMS website.
- MM – Website being updated with profiles for new Rally Panel members AP and MT. This to be extended to also include Rally NSW Working Group members Charlie Drake, Karen Martin and Stephen ‘Fro’ Horobin.

6. Decisions made by email vote between meetings

- 14/2/2015 – Vote to proceed with proposed scheme of arranging printing and supply of car number stickers to series event organisers. 7 For, 3 Abstained. CARRIED.

7. Correspondence

Inbound:

- 3/2/2015 – Email from Adrian Dudok of BMSC asking if NSWRC competitors will be attending the promotional start for NatCap Rally on the Friday night.
- 4/2/2015 – Email from NDDC requesting to move their S2 Rallysprint from 1/11/2015 to 25/10/2015 to alleviate the date clash with a CNCSCC event at Nabcac on 1/11/2015.
- 16/2/2015 – Email from Richard Houghton. Agreement to continue working with the Panel to supply rally clocks to series events in 2015.
- 17/2/2015 – Email from Adrian Dudok of BMSC regarding changes to the format and competitive distance of Day 1 and Day 2 of the NatCap Rally.
- 23/2/2015 – Financial reports received from CAMS.
- 23/2/2015 – Email from Dave Johnson of TRE Working Group, report for February.
- 23/2/2015 – Certifier Application for RVS received from Jason Ruse of Tweed Heads.
- 23/2/2015 – Email from Kaylie Newell searching for trophy from the Presentation Night.

Outbound:

- 5/2/2015 – Email from MM to attendees of Organisers Forum. Thankyou letter, copy of Powerpoint presentations from the day and debrief from the Forum.
- 23/2/2015 – Email from MM to Eugene Arocca regarding CAMS financial reporting.

8. Chairman’s Report

- The election of the final member of the State Executive for 2015, Gwyn Mulholland, was finalised at the State Council meeting of 14/2/2015.

9. Past Events

- 14/2/2015 – AMSAG Bombala Rally. 23 entries, 21 starters, 16 finishers. 6 stages were completed before event rained out.
- 19/2/2015 – NSSCC Tarmac Rallysprint Round 5 at WSID. 89 entries, 78 finishers. Great event, everyone had fun and enthusiasm is high for the final round in March.



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10. Coming Events

- 7/3/2015 – AMSAG Tathra Rallysprint. This event has been cancelled.
- 8/3/2015 – CNCSCC Nabiac State Rallysprint. Last update had 23 entries with 17 registered for the RSS. CG advised that more entries were coming.
- 14/3/2015 – AMSAG Jenolan Rally. 27 entries so far.
- 19/3/2015 – NSSCC Tarmac Rallysprint Round 6 at WSID.
- 21/3/2015 – BMSC Rally des Femmes in Canberra.
- 28/3/2015 – Rally New England NSWRC. Already lots of speculation on social media about who is going to win with still one month to go. RallySafe no longer available for this event, competitors have been notified.
- 11/4/2015 – WAC Awaba RSS.
- 18/4/2015 – NSSCC Caves Classic DRS.
- 26/4/2015 – Coffs Harbour RSS.
- 2/5/2015 – AMSAG Orange Rally.
- 16-17/5/2015 – BMSC National Capital Rally (NSWRC and PRS). MM has been in touch with Adrian Dudok regarding the format of the event. The offer for NSWRC competitors is Day 1 at 90km competitive, entry fee \$600 plus \$100 for RallySafe. The offer for Day 2 will be 110km competitive for an additional \$100. All competitors are encouraged to attend the Promotional Start on the Friday night.

Motion: "That the NSW Rally Panel accept the offer from BMSC of Day 1 at 90km competitive with \$700 entry fee, including RallySafe, as a round of the NSWRC."

Moved: CF Seconded: AC All in favour. CARRIED.

- 23/5/2015 – Hastings RSS.
- 30/5/2015 – Taree Rally DRS.
- 7/6/2015 – Bega Valley Rally NSWRC. Martin Holberton no longer available as Clerk of Course that weekend. CF to work with Ian Slater and David Ballard as possible replacements providing they can upgrade to Bronze Event Command licences before the event.

11. Finance

- Financial Report – as distributed by MM on 23/2/2015. Still a few expenses from the Presentation Night to be finalised.

12. CAMS Reports (ARCom / Exec)

- No new reports since the last Panel meeting.



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13. Rally NSW Working Group Update

- No report tabled. Rally NSW Working Group will be meeting again once KF returns from overseas holiday.
- Final design of series sponsor stickers is complete.
- MM discussed registration packs for competitors.
- Website has been updated for 2015. Events page has been split into Coming Events and Past Events for easier navigation. KF has done a lot of work on updating all areas of the website, only minor changes left. Plenty of interesting News articles are planned but always looking for more.

14. RVS Report

- MM and MH expressed concern for competitors living in regional areas, and the difficulties faced by those who may live many hours away from their nearest RVS Certifier. All agreed that more Certifiers are required in regional areas, to provide a better service to owners of rally vehicles looking to enjoy the benefits of the RVS.
- MM has been investigating possible Bronze Scrutineers in regional areas to add to the list of RVS Certifiers, as well as suitable candidates with access to a plate brake tester that have experience in rallying and just need to upgrade their officials licence.
- The Panel is happy to recommend the following applicants to Ben Pretty of CAMS for the list of RVS Certifiers:
 1. Jason Ruse – Tweed Heads
 2. Matthew Windsor – Bathurst
 3. Trevor Osborne – Tamworth
 4. Michael Harding – Canberra
- MM has been in discussions with Warren Markham from Nowra as a possible RVS Certifier on the South Coast.
- MM and CG are investigating additional Scrutineers around NSW.

15. Registrations

- List of current registrations circulated by AP on 24/2/2015. 68 individuals have registered so far, with 38 NSWRC, 17 DRS, 18 DRS4, 2 HRS, 19 PRS and 38 RSS.
- MM, AP and CG have been looking at entry lists for upcoming events and encouraging competitors to register for their relevant series. Most series seem to be off to a good start, very promising for 2015.

16. Organisers Forum

- MM - De-Brief notes have been sent out. The day was a great success, very productive, and we would need more than 3 hours for next time as time was short due to the Presentation Night on the same day.



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17. General Business

- Panel discussed small field sizes at recent rallies in QLD and southern NSW held in February. MM and MH both suggested that this time of year may be too early in the year to run events. Panel to be mindful of this fact when formulating the 2016 Calendar.
- CF mentioned that NSSCC are planning a mixed gravel and tarmac S1/S2 rallysprint at WSID for June 2015. Date yet to be confirmed.
- LM asked if it would be possible to schedule Panel meetings on a regular basis of the 3rd Wednesday of the month to assist with planning. CF was concerned that this is the day before the NSSCC Twilight Tarmac Rallysprints at WSID scheduled for January, February, March, October, November, and December this year. More discussion on possible dates required.
- General discussion about officials licence upgrades relating to Bega Valley Rally and other events in 2015. AC as a member of the State Officiating Panel described the normal procedure for upgrade where a General Official does the online Event Command theory module, then is assessed at an event by a Bronze (or higher) Event Command official with an Event Assessor endorsement. At the event in question, the upgrading official can perform the role of Assistant Clerk of Course and do all the work for the event, but a current Bronze Event Command official must still be used for the Permit Application and be classed as the Clerk of Course on the Supp Regs.
- CF described the procedure where officials with previous event command experience in the sport, that may not necessarily have an existing officials licence, can be upgraded to Bronze Event Command by completing the online theory module and then submitting a 'letter of recommendation' from a senior official known to CAMS. CF to investigate upgrading Jon Thomson, Ian Slater, David Ballard and Michael Taylor in this manner to provide more officials in time for Bega and Narooma later in the year.
- TRE Working Group. Review of touring road event rules is now underway, Panel to pass reports onto State Exec as we receive them.
- AC observed that events on the PRS Calendar were one event in May and three events in August. Whilst this spacing is not ideal, it is hoped that if the PRS is successful in 2015 and likely to continue, that the 2016 Calendar can be better spaced throughout the year.
- MM passed on a compliment to the Panel from Adrian Dudok who appreciated the reduction in number of classes in the 2015 Competition Conditions to make it easier for event organisers.
- CG stressed again the confusion amongst competitors relating to frontal head restraint rules for 2015. MM believes that word of mouth at events will eventually get the message around, in conjunction with the website and email campaigns from the Panel.

18. Close and Next Meeting

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:37pm.

Next Face to Face Meeting: TBA.
Next Teleconference: Wednesday 1st April at 7:30pm.

19. Distribution to

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



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20. Action Points

Item	Responsibilities	Timeline
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
2014-3. 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
2014-13. 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 at events throughout 2014.	AC, KF	March 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
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. Also require profiles for Rally NSW Working Group members Karen, Charlie and Fro.	AP, MT, KF, Rally NSW	Ongoing



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2015-6. Contact RVS Certifier David Weller in Nabcac for details of the plate brake tester he is using, and to ensure that the failure test is being carried out as per the RVS Technical Manual.	DM	Ongoing
2015-9. Article for website introducing the NSW member of ARCOM.	MM, KF	Ongoing
2015-10. Confirm with Adrian Dudok the cost and competitive distance for Day 2 of NatCap in relation to being part of the PRS.	MM	ASAP
2015-11. Liaise with CAMS with regard to upgrading officials licences for Jon Thomson, Ian Slater, David Ballard and Michael Taylor to Bronze Event Command.	CF	Ongoing
2015-12. MH to submit application to become an RVS Certifier for Canberra.	MH	ASAP
2015-13 MM to assist Warren Markham to apply to be an RVS Certifier for Nowra.	MM	Ongoing
2015-14 Panel to continue the work of searching for potential candidates as additional RVS Certifiers in regional areas.	MM, CG	Ongoing
2015-15 MM to send group email to competitors via the Mailchimp database advertising and explaining the level of events that will require a frontal head restraint in 2015.	MM	ASAP



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21. List of Attendees

Panel Member	Meetings	Reason
Andrew Crowley	2/2	
Adriana Pallister	0/2	10,4
Colin Fletcher	2/2	
Chris Giddins	1/2	3
Darren Mowett	1/2	3
Katie Fletcher	1/2	6
Lui MacLennan	1/2	7
Michael Harding	2/2	
Matthew Martin	2/2	
Michael Taylor	2/2	

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