



NSW Rally Panel

Wednesday 8th April 2015
Teleconference

MINUTES

1. Attendees

Present:

Matthew Martin (Chair) (MM), Andrew Crowley (Secretary) (AC), Col Fletcher (CF), 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 7:30pm and welcomed all attendees.

3. Apologies

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

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion: "That the NSW Rally Panel accept the Minutes of the Panel Meeting held by Teleconference on Wednesday 25th February 2015 as being a true and accurate record of the meeting."

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

5. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

- KF – brief for template award certificate has been completed, final design is expected to be completed before the VSport Caves Classic Rally on 18th April.
- MM – Rally NSW marquee has been ordered and picked up. Total cost of the marquee, including printing was \$1,087.
- CF – Re-write of the Director and Checker manuals is progressing well.
- CF – new version of CAMS online entry system has recently been released. It needs to be reviewed. It is expected that the online entry system will make documentation at events easier and remove the need for the Panel to query whether scanned copies of competitor licences, membership cards, etc, are acceptable. LCCC are using the online entry system for one of their upcoming ralliesprints, CF to liaise with Julie Boorman on how it was received by competitors and officials. The Panel anticipates that by 2016, paper entries may be completely replaced by the new online entry system.
- MM – Col Trinder has advised that at the last ARCOM meeting the eligibility of G2 vehicles in the State Championship was approved. MM to follow up now as to whether there will be an update to the CAMS manual.



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- KF – a Dropbox account for the Rally Panel has been created to provide a centralised location for storage of all relevant Rally Panel documents. KF has the logins to the account.
- MT – Andrei Artomonov believes he has the perpetual trophies from the Excel Series from 2011 in storage. He will locate them and return them to any members of the Rally Panel in attendance at the NatCap Rally. Note that MT is unable to attend this event.
- KF – all 2015 series/sponsorship stickers have been printed. Registered competitor packs have been distributed to everyone who had registered prior to Rally New England. Going forward, KF will send packs to new registrations on a weekly basis.
- KF – Rally NSW website has been updated with profile information for new Panel members and members of the Rally NSW working group.
- CF – there is some uncertainty around whether RVS certifiers must be authorised Pink Slip Examiners. CF to clarify with RMS, which will then allow MH and John Waterhouse of Canberra to proceed further with their applications.

6. Decisions made by email vote between meetings

- 4/3/2015 – MT advised that Rally des Femmes scheduled for March had been cancelled, and requested approval for it to be rescheduled to run on the weekend of 14/15th November. 7 For, 3 Abstained. CARRIED.
- 9/3/2015 – application from NSSCC to run gravel S1/S2 rallysprint at Western Sydney International Dragway and for the S2 component to be included as a round of the 2015 RSS. Majority (6/10) of the Panel voted in favour of the request in principle, provided that a survey of registered competitors revealed that competitors were in favour of adding an extra round to the series. Rally NSW conducted a survey of RSS registered competitors on 16/3/2015, and the majority of competitors approved of the idea. CARRIED.
- 11/3/2015 – request from NSSCC to start Caves Classic at 11:00am, all daylight event. 7 For, 1 No, 2 Abstained. CARRIED.
- 2/4/2015 – the Panel has resolved that Toby Goldberg be allocated a seeding below 91 when competing in the Datsun 1600 he will be driving at the Caves Classic Rally. 7 Yes, 1 Abstained. CARRIED.

7. Correspondence

Inbound:

- 4/3/2015 – Email from MT advising of cancellation of Rally des Femmes and proposed new date in November.
- 9/3/2015 – Email from NSSCC requesting approval to run a gravel rallysprint at WSID on 27th June, as well as making it a round of the RSS.
- 11/3/2015 – Email request from NSSCC to commence Caves Classic at 11:00am.
- 12/3/2015 – Email from CAMS with technical information regarding bladders in fuel tanks.
- 19/3/2015 – Letter of resignation from Adriana Pallister was received.
- 23/3/2015 – More information received from Col Trinder of ARCOM regarding fuel bladders.



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- 24/3/2015 – Latest TRE working group report was received from Dave Johnson.
- 26/3/2015 – Email from LM with concerns from Classic Rally Club members, requesting clarification on RVS vehicles participating in Touring Assemblies.
- 30/3/2015 – Advice from Mick Bruce of GCTMC regarding cancellation of Kyogle Rally in 2015, with a view to running it again in 2016.
- 31/3/2015 – Email from Stephen Davies of GCTMC with further information on the cancellation of the Kyogle Rally.
- 1/4/2015 – Request from BLCC to run a multi-club rally near Bathurst on 26/9/2015.
- 1/4/2015 – Letter of resignation received from Darren Mowett.
- 8/4/2015 - Checkers report for Caves Classic received from John Paine.

Outbound:

- 26/2/15 – Email to Adrian Dudok advising him of our preference for the State section of the National Capital Rally to be conducted on the Saturday.
- 26/2/2015 – Email to Ben Pretty with the list of Scrutineers the Panel approved at the teleconference on 25/2/2015 to become RVS certifiers.
- 2/3/2015 – MM sent application form and technical manual to Rob O'Toole, in response to his request for information on becoming an RVS Certifier.
- 2/3/2015 – Email from MM to ARCOM regarding Rallysprint Rules.
- 4/3/2015 – Rally NSW email to database, advising of upcoming rallysprint events, encouraging competitors to register for series, and calling on officials for Rally New England.
- 5/3/2015 – Email from MM to GCTMC asking if the Kyogle Rally was still going to run, given the recent changes to their committee.
- 11/3/2015 – Email to all attendees of event organisers forum with updated contact list.
- 12/3/2015 – Email from Rally NSW to series sponsors, inviting them to the Rally New England Media Day.
- 16/3/2015 – Email from Rally NSW to registered Rallysprint competitors, asking if they would like to see the NSSCC gravel Rallysprint on 27th June included as a round of the series.
- 16/3/2015 – Email to Greg Yard from Simpson Safety regarding ongoing sponsorship.
- 31/3/2015 – Email from Rally NSW to registered competitors, showing links to supp regs for upcoming events and advising that NSSCC gravel event on 27th June at WSID has been added to RSS calendar.
- 2/4/2015 – Email from Rally NSW to registered competitors advising Kyogle event in August has been cancelled and providing additional information on the format of the NatCap Rally in May.
- 3/4/2015 – Vehicle signage (sticker) order form sent to CAMS NSW Office for distribution to car clubs.
- 7/4/2015 - Email from Rally NSW to registered competitors advertising upcoming RSS events at Awaba and Coffs Harbour, as well as Jenolan DRS.



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8. Chairman's Report

- AP and DM have resigned from the Rally Panel. The Panel thanks them both for their contributions during their tenure.
- MT will be taking over the role of registrations and pointscores (previously AP's) and AC will be taking over the role of co-ordinating the Excel Series (previously DM's).
- Stephen Horobin started as the NSW Delegate to ARCOM on 1st April 2015. It is expected that he will prepare written reports for each Panel meeting going forward.
- A working group comprising MM, Ross Tapper (WA Rally Panel) and Howard Ryan (SA), has been established by ARCOM to re-write the Rallysprint Regulations for 2016 to better match the events currently being run by car clubs with a view to allowing Speed Event and Khanacross competitors to have a pathway to progress through the sport. Discussions have commenced, and it is anticipated that the new regulations will be completed within the next 3 months.
- The new style vehicle numbers were used at the Rally New England. Feedback on them was positive, although the paper stock may be a little too easy to remove. They will be used again at the upcoming Caves Classic Rally. We will re-evaluate the material then, and if necessary, we can change the paper stock to something a little more durable. The Panel welcomes feedback from Rally New England and Caves Classic competitors to aid our assessment.

9. Past Events

- 8/3/2015 – Nabc Rallysprint. 41 entries, 39 starters, 31 registered. Excellent event at the CNCSCC Nabc complex. 8 drivers competed at this event in vehicles without having co-drivers, refer discussion in General Business below.
- 14/3/2015 – AMSAG Jenolan Rally. 52 entries, 51 starters, 34 finishers.
- 19/3/15 – Tarmac Twilight Rallysprint Series at WSID. A Toyota 86 caught fire after glancing a barricade and developing a leak from the oil cooler. This is causing some concern at the venue regarding the upcoming gravel rallysprint proposed for 27th June. CF assured all that plans are in place for managing fire risk at the gravel rallysprint. Apart from that, was another excellent event to finish off the series with a healthy 73 starters.
- 28/3/15 – Rally New England. "Awesome" and "unreal" were common responses from NSW competitors regarding this event that surpassed all expectations for a first attempt in a new location. QLD competitors that travelled south for the event were similarly impressed. It was an open, flowing course that was fast but easy on cars and tyres. Great roadbook prepared by Garry Yeomans and Kam Baker, and excellent service park venue at the Showground in Glen Innes. The Panel is looking forward to seeing this event back on the calendar for 2016 and would like to officially congratulate Chris Judge, Richard Opie and the officials from New England Sporting Car Club on the event. The Panel would like to encourage similar events on gravel shire roads in regional areas, as more forest logging roads become closed to rallies or are brought in and out of exclusion zones around logging schedules.

10. Coming Events

- 11/4/2015 – Volksmuller Rallysprint at Awaba. Entries have closed. KF requires the seeded entry list to update the website.



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- 18/4/2015 – VSport Caves Classic at Jenolan. Snow and rain received in the area recently. Given the clay in the area, hoping for no more rain between now and the event or else it may not be able to run. Permissions have all arrived back, 15 entries so far and climbing, including 6 DRS4 entries.
- 26/4/2015 – Northern Beaches Handi Hire Rallysprint, Coffs Harbour. 11 entries so far, organisers are a little concerned they won't get a full field given the date of the event so close to ANZAC Day.
- 2/5/2015 – AMSAG John Giddings Memorial Rally in Orange.
- 16/5/2015 – National Capital Rally. Expecting to see Supplementary Regulations released shortly.
- 23/5/2015 – Hastings Rallysprint.
- 30/5/2015 – Taree Rally.
- 7/6/2015 – Bega Rally. CF - Bega Shire Council voted 5:3 to allow the rally to run on shire roads, provided they met the requirements of the Traffic Management Committee, which included that there be a certified traffic management person on every gateway. As a result, the event will run out of Eden using forest roads. Training and officials licence accreditation of major officials for this event is underway.
- The Rally of Kyogle in August has now been formally cancelled, leaving the NSWRC with five rounds. At this stage there are no plans for any additional rounds.
- 26/9/2015 – Bathurst Light Car Club have written to the Panel to advise that they wish to run a rally on this date. At this stage, it is planned as a stand-alone Multi-Club event. The Panel welcomes additional rally events in NSW and wishes the proposed Clerk of Course John Paine and the BLCC every success.

11. Finance Report

- Financial Report – as distributed by MM on 12/3/2015. The March statements from CAMS have not yet been received. When this occurs it will allow the reports to be finalised and brought up to date fully.
- Funds due from the major sponsor have been received as agreed in the payment schedule.
- Another sponsor is in the final stages of finalising their contract and determining payment schedule.

12. CAMS Reports (ARCom / State Exec)

- The Panel received a letter from CAMS Technical Department stating that bladder fuel tanks needed to be replaced after five years. The Panel expressed concern that this rule would affect many competitors. ARCOM sent a clarification statement that these fuel tanks need to be replaced every five years, but it is not ARCOM's intention that any competitor should fail scrutineering for having an out of date tank, and this needs to be reviewed in 2016. More information in the April edition of CAMS SpeedRead.



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13. Rally NSW Working Group Update

- Rally NSW was present at Rally New England, interviewing competitors, publishing information to social media, managing the photographer, distributing stickers and merchandise, setting up banners and signage, etc.
- Rally NSW organised the MC for the Promotional Start, Justin Northage, and trained him on the media processes, so that Justin can replicate for the QLD Rally Championship.
- Reach on Facebook over the weekend was just over 30,000.
- Next event is the National Capital Rally. Fro Horobin and KF will be attending NatCap to represent Rally NSW and complete all of the usual interviews and reports.
- Entries for the “Win A Ride” Competition will hopefully run 1st July to 30th September, to take advantage of promoting to the public at Rally Australia in Coffs Harbour.
- The Rally NSW website is up to date with content and design changes.
- Another Rally NSW meeting will be held in the next few weeks.

14. RVS Report

- 23/3/2015 most recent RVS Committee meeting.
- The Committee defined the meaning of ‘standard brakes’ and this will be published shortly to assist certifiers in determining which vehicles require a plate brake test to be performed prior to registration.
- The Committee clarified that RVS vehicles are acceptable for use in TREs. The Panel discussed TAs and agreed that RVS vehicles should be acceptable in CAMS sanctioned TAs also, however the wording of the current rules does not allow this. Further discussion and investigation is required. MM to forward an email from Ben Pretty regarding TAs / TREs to Panel members for information. LM advised by email, and AC confirmed from experience as a competitor, that there are a number of TA competitors with heavily modified vehicles on Historic Registration that would like to be on the RVS, conditional on them still being able to compete in TA events with their car clubs. CF to investigate this further.
- The Committee is working with the RMS to see if they will allow Statutory Write-Off vehicles (for hail and water damage) to be registered under the RVS.
- CF expressed concern that the take up rate of registration in the RVS so far has been slow. The Panel is working on solving problems that may be limiting people from obtaining rally rego, such as approving additional certifiers in regional areas. The Panel believes that momentum is building with the scheme as evidenced at recent events, and will re-evaluate at the end of 2015.

15. Registrations

- List of current registrations updated by MT. Registrations so far are 70 NSWRC, 34 DRS, 25 DRS4, 3 HRS, 27 PRS and 67 RSS.

16. TRE Working Group Report

- Report tabled by Dave Johnson on 24/3/2015.



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17. General Business

- It was brought to the Panel's attention that co-drivers are listed as optional in the supplementary regulations for some Rallysprints (usually S1 events, but there have been questions from competitors regarding an upcoming RSS round). The Panel discussed the implications of this for different events, and acknowledged that Rallysprints run over a longer stage distance on closed forest roads were very different from events run over a short, compact course on private property with officials stationed at regular intervals. When the working group meets to rewrite the Rallysprint Regulations, the Panel suggests they keep this in mind and make it clear that Rallysprint events should have a co-driver in each vehicle from a first response safety perspective, but there are exceptions to this rule, depending on the format and structure of the event.
- The NSW Championship and Series rally trophies in the Bathurst Motorsport Museum need to be brought up to date. AC to arrange for local rally competitors to take photos of the Honour Boards to assist the Panel in bringing the sign-writing/engraving up to date as well as Rally NSW website historic records.
- The Panel needs to arrange a venue for the after-party and trophy presentation for the State section of the National Capital Rally, to be held on the Saturday night.

18. Close and Next Meeting

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 10:00pm.

Next Face to Face Meeting: Saturday 13th June at 10:00am at Blacktown RSL Club.

Next Teleconference: Wednesday 13th May at 7:30pm.

19. Distribution to

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

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
2014-5. Update of Director Manual – long term project.	CF	Ongoing
2014-6. Update of Checker Manual – long term project.	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
2014-10. Arrange return of perpetual trophies for Excel Series from the 2011 winners for engraving and distribution to the 2014 winners.	MT	ASAP



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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
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	Ongoing
2015-9. Article for website introducing the NSW member of ARCOM.	MM, KF	Ongoing
2015-11. Liaise with CAMS with regard to upgrading officials licences for Ian Slater and David Ballard (both plan to be assessed at Bega Rally for Bronze Event Command), Les Boaden for Bronze Scrutineer and MT for Bronze Event Command (AC assisting MT).	CF, AC	Ongoing
2015-12. MH to submit application to become an RVS Certifier for Canberra, pending the result of 2015-17 below.	MH	Ongoing
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
2015-16. Review new CAMS online entry system for rallies.	CF, MM, KF, AC MT	Ongoing
2015-17. Clarify with RMS whether RVS certifiers are required to be Pink Slip Examiners.	CF	ASAP
2015-18. Find a way to allow RVS vehicles to be used in both TREs and TAs.	CF	ASAP
2015-19. Document the proportion of cars competing with Rally Rego vs UVP vs Historic Rego in all events in 2015.	MM	Ongoing
2015-20. Arrange for a photo of the current honour boards in the Bathurst Motor Sport Museum and send it to the Panel.	AC	ASAP
2015-21. Update the trophies/honour rolls in the Bathurst museum.	CF	ASAP
2015-22. Arrange venue for after-party for State section of Nat Cap.	MT	ASAP



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21. List of Attendees

Panel Member	Meetings	Reason
Andrew Crowley	3/3	
Colin Fletcher	3/3	
Chris Giddins	1/3	3, 6
Katie Fletcher	2/3	6
Lui MacLennan	1/3	7, 6
Michael Harding	3/3	
Matthew Martin	3/3	
Michael Taylor	3/3	

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