



NSW Rally Panel

Saturday 13th June 2015
Blacktown RSL Club

MINUTES

1. Attendees

Present:

Matthew Martin (Chair) (MM), Andrew Crowley (Secretary) (AC), Col Fletcher (CF), Katie Fletcher (KF), Lui MacLennan (LM), Michael Taylor (MT).

CAMS Personnel:

Nil

Observers/Visitors:

Nil

2. Opening / Welcome / Confidentiality

The Chairman declared the meeting open at 10:30am and welcomed all attendees.

3. Apologies

Chris Giddins (CG), Michael Harding (MH)

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion: "That the NSW Rally Panel accept the Minutes of the Panel Meeting held by Teleconference on Wednesday 13th May 2015 as being a true and accurate record of the meeting."

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

5. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

- KF advised that the perpetual Excel Series trophy has been returned and can now be engraved with winners for 2012, 2013 and 2014.
- MM advised that the organisers of Rally New England have approached the QLD Rally Panel about including their event as a round of the QRC as well as the NSWRC for 2016. More information on this as the calendar comes together.
- MM explained the decision from the RMS and CAMS that vehicles on the Rally Vehicle Scheme are not to be used in Touring Assemblies. Historic or full registration are acceptable for these events. LM and AC agreed that whilst this decision is disappointing, it should have a minimal effect on entry numbers for these events.
- As the year progresses, the Panel is very pleased to see more and more entrants embracing the new Rally Vehicle Scheme at all levels of the sport, from DRS to ARC.
- The Rally Panel thanks Jarrod Gotch and Mick Tuckey of Bathurst Light Car Club for their assistance in providing photographs of the NSW Rally Championship Honour Boards at the Bathurst Motor Sport Museum and helping get them engraved with current details.
- MM – the first draft of the revised Rallysprint regulations is nearing completion, ongoing project to help simplify this area of the sport.



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- Discussion about Event Checkers and the ideal process to follow prior to events and prior to approval of supplementary regulations. MM advised that Bruce Keys is currently performing a national review of this process for CAMS. The template forms used by us in NSW have been forwarded to assist with this review, and MM to liaise with Bruce on behalf of the NSW Rally Panel.
- MM provided an update on the plan to re-classify E85 as a pump fuel. This has been passed unanimously by the NSW State Executive and escalated to the relevant technical committee for fuels within CAMS at National level.
- Information for Event Organisers on the initial steps in applying for grants from Department of Sport and Recreation to be placed on website in the Organisers section, and included in the 100 day letter.

6. Decisions made by email vote between meetings

- 20/5/2015 – Hastings Rallysprint was postponed. New date requested as Saturday 7th November 2015. 7 For, 1 Abstained. CARRIED.
- 21/5/2015 – Request from Ian Bigg of NSSCC to include the Rally of the Bay on Saturday 11th July 2015 as a round of the Pacenote Rally Series to replace the cancelled Kyogle event. 7 For, 1 Abstained. CARRIED.

7. Correspondence

Inbound:

- 14/5/2015 – Email from Fro Horobin of ARCom, short summary of their May meeting.
- 14/5/2015 – Email from John Paine of BLCC requesting possible calendar dates for a combined DRS/NSWRC round in Bathurst in September 2016.
- 21/5/2015 – Approval from State Executive for competitor Matthew Rath to compete at the Caves Classic Rally without a CAMS logbook. Matt has since applied for and received his logbook, and looking forward to competing in the remaining DRS rounds.
- 26/5/2015 – Email from Graham Humphreys to assist the Panel, outlining the former process for updating of the Honour Boards at the Bathurst Motor Sport Museum.
- 27/5/2015 – Email from Col Trinder of ARCom regarding E85 fuel.
- 27/5/2015 – Emails from Ben Pretty regarding rally rego in Touring Assemblies, checking supp regs before events, as well as Event Checkers and the national review of the same by Bruce Keys.
- 28/5/2015 – Email from Fro Horobin of ARCom with the official summary of the ARCom meeting in May. Next ARCom meeting to be held on 3rd July 2015.
- 28/5/2015 – Email from Cynthia Smith of Hastings Sporting Car Club requesting a date change for the Hastings Rallysprint from 7th November to 31st October. Following discussions with other car clubs this change did not proceed.
- 29/5/2015 – Email from new competitor Damien Frizell who is building an Excel rally car with questions on rally rego and the plate brake test.
- 29/5/2015 – Email from Tom Snooks advising the dates of the 2016 Classic Outback Trial as 17th - 24th June 2016.
- 1/6/2015 – Email from Karen Martin advising resignation from Rally NSW Working Group.



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- 1/6/2015 – Email from John Paine, post event report by Event Checker for the Caves Classic Rally on 30th May.
- 2/6/2015 – Email from Mick Nicholls, Stewards report for Caves Classic Rally.
- 3/6/2015 – Email from Eugene Arocca, CEO of CAMS, regarding negative comments on social media and online bullying.
- 12/6/2015 – Email from CAMS about proposed audit of FIA Fuel Safety Bladders to ascertain the number currently in use in rally cars in Australia.

Outbound:

- 14/5/2015 – Email to Ben Pretty regarding Touring Assemblies and inclusion of vehicles on the RVS.
- 21/5/2015 – Email to State Executive regarding CAMS logbook exemption for Caves Classic Rally for competitor Matthew Rath.
- 26/5/2015 – Rally NSW group email to registered competitors advising the addition of Rally of the Bay as a round of the PRS.
- 26/5/2015 – Email to Ben Pretty regarding Event Checker procedures.
- 26/5/2015 – Decision paper sent to State Executive regarding the use of standardised supp regs and event management template paperwork for all rally events in NSW.
- 26/5/2015 – Rally NSW group email to registered competitors advising cancellation of the Bega Valley Rally on 19th September.
- 27/5/2015 – Email to Col Trinder of ARCom regarding re-classifying E85 as a pump fuel.
- 28/5/2015 – Decision paper sent to State Executive regarding E85 fuel as discussed with Col Trinder.
- 28/5/2015 – Standard Event Checkers pre and post event forms sent to Ben Pretty to pass on to Bruce Keys for the national review.
- 3/6/2015 – Email to Barbara Anderson of CAMS with information to update the NSWRC Honour Boards in the Bathurst Motor Sport Museum.
- 3/6/2015 – Email to Cynthia Smith of Hastings Sporting Car Club recommending no change to the date of the Hastings Rallysprint on 7th November.

8. Chairman's Report

- Series registrations for 2015 are improved on 2014, not only in total numbers but a noticeable increase in the percentage of registered competitors at each event.
- State Executive have agreed with the decision papers regarding E85 fuel and the use of standardised supp regs and event management template paperwork for all rally events in NSW. The Panel appreciates the assistance of the State Executive in working toward common goals for the benefit of competitors.
- Future communication with event organisers to remind them of the availability of standard supp regs and event management paperwork on the website.



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9. Past Events

- 16/5/2015 – National Capital Rally in Canberra. Round 2 of the NSWRC and Round 1 of the PRS. Great event, MT reported that the Brindabella Motor Sport Club were very happy with the support from NSWRC and PRS competitors. The Rally Panel wish to thank the organisers for the various concessions made to accommodate State level competitors at this major event on the ARC Calendar.
- 23/5/2015 – Hastings Rallysprint. Round 4 of the RSS. Event postponed due to wet weather and rescheduled to 7th November.
- 30/5/2015 – VSport Caves Classic Rally. Round 1 of the DRS. 32 entries, 30 starters, 21 finishers. Good event, compact format, perfect as a daytrip for Sydney competitors.

10. Coming Events

- 14/6/2015 – Kempsey Rallysprint. Round 5 of the RSS. 29 entries received by close of entries, another good field for the RSS.
- 20/6/2015 – AMSAG Johns River Rally. Entries in the high 30s at the time of this meeting.
- 27/6/2015 – Volksmuller Dragway Gravel Rallysprint. Round 6 of the RSS. Interest has been very high on social media, another good RSS field is anticipated. The planned format of the event by North Shore Sporting Car Club will be 5 runs in one direction with best 3 times to count. The organisers have made the Rally Panel aware of safety concerns with running the rallysprint stage in the opposite direction. The Panel unanimously agrees that the proposed layout of the course and running of the day is the best compromise for the safety of competitors and the general public, given the limited gravel roads available to use at this venue.
- 11/7/2015 – Rally of the Bay. Round 3 of the NSWRC and Round 2 of the PRS. Positive feedback received from competitors about inclusion of the pacenoted section. The event organisers have checks in place to reduce the chance of notes being shared with competitors in the roadbook event. For 2016 the plan is for the whole event to be pacenoted, which will remove any concerns.

11. Finance Report

- Financial Report – as distributed by MM on 12/6/2015. New simplified format.
- State Executive appreciate the detailed financial reports provided regularly by the NSW Rally Panel.

12. CAMS Reports (ARCom / State Exec)

- ARCom Minutes Summary from May received from Fro Horobin on 28/5/2015.
- No reports from State Executive at this time as the most recent meeting date has only just passed.



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13. Rally NSW Working Group Update

- Minutes from Rally NSW meeting held on 3/6/2015 distributed by KF on 12/6/2015.
- KF explained proposed tiered sponsorship levels to help develop relationships with a number of minor sponsors, to go hand in hand with existing major sponsors for individual series. This will allow greater security of funding for Rally Panel activities going forward, rather than the risk associated with concentrating on a smaller pool of major sponsors. The level of promotion of sponsors via the Rally NSW website will depend on the level of sponsorship.
- MT stressed the importance of sponsor rides at media days as a way of encouraging extra sponsors to come on board. All agreed this is a great idea.
- KF displayed samples of proposed Rally NSW keyrings and bumper stickers for feedback from Panel members.
- MT and KF discussed future enhancements to the Rally NSW website to allow online series registrations and payments for 2016.
- KF advised that negotiations with two major sponsors for the Win the Ultimate Navigating Experience competition have been very promising to date.

14. RVS Report

- List of Certifiers is up to date with improved coverage for regional areas of NSW. This item can be taken off future meeting agendas.

15. Registrations

- List of current registrations updated by MT on 12/6/2015. Registrations to date, compared with end of 2014 figures are:

June 2015 vs Dec 2014

NSWRC	82 vs 70
DRS	44 vs 68
DRS4	31 vs 0
HRS	5 vs 11
RSS	85 vs 58
PRS	34 vs 0
Total	281 vs 207
Individuals	169 vs 146

- It is to be noted that both DRS4 and PRS are new series for 2015. Whilst a number of Excel rally cars competing in the 2014 HRS have now been sold to Victoria, the Panel is aware of new cars currently being built that will hopefully join the HRS at rounds of the series later in 2015.

16. TRE Working Group Report

- MM has been in touch with Dave Johnson. Writing of the provisional 'Touring' code is progressing well. LM reported that the new rules have been successfully trialled at some Classic Rally Club Championship events already this year.



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17. Report on Re-write of the Rallysprint Regulations

- As discussed above in '5.Matters Arising from Previous Minutes.'

18. 2016 Competition Conditions

- The Panel members present went through the 2015 Competition Conditions as a group, clause by clause, and discussed various amendments to be made for 2016:
 - Revised engine capacities for classes.
 - Simplifying the number of classes for the RSS.
 - The use of the Seeding List as well as additional competitor information on entry forms when seeding events.
 - Changes to points allocation for Outright / Category / Class in the various series.
 - Number of rounds to count.
 - Competitive distance for the various series.
 - Late Time Penalties and Parc Ferme.
 - Vehicle Eligibility for the various series.
- All amendments discussed at this meeting to be typed up and distributed by email to Panel members for approval. Once a final set of Competition Conditions are agreed on, these will be advertised online for a period of one month to allow competitors and event organisers to provide feedback.
- In conjunction with the updates to the Competition Conditions, the Panel also discussed the 2016 Organisers Conditions:
 - Submission of supp regs and permit application paperwork in a timely manner to allow checking by CF prior to approval.
 - Event Checkers pre event and post event forms should go to the Panel.
 - Vehicle Numbers.
 - Positive Tracking.
 - Gaps between cars – one minute vs two minutes.
 - RallySafe.
 - Stage Security (e.g. chicanes outside time control and stop point).
 - Display Clocks.
 - Minimum Service times.
 - Emergency contact details and allergies/medical information on entry forms or series registration forms.
 - Over-subscribed fields at RSS rounds during 2015 and ideas to accommodate larger field sizes with innovative ideas for 2016.

19. Event Checkers Report

- As discussed above in '5.Matters Arising from Previous Minutes.'



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20. Supp Regs and Event Management Templates

- As discussed above in '8.Chairman's Report.'
- The Panel welcomes feedback from car clubs to continuously improve these documents, and fully understands that these will be a work in progress until a number of clubs and organisers have used them during the remainder of 2015.

21. E85 Fuel

- As discussed above in '5.Matters Arising from Previous Minutes' and '8.Chairman's Report.'

22. General Business

- Succession Planning. KF stressed the importance of starting to recruit new Rally Panel members and Rally NSW Working Group volunteers now to ensure ongoing success in the coming years. MM asked those present to suggest names of suitable and/or interested parties and to think about the skillsets required in the Panel going forward. AC (currently in Secretary role) indicated his intention to step down from Rally, Officiating and Motorkhana Panels at the end of 2015 due to growing family commitments.
- Separate Bank Accounts. The question was raised as to whether it is possible to have an account in the name of Rally NSW to reduce problems of late payments to suppliers experienced recently through CAMS.
- CF suggested the idea of the 'World's Biggest Garage Sale' – a rally specific swap meet in the carpark at Western Sydney International Dragway on a weekend. This would be an opportunity for rally car owners to sell their cars, car trailers, tow vehicles and spare parts to each other, all in the one location. The event could also be a chance for rally-oriented car clubs to set up displays and recruit new members and officials, and for motorsport equipment suppliers to advertise to enthusiasts. MM suggested running the event in conjunction with AMSAG to boost numbers on the day. Rally NSW tent on site for merchandise sales and a BBQ for additional fundraising. CF to investigate further with the Dragway to ascertain insurance requirements and ground hire costs for an event like this.
- Discussion about a possible Competitors Forum on 19th September at Blacktown RSL Club, or alternatively an email survey to the entire competitor database to provide feedback on the draft 2016 Competition Conditions.

23. Close and Next Meeting

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 4:07pm.

Next Face to Face Meeting: TBA at Blacktown RSL Club.
Next Teleconference: Wednesday 22nd July at 7:30pm.

24. Distribution to

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



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25. Action Points

Item	Responsibilities	Timeline
2014-1. Liaise with Rally Australia organisers regarding Rally NSW tent and display at one of the larger spectator areas at Coffs Harbour WRC in September 2015.	MM	Ongoing
2014-5. Update of Director Manual – long term project.	CF	Ongoing
2014-6. Update of Checker Manual – long term project.	CF	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
2015-1. Liaise with QLD and VIC Rally Panels regarding State of Origin type challenges as part of 2016 Calendar process.	MM	Ongoing
2015-13. Assist Warren Markham to apply to be an RVS Certifier for Nowra.	MM	Ongoing
2015-16. Review new CAMS online entry system for rallies.	All	Ongoing
2015-22. Liaise with Ben Pretty regarding the difference in the minimum age allowed by CAMS and NSW Department of Sport & Recreation for co-drivers at rallysprint events on private property.	CG	Ongoing
2015-24. Liaise with Pip Barker of Bega/Eden region on the possibility of becoming an RVS Certifier on the far South Coast of NSW.	MM	Ongoing
2015-25. Project for update of Rallysprint regulations in CAMS Manual for ARCom.	MM	Ongoing
2015-26. Update of Competition Conditions and Organiser Conditions for 2016.	All	Ongoing
2015-27. Liaise with Bruce Keys on the best process for handling Event Checkers reports – pre event and post event.	MM	Ongoing
2015-28. Submission to CAMS regarding re-classifying E85 as a pump fuel.	MM, MH	Ongoing
2015-29. Article for website with an overview on how to apply for Department of Sport and Recreation Grants for car clubs and event organisers.	MT	Ongoing
2015-30. Implement new tiered sponsorship model for 2016.	Rally NSW	Ongoing
2015-31. Arrange quotes and purchase of Rally NSW keyrings and bumper stickers.	KF	Ongoing
2015-32. Update standard event entry forms to include additional seeding info, emergency contact details, and any relevant allergy and medical info for competitors.	CF	Ongoing



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2015-33. Arrange for email survey, competitors forum on 19 th Sept, or both, to allow competitors the chance to provide feedback on the 2016 Competition Conditions.	MM, KF, CF	Ongoing
2015-34. Recruitment of new Panel members and new Rally NSW Working Group volunteers for 2016. Discuss skillsets required.	All	Ongoing
2015-35. Investigate possibility of a separate bank account for Rally NSW working group.	MM	Ongoing
2015-36. Liaise with WSID and CAMS about running 'World's Biggest Garage Sale' for rally enthusiasts, regarding ground hire and insurance.	CF	Ongoing

26. List of Attendees

Panel Member	Meetings	Reason
Andrew Crowley	5/5	
Colin Fletcher	4/5	3
Chris Giddins	2/5	3, 6, 6
Katie Fletcher	4/5	6
Lui MacLennan	3/5	7, 6
Michael Harding	4/5	3
Matthew Martin	5/5	
Michael Taylor	5/5	

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