



NSW Rally Panel

Saturday 9th January 2016
Blacktown RSL Club

MINUTES

1. Attendees

Present:

Katie Fletcher (KF) (Chair), Chris Giddins (CG), Ernie Martin (EM), Caroline Sparkes (CS), John Sparkes (JS), Michael Taylor (MT), Tim Wilkins (TW).

CAMS Personnel:

Nil

Observers/Visitors:

Adrian Coppin, on behalf of Rally Australia

2. Opening / Welcome / Confidentiality

The Chairman declared the meeting open at 10:15 am and welcomed all attendees.

3. Apologies

Lui MacLennan (LM), Charlie Drake (CD), Wayne Elven (WE), Mick Harding (MH), Stephen Hodgkin (SH),

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

MT requested that the minutes be amended as per his email.

Motion: "That the 2015 NSW Rally Panel members present accept the Minutes of the Panel Meeting held by teleconference on Wednesday 4th November 2015 as being a true and accurate record of the meeting."

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

5. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

- Registered competitors were surveyed regarding 2015 events and some proposed events for 2016.
- MT followed up with ARCom for amendment to licences to include definition of event type licence is applicable for.

6. Decisions made by email vote between meetings

- To include one day of Rally Australia as a round of the NSWRC, provided that the format of the event remained appropriate for the Championship. This was based on a competitor survey. Carried.
- To change the HRS calendar for 2016, to include fewer rounds than is currently on the DRS calendar. Motion failed.



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- Rally des Femmes applied for a new date after first date was rained out. Carried.
- Myall stages – not to be included as a round of the DRS in 2016, but the organisers will be encouraged to apply for 2017. Carried.

7. Correspondence

Inbound:

- 5/11/15 – from Richard Opie requesting 5/11/16 for Echidna Gully Rallysprint.
- 6/11/15 – from Paul Woodward advising that Qld RP has agreed that 2016 Border Ranges Rally (QRC 4) will be on 20/08/16 based in Kyogle.
- 8/11/15 – from Matt Martin regarding number of rounds counted when an event didn't run. Needs clarifying in 2017 Conditions.
- 9/11/15 – from Matt Boorman regarding Rallysprint Conditions, Blue Range Rallysprint and car numbers coming unstuck.
- 10/11/15 – from Karen Martin objecting to Rally Australia being included in the NSWRC.
- 10/11/15 – from Mark Beard regarding NSWRC calendar and possible inclusion of Rally Australia.
- 11/11/15 – from Matt Martin objecting to Rally Australia being included in the NSWRC. Also comments on Bega Rally, National Capital Rally and the Rallysprint series.
- 12/11/15 – from Ernie Martin regarding 2016 calendar – in particular the three pacenoted events and costs involved. Also queries on Rally Australia, which KF answered.
- 17/11/15 – from Matt Martin with details of participation rates in 2015 rallies in NSW.
- 19/11/15 – from Brett Kerr supporting a NSWRC round in conjunction with Rally Australia.
- 19/11/15 – from Tom Snooks to conduct a TRE leading up to the WRC in November. Southern Cross Gold Anniversary Rally. (10th – 20th Nov. Finish at Coffs Harbour)
- 20/11/15 – from Barbara Anderson of CAMS confirming Panel Chair Forum on 25/11/15. Agenda was attached.
- 20/11/15 – from Adriana Pangas, Event Secretary of Condo 750 requesting assistance in filling in the Clock Order Form. 21/12/15 - Order form received and forwarded to Richard Houghton for processing and pricing.
- 21/11/15 – from Steve Meek regarding HRS and lack of events on the north coast.
- 22/11/15 – from Andrew Crowley suggesting the HRS follow a different calendar to the DRS. KF replied on 12/1/15 advising that this couldn't happen for 2016.
- 23/11/15 – from Drive Country Australia (Dan & Rosie White) to conduct a TRE leading up to the WRC in November. Southern Cross Rally Festival. (5th – 13th Nov. Finish at Coffs Harbour) Again on 12/12/15, asking for confirmation of receipt of this email.
- 23/11/15 – from CAMS with form attached for nomination of 2016 Panel Members.
- 23/11/15 – from David Mori of CAMS with progress report on Rally Checkers Manual.
- 23/11/15 – from Andrew Crowley enquiring as to whether a competitor could run his Excel on 14" wheels.



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- 2/12/15 – from Col Trinder regarding re-introduction of restrictors to 4WD rally cars. Another reply on 7/12.
- 4/12/15 – from Glynn Elliott requesting a change of engine to Toyota AE86 Sprinter that is not presently permitted in Club Rally Car regs.
- 10/12/15 – from Barbara Anderson of CAMS, announcing Championship Series Stewards for 2016. Rally - Allan Denney.
- 10/12/15 – from Colleen Allen of Penrith Panthers requesting final plans for presentation night. KF replied 15/12 & 18/12. 11:00 access OK to set up room.
- 15/12/15 – from Cassandra of CAMS Events Permits, stating that only state level Supp Regs are now being sent to us for checking. KF followed up with Ben Pretty.
- 18/12/15 – from David Mori requesting a list of current Checkers, for invitation to training program.
- 19/12/15 – from Colin Trinder with final draft of the CAMS Rally Checker Manual and CAMS Rally Spectator Safety and Control Procedures, with request for feedback by 15th January.
- 3/1/16 – from Cynthia Smith, requesting Michael Boaden as checker for the Hastings Rallysprint.
- 4/1/16 – from Rosie White, revised application for the 2016 Southern Cross Rally Festival (national TRE).
- 4/1/16 – from Dan and Rosie White, advising that they have lodged a request with ASIC to review the registration of the name Southern Cross Gold Anniversary Rally.

Outbound:

- 11/15/15 – from KF to Adriana Pallister & Graham Humphreys of NDDC expressing regret that the Myall Stages Rally could not be included in the 2016 DRS calendar but opening the door for it to be a part of the 2017 NSWRC.
- 24/11/15 – from KF to Paul Woodward advising him that application for Border Ranges should have gone through NSW RP but that it would be approved providing it complies with NSW Competition Conditions.
- 24/11/15 – from KF to Fro Horobin (ARCom) requesting a copy of the Rally Checkers Manual for distribution to the RP for review.
- 2/12/15 – from KF to Col Trinder expressing concerns regarding the reintroduction of restrictors on 4WD Turbo Cars. Replies and counter-replies were distributed to the panel on 7/12/15.
- 14/12/15 – from KF to Dan White, informing him that TRE application (refer Incoming 23/11 & 12/12) not approved and suggested running a TA/Social Tour in conjunction with Southern Cross Gold Anniversary Rally.
- 15/12/15 – from KF to Ben Pretty, requesting update on UVP/Rally Rego.
- 23/12/15 – from LM to Secretary of Board of Blacktown RSL requesting waiver of room hire fee. Reply received 29/12/15 agreeing to continued 'sponsorship'.

8. Chairman's Report



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- Officially welcomed the 2016 Rally Panel members, and thanked 2015 Panel.
- Directed Panel members to the NSW Rally Panel Standing Orders.
- Discussed expectations for conduct of Panel members on social media and confidentiality.

9. Past Events

- 7/11/15 - Hastings Rallysprint Rd 7 2015 RSS, was washed out.
- 12/12/15 - Rallye des Femmes - Non-series. 23 starters (including some males). Was a good event and successful for the club, but numbers were down from the original date.
- 22/10/15 – Twilight Summer Rallysprint Rd 1. Issue was raised with the organisers about spectators standing behind concrete barriers on the exit of a corner.
- 24/11/15 – Twilight Summer Rallysprint Rd 2. Spectator point was much better secured, spectators were in a much safer location.
- 17/12/15 – Twilight Summer Rallysprint Rd 3. Club is considering other ways they can set up the track to change the event up for competitors, although any change would require new approvals. As such, the earliest a new track could be implemented is for the 2016/17 Series.

10. Coming Events

- 21/01/16 – Twilight Summer Rallysprint Rd 4
- 18/02/16 - Twilight Summer Rallysprint Rd 5
- 17/03/16 – Twilight Summer Rallysprint Rd 6
- 28/02/16 – Coffs Rallysprint RSS Rd 1
- 5/03/16 – Caves Classic DRS/HRS Rd 1. Delayed responses from Forestry mean that the event is running slightly behind schedule with paperwork, however JS (CoC) is confident that everything will be up to date shortly, and the event will run as planned. There will be 4 stages repeated with 100km competitive, 120km transport and 2 service points. 2 spectator points have been applied for. First car will start at midday and finish 5 – 5.30pm. Col Fletcher has been a great help with paperwork. Promotion is needed, and an event outline to go to KF to update on the web site.

11. Finance Report

- Income & Expenses for 2015 were in line with budget.
- 2016 Budget was presented and approved in principle, pending confirmation of 2016 sponsors.

12. CAMS Reports (ARCom / State Exec)

- ARCom Minutes Summary
 - Confirmation was sought on whether “day” is for 1 calendar day or a “24 hr” period in relation to permits. It is a calendar day.



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- Permit fees – classification of events. Clarification was sought on how events are classified “closed club”, “open club”, etc.
- Discussion is continuing on how to bring down top speeds. It was suggested that the organisers of the fastest events be contacted.
- Unrestricted PRC vehicles – KF will get technical information on constrictors and placement. Competitors are then to be informed and testing will be done at Glen Innes.
- State Executive Report (2/12/15)
 - Decision Paper on the introduction of inlet restrictors for turbo 4WD PRC cars - the State Executive agreed that it shouldn't apply to DRS and Rallysprint and that they would write a letter to ARCom explaining their position. KF was advised to continue discussions with ARCom.

13. Rally NSW Working Group Report

- Group consists of MT, KF, CD and Adrian Coppin.
- With all of the group planning on competing, having a media team at events will be biggest struggle in 2016. A contingency plan is needed for interviews. AC to do 3 events but need people to write articles, support with interviews, etc. JS suggested Toby Goldberg.
- Ultimate Rally Navigating Experience. From 500 entries, shortlisted 20, then contacted them all by phone to determine the 4 finalists. Finalists who went to RallySchool, were taught by Bernie Webb and Coral Taylor and had opportunities to sit in the cars and practice their new skills. Based on feedback from the drivers, Coral Taylor, Bernie Webb, and results in a theory test, Michelle Van Der Wilk was selected as the winner. Rally NSW sincerely thanks Coral, Bernie and Mick Ryan from Rallyschool for all of their support, time and effort.
- KF wants to investigate running co-driver training sessions at some Rallysprints throughout the year.

14. Registrations

- Some registration forms have been received, but have not yet been actioned.

15. Touring Working Group Report

- Although the NSW Group has now been disbanded following the ratification by State Exec of the NSW Touring Code, a National Working Group has been established (with NSW, Vic and WA members) which has made some minor changes to the Code. The resulting Provisional **National** Touring Code was ratified in December by the Australian Motorsport Development Commission and will be adopted for a 12 month trial, (after approval by the Board of CAMS) after which a review on its effectiveness will be carried out. Go NSW!
- Appendix C in the NSW document will now become NSW Standing Bulletin 1.
- Touring would like a spot on the NSW Rally website to upload these documents.



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16. Report on Re-write of the Rallysprint Regulations

- The draft Rallysprint Regulations are expected any day, for Panel's review.

17. Calendar for 2016

- Was published on 3/12/15.
- Rally Australia – Adrian Coppin (“AC”) is the Business Development Co-ordinator for the event. AC attended the Panel meeting to update the Panel on plans for the event, and hear the Panel's feedback on certain aspects of the proposed event. The Saturday would be 2 stages repeated – Nambucca (55km) and Valla (15km) – 70km with a remote tyre change in between.

AC suggested that the NSWRC field could have a remote service to save the transport back to Coffs, however the service time would be extremely long, as the NSWRC field would still run behind WRC and ARC. TW suggested that some state competitors would prefer to be with the WRC competitors in the service park. Remote service adds additional complexity for organisers and raises concerns for competitors who wish to enter both NSWRC and ARC events. Agreed that service for NSWRC field at Coffs would be acceptable.

Some issues/concerns:

- AC explained that the organisers have applied to close the roads much later than required by the itinerary, to allow some extra time in case of delays on stages during the day, so that it is less likely that NSWRC competitors will miss a stage.
- Recce on the Friday is a challenge for organisers, who are trying to minimise rally traffic on shire roads. Panel indicated that recce in convoy was not a suitable option. AC suggested that there may just be a very strict window for competitors to complete recce on Friday morning – Panel accepted that this was reasonable. Will possibly have a lead car and tail car.

Saturday night there will be a Super Special Stage with 1 pass, 1 car at a time. Sunday there is an optional 80 – 90km at Wedding Bells.

Regional scrutineering is expected for NSWRC crews. .

- CHDSCC were going to run a DRS, but the club isn't confident that they have the time or resources to run a successful event in 2016. They will work on it for 2017 instead.
- NSSCC have advised that the only date in May they can run the Gravel Rallysprint is the 22nd, which clashes with Kempsey. CG to talk to Bernie Keast about moving to one of the other dates they originally applied for.
- BMSC – 2nd September – applied for a closed to club Rallysprint.
- Bega has all approvals on Shire Roads. The event will be late Saturday in Bega, all day Sunday in Eden. Not yet aware of the DRS component.
- “Southern Cross Rally Festival” has applied for a new date in October.

18. 2016 Panel Structure

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| • Secretary | Lui MacLennan | Proposed KF | Seconded JS |
| • Assistant Secretary | Carol Sparkes | Proposed CG | Seconded JS |
| • Treasurer | Carol Sparkes | Proposed KF | Seconded MT |



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• Deputy Chair	Michael Taylor	Proposed KF	Seconded CG
• NSWRC Co-ordinator	Tim Wilkins	Proposed MT	Seconded KF
• DRS Co-ordinator	John Sparkes	Proposed JS	Seconded CG
• RSS Co-ordinator	Ernie Martin	Proposed CG	Seconded JS
• Pointscores	Tim Wilkins	Proposed TW	Seconded JS
• Registrations	Carol Sparkes	Proposed CS	Seconded TW
• RallyNSW Chair	Michael Taylor	Proposed KF	Seconded JS
• Seeding List Co-ordinator	Ernie Martin	Proposed EM	Seconded CG
• TRE/TA Co-ordinator	Lui MacLennan	Proposed KF	Seconded MT
• Checkers Co-ordinator	Chris Giddins	Proposed JS	Seconded MT
• PRS Co-ordinator	Mick Harding	Proposed MT	Seconded CG
• Compliance Checkers	Lui MacLennan	Proposed KF	Seconded CS
	Katie Fletcher	Proposed KF	Seconded CS
	John Sparkes	Proposed KF	Seconded CS
	Michael Taylor	Proposed KF	Seconded CS

19. General Business

- 2015 Presentation Night
 - Organisation is going well, but the event needs to be promoted more.
 - On the night there will be formal recognition of the contributions made by Col Fletcher and Matt Martin.
 - Email KF with ideas for trophies and for the novelty awards.
- Brainstorming Session
 - Ideas for 2016 Rally Year
 - Next Rally NSW objectives
 - Future of the sport
- The first draft of the Rally Organisers Manual is almost complete. KF will distribute as soon as possible for review and comment.
- Seeding List
 - KF to follow up with Matt Martin on getting his program for seeding competitors.
 - EM has some programs that might be used for seeding. He will look at them and get someone to help see if they can work.



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20. Close and Next Meeting

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 4:00 pm.

Next Face to Face Meeting: TBA.
Next Teleconference: 09/02/2016.

21. Distribution to

CAMS NSW for posting on <https://www.cams.com.au/about/structure/state-panels/new-south-wales-the-act> and KF for posting on <http://www.rallynsw.com.au/>

22. Action Points

Item	Responsibilities	Timeline
2014-5. Update of Director Manual – long-term project. Draft completed 8/1 – update to website to follow.	CF	Ongoing
2014-6. Update of National Checker Manual – long-term project. Will be ready for 2016. Waiting on ARCom. CAMS sent draft	CF	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
2015-36. Liaise with WSID and CAMS about running ‘World’s Biggest Garage Sale’ for rally enthusiasts, regarding ground hire and insurance.	CF	Early 2016
2015-38. Update 100 day letter to include suggestions about running media days the week prior to the event.	KF	Ongoing
2015-40. Follow up with sticker supplier re new material and adhesive. Possible new tender.	KF	Ongoing
2015-41. Follow up with ARCom for amendment to licences to include definition of event type licence is applicable for.	MT	Done
2015-42. Create survey for registered competitors regarding 2015 events and some proposed events for 2016. KF to send around full results.	KF	Done
2015-43. Finalise major sponsor for 2016.	KF/CF	ASAP
2015-44. Email database re new tiered sponsor opportunity.	KF	ASAP
2016-1. Technical Bulletin for the construction of restrictors, and how this will be checked, and how the fuel will be checked.	KF	ASAP



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2016-2. Reply to Glynn Elliot re: his request to change engines on his Sprinter	KF	Early 2016
2016-3. Follow up Ben Pretty on Supp Regs being sent to Rally Panel for checking.	KF	Early 2016
2016-4. Reply to Cynthia Smith regarding Checker for Hastings.	KF	ASAP
2016-5. Need to confirm whether RMS will stop issuing UVPs for Rally cars. KF to find out and distribute.	KF	ASAP
2016-6. MT to promote the Caves Classic.	MT	ASAP
2016-7. KF to discuss concerns with date of Blue Range Rallysprint with Mat Boorman.	KF	ASAP
2016-8. The Rally Event Checkers Manual and the Rally Spectator Safety and Control Procedures need to be reviewed and returned with feedback.	All	15 January
2016-9. Investigate running co-driver training sessions at some Rallysprints throughout the year.	KF	Early 2016
2016-10. Upload National Touring Code and NSW Standing Bulletin 1 to RallyNSW website.	KF/LM	Early 2016

23. List of Attendees

Panel Member	Meetings	Reason
Katie Fletcher	1/1	
Charlie Drake	0/1	6
Wayne Elven	0/1	9
Chris Giddins	1/1	
Michael Harding	0/1	9
Stephen Hodgkin	0/1	9
Lui MacLennan	0/1	6
Ernie Martin	1/1	
Caroline Sparkes	1/1	
John Sparkes	1/1	
Michael Taylor	1/1	



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Tim Wilkins	1/1	
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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