



NSW Rally Panel

Wednesday 14th September 2016
By teleconference

MINUTES

1. Attendees

Present:

Katie Fletcher (KF) (Chair), Chris Giddins (CG), Lui MacLennan (LM), Ernie Martin (EM), Michael Taylor (MT), Tim Wilkins (TW)

CAMS Personnel:

Nil

Observers/Visitors:

Nil

2. Opening / Welcome / Confidentiality

The Chairman declared the meeting open at 7:39 pm and welcomed all attendees.

3. Apologies

Carol Sparkes (CS), John Sparkes (JS), Mick Harding (MH), Stephen Hodgkin (SH), Charlie Drake (CD)

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion: "That the NSW Rally Panel accept the Minutes of the Panel Meeting held face-to-face at Blacktown RSL on Saturday 6th August 2016 as being a true and accurate record of the meeting."

Moved: KF Seconded: EM All in favour, CARRIED.

5. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

- All items in Action Points discussed.

6. Decisions made by email vote between meetings

- Nil

7. Correspondence

Inbound:

- 22/08/16 – from Selina Goodreid of CNCSCC requesting 19/02/17 as date for their S2 Rallysprint.
- 22/08/16 – from Debbie Quirk of WDCC to EM, discussing Facebook exposure for the Mundarlo Road RS. EM & KF discussed possibility of WDCC uploading video etc direct to the RallyNSW Fb page.
- 30/08/16 – from Debbie Quirk of WDCC, requesting results of Mundarlo Rallysprint be posted on RallyNSW website. Done!



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- 30/08/16 – from John McCredie with invoice for Rally of the Bay photography/videography. Follow up re budget for Bathurst Rally.
- 31/08/16 – from Neil Gendle of RMS, forwarded by Richard Opie, suggesting, although not required, to apply for a Road Occupancy Licence for Waterfall Way (being used as transport on Echidna Gully Rallysprint).
- 06/09/16 – from Kaylie Newell via EM regarding two crews' failure to stop at SOS board displayed at Myall Lakes Rally.

Outbound:

- 06/08/16 – from LM to Denise Ferguson, Board Secretary of Blacktown RSL, thanking them for use and room hire waiver of the meeting room.
- 09/08/16 – from LM to CAMS NSW with Minutes of June and July meetings.
- 15/08/16 – from KF to Adrian Coppin of BMSC with request for Brindabella Stages Rally to form part of the NSWRC. AC replied.
- 23/08/16 – from EM to Mat Boorman touching base regarding their S2 Rallysprint.
- 23/08/16 – from EM to Debbie Quirk of WDCC, re door stickers for their Rallysprint.
- 30/08/16 – from EM to Richard Opie re preparations for Echidna Gully Rallysprint. RO replied with post for RallyNSW Fb page (now uploaded). Clock and Car No forms to follow.
- 30/08/16 – from EM to Julie Boorman re Blue Range Rallysprint on 9 Sept – no regs sighted yet. Info received that event is proceeding but may change to November.
- 07/09/16 – from LM to CAMS NSW requesting new date for Rally Panel Meeting on 14 Sept.
- 07/09/16 – from LM to Judyth Humphreys, chair of Stewards' Panel, regarding incident at Myall Lakes Rally. JH replied.

8. Past Events

- 13/08/16 – Rally of the Bay – NSWRC Rd 4. PRS Rd 3. All ran smoothly and no known issues. Jemba system was provided but competitors were not willing to bear the cost in future. Feedback from competitors on the system was very mixed. The licence for Jemba was offered to the Rally Panel, but the Panel has decided against taking it on, as management of the system is too complex for the Rally Panel to take on at this stage.
- 27/08/16 – Mundarlo Road Rallysprint – RSS Rd 6. PRS Rd 4. Only three entries from the RSS and two from the PNS series.
- 03/09/16 – Myall Lakes Rally – DRS Rd 5. HRS Rd 5. A good event with acceptable roads. Two stages were lost due to weather conditions. First eight competitors were stopped in the final stage due to a tree that fell across the road. Recommended for inclusion as a NSWRC round in 2017 but the organisers would prefer it to stay a DRS round.

9. Coming Events

- 24/09/16 – Bathurst Rally – NSWRC Rd 5. DRS Rd 6. HRS Rd 6. Thirty-six entries at this stage.
- 09/10/16 – Blue Range Rallysprint – RSS Rd 7. Removed from 2016 calendar.



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- 15/10/16 – Brindabella Stages – NSWRC Rd 5. DRS Rd 7. HRS Rd 7. Entries are open and nine have been received.

10. Finance Report

- To be circulated on Treasurer's return from vacation.

11. CAMS Reports (ARCom / State Exec)

- ARCom 17 August Meeting Minutes Summary -
 - Rallysprint regs

Following discussions on the wording of medical presence it was moved that"the regulations be promulgated in a bulletin, effective 1/1/17" the motion was carried.

SMc stated that the current proposed regulations calls for each vehicle to undergo scrutiny at each event (as is traditional) but sees a potential for targeted scrutiny for Rallysprint. A working trial is being conducted for log book vehicles. However, this is an issue for the future.

- Event Checkers Manual and Spectator Control and Safety Manual

The review of the Spectator Safety and Control Manual is still to be carried out by Mr Wayne Kenny of Rally Australia (refer to Minute 0157 of 6 May 2016 Meeting). Mr Kenny has said he will work on this following his return from the WRC Safety Meeting in Germany this month.

- Proposed ARC Competition Structure for State Competitor involvement

CT informed the Commissioners that Mr David Waldon will be presenting a concept plan in the near future

- Changes to Touring Road Event and Touring Assembly Regulations

RR advised the Commission he has advised Mr Robert Watson that it has been agreed there needs to be a distinction between tarmac and gravel Touring Road Events, and this will be part of the National Rally Code Review under Priority 3 of the ARCom Strategic Plan. The Australian Motor Sport Development Commission (AMSDC) is currently reviewing Touring Assemblies.

- Frontal Head Restraints

The Decision Paper seeks a date at which regulations would be in place to require FHR to be compulsorily used at all levels of Rally. MC commented that the Commission needs to establish a stage by stage upgrade of the items required for the use of FHR, and timeframe, to reach a date to satisfy the Board's requirements.

- State Executive Report - not available.

12. Rally NSW Working Group Report

- Photography/videography budget for John McCredie. Video from Rally of the Bay was excellent and JMcC would like to be involved on an ongoing basis. RallyNSW is severely under-resourced in this area. For 2017, we need to have a professional level of exposure. JMcC has proposed to cover the Bathurst Rally and possibly Brindabella Stages in a similar manner. This supports BLCC, the NSWRC and supports proposals to sponsors. Panel agreed to engage someone to manage relationships with sponsors. Rally Panel approves employing JMcC at Bathurst.



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13. General Business

- Helmet and FHR requirements for passengers in Ride/Media Day drives at state level in 2017. Rally of the Bay is the only event affected. Organisers to take responsibility at this stage.
- 2016 NSWRC Calendar still has Bathurst Rally, Brindabella Stages Rally and Kennards Hire Rally Australia. At RA NSW competitors have one pass of recce on the Friday but can also do recce on the Tuesday and Wednesday. Discussion with organisers re Smoothline notes still ongoing.
- Brindabella Stages Rally for NSWRC is same competitive distance as DRS but entry fee will be only \$60 more which reflects the increased CAMS permit fee for a state round.
- 2016 Organisers & Competitors Forum. Agenda has been prepared. Venue to be confirmed later this week and invitations to clubs, competitors and organisers to be sent. Panel will cover costs of catering. Starting at 10:00. Comp Conditions and Calendar. Smoothline notes. Rally Navigator. ARCom rep will be present. RallyNSW contributions. After lunch, competitors will join. Workshop style sessions on various topics. All Panel members encouraged to attend.
- Update on NRC Review. MT – Rally Code has been reviewed by Ross Runnels. Major changes to be made are updating. Points discussed briefly as follows: Name change from Road/Rally to Rally and Road. NRC to become Rally Manual. Update Controls for A-A and A-B timing. Strengthen links between Rally Panel and ARCom. Terms changed. Remove role of Area Co-ordinator. Definitions added. Competitor grading removed and a seeding threshold to be adopted. One vehicle and one engine to be used throughout the event. MT to follow up on this last point, as Panel disagrees that the change is necessary or justified. Definition of Quiet Zones changed to Restricted Speed Zones. MT to suggest Quiet Zone is more appropriate; Panel agrees. Organisers to hold a list of contact numbers for competitors, next of kin etc. Minimum medical facilities required. Field limits. Restricted areas for rallies. Speeding penalties. MT to suggest alternatives. Service vehicle speeding. Definition Competitor vs Entrant. Capacity classes.
- Sale of old CAMS rally clocks. KF to follow up.
- 2017 Calendar. Draft Calendar to be finished 15/Sept and circulated to Panel members. Needs to be finalised by next State Exec meeting.
- 2017 Competition Conditions. HRS – which events should be included? Darren Mowett and Andrew Crowley to canvas competitors.
- Photography/videography budget for John McCredie. Video from Rally of the Bay was excellent and JMcC would like to be involved on an ongoing basis. RallyNSW is severely under-resourced in this area. For 2017, we need to have a professional level of exposure. JMcC has proposed to cover the Bathurst Rally and possibly Brindabella Stages in a similar manner. This supports BLCC, the NSWRC and supports proposals to sponsors. Perhaps engage someone to seek sponsorship. Rally Panel approves employing JMcC at Bathurst.
- BMSC would like to change for Rally des Femmes from 26th November to 3rd December. Approved.
- 2016 Rally Panel member Wayne Elven has resigned from the Panel. We thank him for his contribution.
- Rally Panel membership for 2017 was discussed.

14. Close and Next Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 9:41 pm.



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Next Face-to-Face Meeting:

TBA.

Next Teleconference:

Wednesday 12th October at 7:30 pm.

15. Distribution to

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



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16. Action Points

Item	Responsibilities	Timeline
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	Complete
2016-9. Investigate running co-driver training sessions at some Rallysprints and Eastern Creek RS throughout the year. KF has spoken to Brett Middleton and Coral Taylor. Eastern Creek not possible. KF speaking with CAMS re passengers and possibility of doing it at Blue Ranges RS or other venues.	KF	Cancelled
2016-10. Upload National Touring Code and NSW Standing Bulletin 1 to RallyNSW website. Still with NRAC CAMS.	KF/LM	Ongoing
2016-20. Letters of thanks and 2016 invoices to be sent to Series' Sponsors. Invoices now received from CAMS. CD to contact sponsors.	CS	Ongoing
2016-31. MT to contact Fro Horobin regarding the impact of CAMS Bulletin B16-004 re Schedule R. No longer able to run a car under Schedule R but must run under other categories. To write an article explaining this to be sent to competitors. SH to consult with MT and MH.	SH	Cancelled
2016-34. CG to send a box of turbo restrictor tags to Stewart Wilkins. CG found that some numbers were duplicated so they need to be sorted through before they can be sent. Tags passed on to Jason Giddins who apparently put them in TW's car. TW to check.	TW	Complete
2016-38. Regarding additional pacenotes in Roadbooks. There is a need to protect the integrity of blind rally competition. Organisers need to be enforcing regulations and a definition of Pacenotes needs to be formulated. KF to discuss with Stewards Panel.	KF	ASAP
2016-39. KF to review 100 day letter to organisers.	KF	2017
2016-40. MT to locate revised rules for Bronze Results Manager requirements. Discussed at May ARCom meeting – "The Commission considered this was not fully understood at the time and the effect on the lower level rally events is an unintended consequence. There would seem to be minimal risk with removing this requirement by amending the NRC and the issue is to be taken up with the AOC." Still no discussion at AOC by 18/08/16 minutes. MT to contact Fro Horobin to follow this up.	MT	ASAP



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2016-41. Rally panel to purchase three sets of turbo restrictor gauges. KF to supply contacts.	TW/KF	ASAP
2016-42. Review joker points when reviewing Competition Conditions. Add to Agenda at Forum and start with NSWRC only.	ALL	Complete
2016-43. Process for Checker nominations. CS to circulate list of registered competitors for RP to review, suggest appropriate people for the role and approach them. Previous competitors also to be canvassed.	ALL	ASAP
2016-44. Contact MT to determine number of vehicles checked for turbo restrictor seals at Narooma Rally. Regional scrutineers checked but there was no targeted checking at event.	KF	Complete
2016-45. Are scans/photocopies of licences acceptable for doco? Yes but with annotations sighted.	KF	Complete
2016-46. Contact organisers of Bega Valley Rally re postponement to 2017. Possibly need assistance to make the event viable, initially on a multi-club permit.	KF	Complete
2016-47. Research vehicle eligibility in other states.	TW	Ongoing
2016-48. Determine if a list of Area Co-ordinators is held by CAMS. List out of date.	CG	Complete
2016-49. Contact CAMS NSW to distribute applications to all car clubs to request 2017 dates and return to info@rallynsw.com.au	JS	Complete
2016-50. Contact Adrian Dudock re date for NatCap Rally. Contact Adriana Pallister re Myall Stages as NSWRC. Myall to remain a DRS round.	JS	Complete
2016-51. Investigate possibility of reflective material for SOS signs	KF	September
2016-52. Contact Fro Horobin (ARCom) re introduction of FHR at all levels of rally and medical requirements for RS.	MT	September
2016-53. Sale of old NSW rally clocks	KF	September



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17. List of Attendees

Panel Member	Meetings	Reason
Katie Fletcher	9/9	
Charlie Drake	4/9	6 6 9 6 3
Chris Giddins	9/9	
Michael Harding	3/9	9 9 9 6 6 9
Stephen Hodgkin	5/9	9 9 3 3
Lui MacLennan	7/9	6 1
Ernie Martin	9/9	
Caroline Sparkes	8/9	6
John Sparkes	8/9	6
Michael Taylor	8/9	6
Tim Wilkins	8/9	6

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