



## NSW Rally Panel

Tuesday 21st August 2013  
Teleconference

# MINUTES

## 1. Attendees

### Present

Colin Fletcher (chair) (CF), Laurie Cunningham (LC), Lui MacLennan (LM), Mike Cherry (MC), Matthew Martin (MM), Darren Mowett (DM), Chris Giddins (CG), Jon Thomson (JT)

### CAMS Personnel

Nil

### Observers/Visitors:

Nil

## 2. Opening / Welcome

The Chairman declared the meeting open at 07:30 pm.

## 3. Apologies

Nil.

## 4. Resignations

Adrian Dudok tendered his resignation from the Rally Panel on August 20 due to work and family commitments. The Panel expresses its sincere thanks to Adrian for his many years of service.

The Panel has been advised that Ronny Maroun has tendered his resignation from his role as CAMS Sport and Club Development Officer this morning and will finish work on Wednesday August 28.

## 5. Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes of the Panel Meeting held by teleconference Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2013 have been confirmed and received as a true and accurate record of meeting by the Panel.

Moved: DM Seconded: JT.

## **6. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes**

### **Targeted Scrutineering**

The Panel has considered the merits and risks associated with Targeted Scrutiny and have decided not to pursue the program at this time. Instead, the Panel will continue to review and develop the list of Regional Scrutineers to provide competitors and organisers with options.

### **Regional Scrutineering**

MM has accepted the task of reviewing and updating the list of NSW Regional Scrutineers. The minimum criterion for inclusion on this list is a CAMS Bronze Scrutineering accreditation. However, in the interests of safety, preference will be given to those that own and operate a licensed mechanical workshop and are willing to put every vehicle on a hoist to enable a more thorough under body and suspension inspection.

Mr Ernie Martin of Singleton has offered his services as a Regional Scrutineer and suggested that Mr Gordon Trigg of Triggs Motors, Singleton (02 4959 2122) and Mr Peter Avery of Singleton Exhaust Centre Singleton (02 6571 2050) could be interested in the program.

The intention is to have this list ready for the 2014 competition season.

### **Database of Competitors and Officials**

The Panel recognises the need for a database of competitors and officials to enable the Panel and organisers to communicate more effectively with the rally community.

Previous inquiries to the CAMS office for such lists have been unsuccessful and there have been some comments that to provide such information would be in contravention of the Privacy Act.

The Panel believes that there may be a misunderstanding of the legislation and will seek to initiate discussions to resolve the issue.

### **Excel Rally Series**

As a result of enquiries earlier in 2013 as to the future viability of the NSW Excel Rally Series, there have been a number of competitors who have voiced their intention to register for and compete in the series in 2014.

The Panel is encouraged by information received that a number of competitors are very pleased with the support received and will work to grow the series over coming seasons.

The Panel also believes in having an entry level series such as the Excels as it provides a low cost, highly competitive, level playing field for competitors to enter the sport.

### **Display Clocks**

The Panel has previously expressed their plans to introduce display clocks for all NSW rallies in 2014 as a significant safety initiative. At the recent Rally Forum (August 18), Richard Houghton offered to produce & supply suitable units. Richard is highly accredited in this area and designed and manufactured some of the timing equipment used in the 2000 Sydney Olympics.

CF will liaise with Richard Houghton regarding the details of the project and report back to the Panel.

## **Checking of Event Paperwork**

The process of the Panel checking Supplementary Regulations for NSW events seems to have been changed as events are now being issued permits without the Panel having an opportunity to review and advise on issues within the documents. The Panel is aware of errors and omissions in unchecked documents and believes that it is still necessary to review and approve them prior to publication.

CF will raise the issue with Ben Pretty in an effort to reinstate the process.

## **Event Checkers**

LC will review the current list of Event Checkers and assist the Panel to allocate checkers for 2014.

## **7. Decisions made by Email.**

Topic: To allow competitors registered for a NSW series to officiate at any NSW Rally or Rallysprint event in order to satisfy the requirement to officiate. 10 out of 13 voted – 10 voted YES.

## **8. Correspondence**

- Email from Mr Ernie Martin re Regional Scrutineers (see above).
- Email from CF confirming cancellation of the Shannons Safari which was to be held on the 12<sup>th</sup> of October – Confirmation of the new date for the Kumho Rally of the Bay to the 19<sup>th</sup> of October and the Tumut Rally on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November.

## **9. Past Events**

Myall Stages was conducted on August 10 & 11. There were 33 starters – 11 in the NSWRC component (Myall Stages) and 22 entered in the Myall Lakes Rally. Overall, there were 6 retirements, 5 mechanical and one minor incident with the scenery.

From all reports, the event was well run and very enjoyable.

It was noted that the CAMS clocks were up to 2 hours out of synchronisation with EST. These were set by the CAMS Office prior to sending to the event.

The Panel wishes to thank the organisers, Nissan Datsun Drivers Club for their hard work to conduct the event again this year.

## **10. Up Coming Events**

The LCCC (Light Car Club of Canberra) have advised that their round of the NSW Clubman Rally Series scheduled for October 12, the Shannons Safari, will not proceed due to the onerous Fire Safety requirements required by the ACT government. These requirements add a significant financial burden on organisers and make the conduct of most events in the territory financially unviable.

The Kumho Rally of the Bay will be conducted on October 19 and is a round of the NSWRC and NSW Clubman Series.

## 11. Reports

- ARCom – None tabled.
- State Executive – Nothing to report.

## 12. General Business

### NSWRC Events in ARC rounds

The Panel discussed a common reluctance among competitors to include NSWRC events in ARC events.

The factors include:

- The extensive time requirement to compete in these events due to the need for attendance Friday for course reconnaissance and the finish on Sunday pm.
- The additional costs involved to complete course reconnaissance, additional accommodation and annual leave.
- Poor experience with some ARC officials in years' past.
- Being a "lower class" competitor in someone else's event.

The Panel will communicate these issues with the relevant ARC organisers and seek to have these issues addressed for future events. Additionally, the Panel will ask that the format of approximately 130km of competitive be available to NSWRC competitors on the Saturday; no parc ferme's, market based entry fees consistent with the value offered and acceptance of Regional Scrutineering.

### 2014 Competition Conditions

Suggestions raised at the Rally Forum are to be included in the 2014 Competition Conditions.

Namely that:

1. The RWD (Rear wheel drive) class in the NSWRC is split into 0-2000cc; 2001cc plus engine capacity.
2. The RWD (Rear wheel drive) class in the DRS is split into 0-1600cc; 1601-2000cc; 2001cc plus engine capacity.

### 2014 Series Registration

In 2013, Competitors could register for a series up until the close of Documentation at the first round of that series. As a result of this condition, there were administrative difficulties at the first round of the NSWRC and Clubman series (both at Nat Cap). The organisers had additional work to determine who was actually registered and then had to set up their results system to accommodate the registrations.

To remove this pressure on the organisers, the Panel has decided to revert to the original model for 2014, which is that competitors must register at least 7 days before the round in which they wish to score points.

## Standardised Supplementary Regulations for the Development Rally Series

There was universal acceptance that the administration of the DRS would be simplified if a standardised set of Supplementary Regulations were made available to the organisers. However, as this is a low priority project and there are many other high priority projects on the go”, the Panel agrees to put this project on “standby” until the makeup of the 2014 DRS is determined and intended participation rates are being achieved.

### Promotional Leaflets

There was some discussion of the need to have promotional material to hand out to improve interest and understanding of the sport at opportunities such as the Top Gear festival, Ceremonial starts, car club promotions.

The Panel has added this request to the Promotional project which will promote the sport in a wide variety of methods.

It is hoped that the marketing and promotion plan can be released before the end of 2013 with the intention of putting some or all of it into place throughout 2014.

### 13. Close and Next Meeting

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.55 pm.

#### Next Meeting:

Tuesday October 15 @ 7.30pm via Teleconference.

### 14. Distribution to

State Executive, ARCom, NSW Stewards Panel, Ben Pretty

### 15. List of Attendees

Col Fletcher	7/7
Laurie Cunningham	6/7 <sup>1</sup>
Jon Thomson	5/7 <sup>3</sup>
Tom Anderson	3/7 <sup>6</sup>
Ray Baker	0/7 <sup>3,6</sup>
Lui MacLennan	3/7 <sup>6</sup>
Matthew Martin	5/5
Mike Cherry	5/5
Darren Mowett	5/5
Michael Harding	2/5 <sup>3</sup>
Chris Giddins	3/5 <sup>3</sup>

#### 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