



NSW Rally Panel

Saturday 15th February 2014
Held at Blacktown RSL

MINUTES

1. Attendees

Present

Colin Fletcher (chair) (CF), Laurie Cunningham (LC), Mike Cherry (MC), Matthew Martin (MM), Darren Mowett (DM), Lui MacLennan (LMc), Michael Harding (MH), Jon Thompson (JT), Andrew Crowley (AC).

CAMS Personnel

Nil

Observers/Visitors:

Nil.

2. Opening / Welcome

The Chairman declared the meeting open at 10.05am.

3. Apologies

Chris Giddins Tom Anderson.

4. Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes of the Panel Meeting held at Blacktown RSL 23rd November 2013 have been confirmed and received as a true and accurate record of meeting by the Panel.

Moved: LC Seconded: LMc. – CARRIED

5. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

- CAMS Online Entry Portal – currently available for the V Sport Stages – CF advised that although the system doesn't appear to be rally applicable, as there is no provision for nominating Co-drivers, these details can be added to the "Crew" section. Once you have entered yours and your crews and your cars details in your profile, it is merely a matter of selecting the event you wish to enter, your crew & car details then method of payment and submitting the form – the details are then forwarded to the Event Secretary. Crew & car details can be added at any time.
- CF advised that we have 75 people attending tonight's Presentation & Launch.
- CF advised that the new Rally NSW website has been successfully launched with much positive feedback.
- CF advised that a number of the 2014 Sponsorship Package contracts have been finalised.
- Rally Vehicle Registration Scheme – the RMS contact has been on leave – nil to report.

- LM advised that 78 people have registered to date for the various 2014 Championships and Series Events – this is a far greater number than previous years.
- CF advised that from the 1-1-2014 all Event Organisers must send their Supp Regs directly to the Stewards Panel as this is no longer a function of the CAMS Office. The Contact is the Stewards Panel Chair – Judyth Humphries – judyth@bigpond.net.au
- CF advised the Panel is now receiving Supp regs for checking.
- CF has sent out the standard sup regs – we need to check them as a panel with a view to posting then on the website for organisers to access.
- AC had problems printing the V Sport Stages Supp Regs – KF to follow up.
- MM reported that Schedule R only compliant cars are competing in various events in Queensland as “All Comers”.
- MM advised that the Border Ranges Rally are interested in aligning themselves with Rally NSW ideals and guidelines and are also considering a date change.
- KF advised we need better information re contacts for NSW Events for the website.

6. Action Points from Previous Meeting.

NIL

7. Safety.

NIL

8. Decisions made by Email since Previous Meeting.

Inclusion of the Myall Stages on 9th August in the TechWorkz Development Series and a date change for the Light Owl TA on the 12/4 to the 5/4 – Both Approved.

9. Correspondence.

- Invitation to the Top Gear Festival as a trade stand.
- CAMS re: Resignation of Glynis Heydon from the NSW Office.
- Drive Country Australia re: the Touring Assembly they are to conduct in association with Coates Rally Australia.
- BMSC re: Their Narooma event not being included in the Techworkz Development Rally Series.
- AHRG re: Cancellation of the Dungog round if the Techworkz Development Rally Series.
- WAC re: Confirmation that they will conduct a NSW State Rallysprint Series event on the 30th of August.
- NDDC - Graham Humphries confirming that the Myall Stages will be a Road Book event only – no pace notes.
- Ernie Martin re: Suggestion of introducing a forum for the website.

10. Reports

- Nil.

11. Past Events.

- Nil.

12. Upcoming Events.

- NESCC – Round 1 NSW Rallysprint Series – Echnida Gully - Armidale.
- CNCSCC – Round 2 NSW Rallysprint Series – Nabiac.
- National Capitol Rally – Round 1 Gary's Motorsport Tyres NSW State Rally Championship – Note: All who are entered and are registered are to score points.

13. Clock Hire.

- We need to adopt a procedure for distribution to events.
- CF noted that the clock supplier, Mr Richard Houghton would prefer a hire arrangement to be in place rather than outright purchase – this would allow him to monitor the condition of the clocks and service them on a regular basis.

14. NSW Rally.com Update.

- CF advised that:
 - Gary's Motorsport Tyres would be the naming rights sponsor for the 2014 NSW Rally Championship.
 - Techworkz of Canberra would sponsor the NSW Development Rally Series.
 - There will be a direct mail campaign to competitors & clubs.
 - We would publicise competitor registrations on the website.
- JT gave an update on planned promotions for the Natcap.
- Charlie Drake will do onsite interviews with crews at the Natcap and KF will assist and do updates on the website and Facebook.

15. General Business .

- MC advised that Bernie Keast from Kempsey was prepared to be the Far North Coast Area Co-dinators and suggested the Les Boaden continue to be the North Coast Area Co-ordinator.
- LC reported that all 23 crews entered in the Gary's Motorsport Tyres NSW State Rally Championship are registered.
- JT advised that the North Shore Sporting Car Club have been pursuing permissions from the various bodies concerned to conduct Rallysprints at Western Sydney International Dragway utilising the car parks and access roads at the venue. Documentation will be presented to the NSW Rally Panel as part of the approval process.
- MM advised that he is working on the Driver Grading List.
 - He has also been working on the NSW Seeding List with a view to developing a demotion system – several systems were discussed with a 1 point deducted for each calendar year of non competition being the most popular.

- The possibility of including State Series Rallysprint results in the seeding list was then discussed – the general view was that this would be a good idea.
- AC suggested that we link the NSW Khanacross website with our own to encourage progression to Rallysprints and Rally's, but also to encourage budding rally competitors to use Khanacross as a starting point.
- CF advised that the NSW Rally Panel would be presenting a new annual award – the NSW Rally Achievement Award tonight at the presentation. The first recipients would be John Mitchell and Jo Cadman.
- CF advised that any future communique's from the NSW Rally Panel are authorised by the Panel Chairman.
- CF advised that he has been in communication with Ben Pretty at CAMS raising several aspects relating to the difficulty of people entering the sport.
- JT suggested that we liaise with Mr Michael Ryan of Rallyschool.com and that we approach him as a distributor of Rally NSW promotional material through his business.
- Several applications to conduct events in 2014 were received mid January.
 - BMSC – Rally d' Femmes – 6th of Devenber – APPROVED
 - BMSC – Narooma Multiclub 17th of May moved to 12th July – APPROVED
 - NDDC – Myall Stages – 9th August – Included in the TechworkZ DRS – APPROVED
- DM suggested that the NSW Excel Rally Series promotional stickers include the manufacturers name as well.
- DM advised that AMSAG have introduced a "restricted" vehicle class for Hyundai Excel rally cars with the regulations closely aligned to those used by the circuit race competitors. He will observe their progress and advise in the future.

Action Points

Item	Responsibilities	Timeline
Targeted scrutiny	Panel members to review and discuss at the next meeting	Ongoing
2014 Competition & Organising Conditions	All panel members to review and prepare proposals	August Panel Meeting & Forum
Excel Series	MM to seek EOI for 2014 series	August Panel Meeting & Forum
2014 Series Registration form	CF to review in light of "7 days" clause	August Panel Meeting
Source new display clocks	MC to explore options	August Panel Meeting
Competitor Database	CF to explore with NSW Office	Ongoing

Newsletter	JT to advise on practicality and content	Ongoing
Rallysafe	CF to invite	Rally Forum
Checking of Event Paperwork	CF	August Panel Meeting
Authourity of Event Checkers	CF	August Panel Meeting

16. Close and Next Meeting

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 1.30 pm.

Next Meeting:

Teleconference – Tuesday 18th March @ 7.30am.

17. Distribution to

State Executive, ARCom, NSW Stewards Panel, Ben Pretty, Judith Humphries.

18. List of Attendees

Col Fletcher	7/7
Laurie Cunningham	6/7 ¹
Jon Thomson	4/7 ^{4,1,8}
Adrian Dudok	1/7 ^{4,1}
Tom Anderson	3/7 ⁶
Ray Baker	0/7 ³
Lui MacLennan	0/7 ⁶
Matthew Martin	4/7
Mike Cherry	4/7
Darren Mowett	3/5
Michael Harding	2/5
Chris Giddins	1/5 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

