



NSW Rally Panel

Tuesday 17th December 2013
Teleconference

MINUTES

1. Attendees

Present

Col Fletcher (Chair) (CF), Laurie Cunningham (LC), Matthew Martin (MM), Jon Thomson (JT), Lui MacLennan (ML).

CAMS Personnel

Nil.

Observers/Visitors:

Katie Fletcher (KF), Andrew Crowley (AC).

2. Opening / Welcome

The Chairman declared the meeting open at 7:33pm.

3. Apologies

Tom Anderson (TA), Chris Giddins (CG), Darren Mowett (DM), Mike Cherry (MC), Michael Harding (MH).

4. Minutes of previous meeting

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

Moved: MM Seconded: LC. – CARRIED

5. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

- There were no matters arising from previous minutes for discussion.

6. Decisions made by email vote between Meetings

- There were no decisions made by email vote since the last Panel meeting.

7. Correspondence

- There was no correspondence to discuss.

8. Past Events

- There have been no events held since the last Panel meeting.

9. 2014 Season Launch/2013 Rally Presentation

- JT and CF are proposing to book the function at Lachlan's at Old Government House in Parramatta.
- Event will aim to be more professional than in previous years, with a more formal dress code and higher quality of catering and entertainment. Two-course meal (canapés and main course) will be provided for \$59/person. Suggestion was made that we charge \$69/person, which will include wine, and cover some of the expense of free tickets.
- Free tickets are to be offered to some of the Rally NSW sponsors for 2014. Estimating that there are approx. 8-10 sponsors, and therefore expense is going to be approx. \$600-\$800. Agreed that this cost should be debited from the Rally Fund.
- Invitations need to be created and distributed ASAP – JT and KF to work on this.
- Event information and invitations are to be distributed via Facebook and Email marketing campaigns. KF to commence Facebook promotion as soon as deposit is paid and location is confirmed.
- Guest speakers are required for the night. Ideas and contacts are required – Panel members have been asked to send any ideas through to JT.

10. Rally NSW Update

- The new Rally NSW website has completed the design and development phase, and is on track to launch in mid-January 2014. Next stage of the process is to complete the writing of all the static content on the site, which KF and CF will be working on over the Christmas break.
- Ed Mulligan has agreed to contribute a regular column for the website, as has Barry the Gnome. KF needs to communicate with the other potential columnists to lock them in.
- The RFP has been distributed to potential major and minor sponsors. Proposals have been received from two key partners and the Rally NSW committee is currently working through those and finalising the terms of the contracts. Expectation is that it will be another 2-3 weeks before that process is finalised.
- Four minor sponsors have been confirmed for 2014, with three to four others still considering the opportunity. Rally NSW continues to seek additional minor sponsors, at a commitment of \$3,000/year.
- CF has discussed the issues with the current CAMS online entry system with Jeff Brown, with a view to adapting the system to be appropriate for rallying. A conference call is scheduled for 6th January 2014 to finalise these discussions. Jeff has expressed confidence that the system will be operational and appropriate for rallying by the end of January 2014 (just in time for entries for Termeil Stages).

11. RVS Update

- The RMS has just approved the new Brake Assessment Manual for all vehicles. It is hoped that this will now enable the approval the RVS Technical Manual.

12. Excel Series Update

- There are 12 competitors eligible to compete in the ERS in 2014 - DM has spoken with 11 of those competitors and they have confirmed their commitment to the series.

13. Reports

- There was no report from ARCOM available.
- As JT was not present at the last State Executive meeting, he was unable to provide a report. JT will circulate an update from the last State Executive meeting as soon as possible.

14. General Business

- CAMS office will be closed from 20th December 2013 to 6th January 2014. Therefore, any invoices that need to be paid before that time (such as the deposit for the 2013 Presentation/2014 Launch dinner) will need to be sent through immediately for payment.
- The Series Stewards for 2014 are:
 - Jackie Donkin – Excel & DRS.
 - Peter Lambie – NSWRC
- Event Secretary needs to be responsible for the forwarding of Supp Regs to the Stewards Panel. It was suggested that this should be a responsibility of the NSW Rally Panel, but the Rally Panel does not currently receive copies of the Supp Regs. This is an issue that Ben Pretty from CAMS is working on rectifying in 2014.
- CF has created a standard set of Supp Regs for the DRS for 2014, in an attempt to simplify and standardise all Supp Regs in the series. Ian Bigg and MC are reviewing this document, and the final template will be published to the new website. CF will also circulate copies to the Panel members for review. Next step is to create a standard set of Supp Regs for the NSWRC, as well as templates for all other standard documents required by rally organisers (such as time cards, control cards, etc). The goal is to make the organiser's job easier, and ensure consistency between events.
- LC advised that he may be competing in the NSWRC in 2014, and asked the Panel if any member had an issue with him competing and continuing to do the Pointscore. No Panel member expressed any concern about any conflict of interest.
- MM advised that in almost all QLD rallies, there is a QLD Allcomers Series, even though CAMS has explicitly excluded Group G cars from rallies. This raises questions about how QLD is able to continue to run the Allcomers Series and opens the possibility for NSW to do the same. MM to continue to investigate and discuss with the QLD Rally Panel, to understand the issue better.
- CF advised that his initial submission to ARCOM to change rule 3.1.1 of the Club Rally Car Rules (that the engine of a Club Rally Car must come from the same manufacturer) was denied.

- MM advised that he will be attending a meeting held by the organisers of the Border Ranges Rally. The meeting has been called to discuss the possibility of changing the date of the rally, as it now clashes with the SA round of the ARC and, as a result, some of the high-profile competitors the event had hoped to engage would not be able to attend. MM will attend the meeting to express the views of the Rally Panel that the date should not be moved, as it will then impact on the remaining events schedules for the NSWRC, and to explain to the event organisers the level of promotional support they can expect to receive from Rally NSW in the lead up to the event to help them attract more competitors, spectators, volunteers and sponsors.

15. Close and Next Meeting

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:20pm.

Next meeting:

Blacktown RSL - Saturday, 15 February 2014, 10am – 2pm.

16. Distribution to

17. Distribution to

State Executive, ARCOM, NSW Stewards Panel, Ben Pretty, Glynis Heydon

18. List of Attendees

Col Fletcher	10/10
Laurie Cunningham	9/10 ¹
Jon Thomson	6/10 ^{3,7}
Tom Anderson	4/10 ⁶
Lui MacLennan	4/10 ^{1,6}
Matthew Martin	8/8
Mike Cherry	7/8 ³
Darren Mowett	6/8 ³
Michael Harding	3/8 ³
Chris Giddins	4/8 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