



## NSW Rally Panel

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2013  
Held at Blacktown RSL

# MINUTES

## 1. Attendees

### Present

Colin Fletcher (chair) (CF), Laurie Cunningham (LC), Mike Cherry (MC), Matthew Martin (MM), Chris Giddins (CG), Darren Mowett (DM), Michael Harding (MH), Tom Anderson (TA).

### CAMS Personnel

Nil

### Observers/Visitors:

Katie Fletcher (KF), Andrew Crowley (AC), Richard Houghton (RH).

## 2. Opening / Welcome

The Chairman declared the meeting open at 10.00am.

## 3. Apologies

Jon Thompson (JT), Lui McLennan (LM).

## 4. Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes of the Panel Meeting held by teleconference Tuesday, August 16, 2013 have been confirmed and received as a true and accurate record of meeting by the Panel.

Moved: LC    Seconded: MM. – CARRIED

Minutes of the Panel Meeting held by teleconference Tuesday, October 15, 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

- Checking of Event paperwork – Ben Pretty investigating with the Melbourne office – no reply to date.
- List of Event Checkers – ongoing with LC.
- Competitor Database – the introduction of the CAMS Online entry system will populate a detailed database that organisers will be able to use to promote their events.
- Rally Panel Standing Orders – The Standing Orders which were submitted to the NSW office on October 27 have not yet been ratified by the NSW Executive. The next meeting of the Executive is scheduled for Wednesday, December 4.

## 6. Correspondence

- Report from Marty Holberton (BMSC) re: Tumut Valley Rally. A very successful rally, enjoyed by all.
- Advice from Cheryl Holberton (BMSC) confirming the dates of the NatCap Rally as being the 28<sup>th</sup> of February to the 2<sup>nd</sup> of March 2013.
- Request from Marty Holberton (BMSC) to alter the date of the 2014 Tumut Valley Rally to the previous weekend, Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> of October. Moved MC – Seconded MM that this be approved – CARRIED.
- Correspondence received from Dan Leavy demonstrates that progress is continuing with the approval of the RVS Technical Manual. The Panel awaits further information and will continue to communicate with Mr Leavy's office in the hope that the Technical Manual will be approved early in the New Year.
- Mike O'Connor, Australian Officiating Commission – Letter of appreciation received for the Panel's submission received by the Commission with regard to the effectiveness of the official's licensing program in rallying.
- Ben Pretty re: Cops & Rodders Car Show – Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> of November. It was unfortunate that the organisers of this event have advised the Panel only days prior, which left no time to organise any form of participation.
- Judyth Humphreys – Stewards Panel Chair seeking the 2014 Rally Calendar – Forwarded by CF.
- Graham Humphreys (NDCC) – Advising cancellation of the NDCC Rallysprint scheduled for on November 10 due to concerns expressed by NSW Forest Corporation regarding the present and ongoing dry weather conditions and related high fire danger.
- Lui McLennan (CRC) – report on the Alpine TRE held 19-20<sup>th</sup> of October was run despite the problems of the NSW bushfires – the event attracted 67 entries and raised \$2500 for the local RFS.
- CAMS Bulletins issued during 2013 which are of interest:
  1. 060 – Re Classic Rally Car suspension changes.
  2. 062 – Re Supercharger (Turbocharger) sealing procedures & restrictors.
  3. 069 – Re Roll Cage Protective Padding requirements.
  4. 070 – Re Roll Cage Protective Padding requirements.

5. 071 – Definition & description of Helmets.
6. 075 – PRC Engine substitutions.

ARCom communiqué from the October meeting – items of interest:

- ARCom reaffirmed that Classic Rally Cars entered in ARC sub-event categories do not require plumbed-in fire extinguishers.
- ARCom noted that events such as a gravel surface hillclimb can be organised under existing regulations. ARCom also reinforced that it is open to new ideas and suggestions and is prepared to permit some flexibility around rules & regulations applying to different event formats.
- ARCom supported a proposal to adopt some amendments to Stage 1 Rallysprint Standing regulations to clarify the intent and remove some redundant requirements and to make it easier to hold lower level Rallysprints.
- ARCom noted the status of ongoing discussions between CAMS and the providers of RallySafe regarding sport-wide adoption of the technology.

## **7. Reports**

- ARCom – Communiqué from ARCOM dated October 25.
- State Executive – No report tabled.

## **8. Past Events**

- Tumut Valley Rally – report noted.

## **9. Upcoming Events**

- Nil. The 2013 competition calendar has been completed.
- The final scheduled event, Rally des Femmes has been cancelled as the application to NSW Police was not submitted 90 days ahead of the event.

## **10. 2014 Rally Panel Structure**

- The new Panel members for 2014 will be Katie Fletcher and Andrew Crowley.
- CF called for nominations & acceptances for the following positions on the Panel for 2014:
  - ❖ Vice Chairman – LC – Accepted.
  - ❖ Secretary – MC – Accepted.
  - ❖ Pointscorer - LC – Accepted.
  - ❖ Seeding & Driver Grading Officer – MM – Accepted
  - ❖ Event Checker Co-ordinator – LC – Accepted.
  - ❖ RallySafe Co-ordinator - KF – Accepted
  - ❖ Officials Panel Representative – AC – Accepted.
  - ❖ Rally NSW Committee – Chair – CF Members – JT, KF, MM – Accepted.
  - ❖ Excel Series Co-ordinator – DM - Accepted.

## 11. General Business

- MM raised the possibility of re-introducing the NSW Drivers Grading List in order to recognise those Drivers that had achieved a standing within the sport without actually winning events but were deserving recognition by their peers. It was resolved that work would start by collecting some current data with a view to re-introduce the list in 2015.
- CF reported that CAMS has introduced an online entry application. Once registered with your details (with multiple choice nominations – co-driver, vehicle etc), simply by logging on and selecting the event, the Organisers receive your entry instantly with your option of payment. The application is currently circuit racing orientated, but we believe this issue is being addressed to suit rally & off road needs.
- The 2013 NSW Rally Championship & Series Presentation night will be held on Saturday the 15<sup>th</sup> of February 2014 at a venue TBA. The 2014 NSW Rally Championships & Series will also be launched at the same function.
- The Rally NSW website has undergone extensive development & construction thanks to the efforts of new Panel Member, Katie Fletcher. A great deal of content still needs to be produced and it is anticipated that the new site will be active prior to the 2014 launch.
- MM reported that good progress has been made establishing a list of suitable scrutineers and will publish them on the current website in the near future. .
- LC is working on the 2014 Event Checkers allocations and should have the list finalised early in the New Year.
- CG proposed that with the introduction of the TDRS in 2014 and the subsequent discontinuation of the Clubman Series that the perpetual trophy be placed in the Bathurst Motor Sport Museum along with the NSW Championship Trophy.
- At this point Mr Richard Houghton of Houghton Technologies was invited to present the Panel with his submission to supply clocks for NSW events.
  - ❖ His proposal is to supply 3 clocks – 2 display clocks for the Time Control at the stage start – 1 at the check in table and 1 at the actual start line.
  - ❖ The start line clock will also have red warning lights to alert the crew that the stage has been halted, a feature which the TC Official can activate by remote control.
  - ❖ The Flying Finish, which can be activated by a trip beam at the Timing Line or by hand on the clock for line of sight timing.
  - ❖ The FF clock will hold the 4 previous cars times on the screen and will have a keyboard to record the car number.
  - ❖ All clocks will be GPS synchronised.
  - ❖ Mr Houghton will now prepare a quote for either a hire arrangement or outright purchase by the Panel.
- CF gave an update on the progress of Rally NSW, covering:
  - ❖ The purpose of Rally NSW
  - ❖ Management & structure.

- ❖ Promotions
- ❖ Website
- ❖ Sponsorship
- ❖ Purchase of equipment both promotional & operational for event Organisers – ie. Start arch, clothing, merchandise, promotional material, stage equipment etc.
- DM then gave an update on the NSW Excel Rally Series.
  - ❖ He has discussions with potential sponsors.
  - ❖ Discussions with intending competitors could see as many as 10 cars in 2014.
  - ❖ These discussions have revealed a very positive outlook for the future of the category.
- KF then gave an update on the new website, giving an overview of the format of the site, logo's and designs and the features that will be employed.
- MM suggested contacting State Championship & Series Rally Organisers to re-affirm them with the requirements of the 2014 Competition Conditions that the only penalties that are applied for checking in late at Time Controls will be loss of late time.
- CF raised an issue in the 2014 Competition & Organisers conditions relating to the minimum number of competitors required to recognise a Class.
  - ❖ It was then Moved LC – Seconded MM that the condition in the draft 2014 Competition & Organisers Condition, that is Clauses 7.4.1 , 7.4.2 and 7.4.3 requiring at least 3 registered Competitors are required in Outright or Class category's in order for points to be awarded be removed. – CARRIED
- MM suggested we update the NSW Rally Panel Members bio for the website – CF bought along his camera to take portraits and the member contact information sheet was updated for posting on the website.
- MH suggested that we make use of our member forum as this is far more practical than having discussions by email. – Agreed by all.
- MM suggested that the Panel conduct surveys of competitors during the year in order to gain their opinions / views of the sport and that we should also issue flyers advertising the Championships and Series.
- CG informed the meeting that the Westlakes Auto Club is interested in conducting one of their 2014 S1/S2 rallysprint events as a round of the NSW State Rallysprint series. The Panel awaits application from Westlakes to advise which round might suit the club best. CG also advised that Westlakes are likely to conduct a Multiclub Rally in the Bulahdelah area in 2015.
- The meeting thanked KF for the outstanding work she has done developing the new website.

## 12. Close and Next Meeting

CF thanked the attendees for their contributions throughout the year and expressed the view that we had built a very strong platform for the sport for 2014 and beyond.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 4.30 pm.

Next Meeting:

Teleconference – Tuesday, December 17 @ 7.30am.

### 13. Distribution to

State Executive, ARCom, NSW Stewards Panel, Ben Pretty

### 14. List of Attendees

Col Fletcher	9/9
Laurie Cunningham	8/9 <sup>1</sup>
Jon Thomson	5/9 <sup>3,7</sup>
Tom Anderson	4/9 <sup>6</sup>
Lui MacLennan	3/9 <sup>1,6</sup>
Matthew Martin	7/7
Mike Cherry	7/7
Darren Mowett	6/7 <sup>3</sup>
Michael Harding	3/7 <sup>3</sup>
Chris Giddins	4/7 <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