



NSW Rally Panel

Tuesday October 15 2013
Via Teleconference

MINUTES

1. Attendees

Present

Colin Fletcher (chair) (CF), Laurie Cunningham (LC), Lui MacLennan (LM), Mike Cherry (MC), Matthew Martin (MM)

CAMS Personnel

Nil

Observers/Visitors:

Nil

2. Opening / Welcome

The Chairman declared the meeting open at 07:45 pm.

3. Apologies

Darren Mowett (DM), Chris Giddins (CG) Jon Thompson (JT), Mike Harding (MH)

4. Resignations

Ray Baker has tendered his resignation from the Rally Panel due to his relocation to the US. The Panel expresses its sincere thanks to Ray for his many years of service.

Due to personal reasons, Luke Anderson has been unable to attend any Panel Meetings since being appointed earlier in 2013. The Panel has tried to communicate with Luke on numerous occasions and has now regretfully, removed his name from the list of Panel members.

5. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on August 21 were not available at the time of this meeting. They will be presented to the Panel shortly for their confirmation.

6. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

7. Decisions made by Email.

Nil.

8. Correspondence.

- Cancellation of the Coopernook Forest Sprint Rally due to the extreme weather conditions and high risk of fire – MC reported that Forestry were very pleased with the Club's (CNCSCC) decision to cancel.
- Request received from Dave Johnson and Bob Moore with a view to re-writing the Rally Code. To be forwarded to ARCom for their consideration

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 shorter Myall Lakes Rally. Overall, there were 6 retirements, 5 mechanical and one minor incident with the scenery. No injuries were reported.

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 and highlight one of the ongoing issues with these old clocks.

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

- Kumho Rally of the Bay – State/Clubman/Excel - 19th October
- The Alpine Rally (TRE) – 19-20th November
- Tumut Rally – Clubman/Excel – 2nd November
- The Evan Green Memorial (TA) – 16th November

11. Reports

- ARCom – None tabled.
- State Executive – None tabled.

12. General Business

2014 Panel Membership

Expressions of Interest for membership on the 2014 Rally Panel close on Tuesday October 22. CF reminded all members that have failed to lodge an EOI to date that they had only 7 days left to do so.

Password and Access Code for existing nswrally.com website

CF advised that Ray Baker has now provided the access code & password for the existing website.

2014 Competition and Organising Manuals

Final drafts of 2014 Manuals ready for the review of Panel members signed off at the next meeting.

Standard Supplementary Regulations

The need for a standardised set of Supp Regs needs to be developed for the DRS was discussed.

2014 Rally Calendar

The draft calendar is ready to be published. The Panel is pleased to have 5 rounds in the NSWRC, 5 rounds in the new DRS and 3 rounds of the NSW Rallysprint series. However, there was discussion about what other events may be encouraged to add to the calendar.

2014 Bega Valley Rally

The organisers of the Bega Valley Rally have advised that they are unable to continue. CF has investigated a number of alternatives with a negative result, therefore, with no organiser available the event has been removed from the 2014 Calendar. NSSCC have offered to conduct the Kumho Rally of the Bay on the June long weekend in order to secure this date for rallying on the NSW South Coast.

NSSCC also advised that the Club has the full support of Eurobodalla Council for this move. Moved MC – Seconded LC – CARRIED that this move be accepted.

2013 Rally Presentation

2013 Presentation – ongoing – trophies need to be finalised ASAP – LC to organise.

Event Checkers List

LC to upgrade the Event Checkers List

Regional Scrutineers List

MM is managing the list. MC suggested that David Weller, Rob O'Toole, Phil Donkin of Taree and Les Boaden of Wauchope might be interested and also that we need someone in Kempsey & Coffs Harbour to cover the North Coast.

Rally NSW website

CF reported that the winning tender, Move Together, is progressing well with the build of the new website, which will be much more comprehensive and user friendly. The site will have the facility to have a “journalistic” approach, with broader content, columnist facilities allowing story content & event promotion, site sponsors, calendar and events updates and apparel sales.

Rally Vehicle Registration Scheme

CF reported no further progress to report with the Rally Vehicle Registration Scheme. AMSAG and AASA had a deadline of September 27 to submit any comments on the Technical Manual and have advised that they had no issues and responded within that timeframe.

Display Clocks

CF reported that he had been in contact with Richard Houghton re display clocks. Richard is preparing a quote and samples of what is available.

Standing Orders for the Panel

The Standing Orders for the Panel have been updated and submitted to the NSW Executive for ratification.

Structure of some NSWRC Events

MM suggested holding a meeting with the ARC & Border Ranges Organisers in order to establish the needs of NSWRC competitors and how we can best achieve the desired outcomes.

Events on the NSW Calendar

It was noted that the 2013 Rally de Femmes is not recorded on the NSW Rally Calendar. The Panel wishes to advise all clubs that it is the best interest of the club to ensure that closed to club rallies are included on the NSW calendar. This will ensure that the event gets wider publicity to attract maximum entries and new club members and avoids clashes with other scheduled events.

13. Close and Next Meeting

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

Next Meeting:

Saturday, November 23 @ 10:00am. Venue is the Cutler room at Blacktown RSL, Second Avenue, Blacktown..

14. Distribution to

State Executive, ARCom, NSW Stewards Panel, Ben Pretty

15. List of Attendees

Col Fletcher	8/8
Laurie Cunningham	7/8 ¹
Jon Thomson	5/8 ³
Tom Anderson	3/8 ⁶
Lui MacLennan	3/8 ⁶
Matthew Martin	6/6
Mike Cherry	6/6
Darren Mowett	5/6 ³
Michael Harding	2/6 ³
Chris Giddins	3/6 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