

## VRP MINUTES Nov 2018

Meeting Date: 13 Nov 2018

### 1. 2018 Attendance Register

(Quorum = 6)

Name	Position	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Tom Ruessman (TR)	Chair	P	P	P		P	P	P	P	A		P	
Brett Williams (BW)	Deputy Chair	P	P	P		P	P	P	P	P		P	
Paul Eccles (PE)		A	P	P		P	P	P	P	P		P	
John Roberts (JR)		A	P	P		P	A	P	P	A		A	
Wayne Stewart (WS)		P	A	P		A	P	A	A	A		A	
Matt Dulak (MD)	Scorer	P	P	A		A	A	A	P	P		P	
Stuart Lawless (SL)	RP Scheme	A	P	P		P	A	P	P	N		P	
Steph Richards (SR)		A	P	P		P	P	A	P	P		A	
Mel Stoodley (MS)		P	P	P		P	P	P	P	P		A	
Joel Perkins (JP)		P	A	P		P	P	A	P	A		P	
John Carney (JC)		P	P	P		P	A	A	P	P		A	
Chris Barrett (CB)	VCRS	P	P	P		P	A	P	A	A		P	

P = Present // A = Apology // N = Absent, No Apology

### 2. Guests

1. Stephen Eccles (Competitor)
2. Matt Swan (Akademos Event Representative)

### 3. Approval of Previous Minutes

1. Brett Williams
2. Paul Eccles

### 4. Correspondence in:

- i. Email from P.Otzen re Rally Reg. See 10.2
- ii. Clarification from YVS CoC that signage on Chum Creek Rd was as per Vicroads requirements (to be reported back to VSCE as it was a VSC query)
- iii. Request from Darren Bohm for Josh Bohm to continue dispensation to compete on Learner's Permit in 2019 until he has P-Plates
- iv. Request from Darren Bohm to allow both Darren and Josh to compete in a 2WD Turbo vehicle in 2019
  - a. Darren is a 'novice' so requires exemption from 5 event rule.
  - b. Josh expected to require dispensation for P-Plater banned cars.
- v. John McCreddie – media supply for 2019
- vi. Submission from Stephen Eccles on G2 vehicles eligible for VRC points. See 8.4
- vii. ARC Dates / ARC Discussion with Justin Hunt

### 5. Correspondence out:

Various email correspondence in response to general queries  
Specific topics listed under Corr In are detailed in these minutes.

## **6. 2019 Events and Calendar**

1. 2019 Draft Calendar has been approved by DELWP
  - i. VRC Dates have been announced
  - ii. Several changes made to the calendar since draft 1. These need to be provided to DELWP once finalised.
  - iii. Date change required for Bill Orders Memorial – BW to discuss with Org Committee (Matt deVaus)
  - iv. MD asked that calendar communication to the panel should occur prior to public release.

## **7. Event Reports / Status Update:**

1. Akademos Rally provided an update via Matt Swan. See 15. for details.

## **8. Business Arising / Discussion**

- 8.1 2018/2019 DELWP Meeting – agenda items (from DELWP Calendared for Tue Dec 4, 2018 2pm – 3:15pm
  - a. The Rainbow Desert Enduro (August event application received with 3 weeks notice, poor TMP, no on CAMS calendar). Can we add this to the CAMS rally calendar?
  - b. Lessons learnt from the cancellation of the 2018 Daryl Tunbridge Car Rally
  - c. Lack of notice for some events (eg. 2018 Nissan Nightmoves rally)
  - d. Discussion on how Traffic Management Plans are working (note your feedback on events not using the agreed template)
  - e. Possible improvements to info provided on proposed rally calendar, to make it clearer for DELWP staff to provide comment back (including better maps)
  - f. Options to engage with our new Executive Director - Forest Fire Operations
  - g. Any other opportunities to make improvements

### **8.1 Course Checker Training Conducted on 3 July 2018**

- 8.1.1 Next steps will be to buddy up the course attendees with Course Checkers in 2019

### **8.2 Rally Panel Nominations – 2019.**

- 8.2.1 The State Panel Standing Orders have been reviewed, with minor changes (attached).
- 8.2.2 Panel Nominations for 2019 need to be announced – have been waiting on a nomination form. Now received from VSCE.
  - 8.2.2.1 JC and SR stepping down in OCT, AD and SM nominating
  - 8.2.2.2 Intent is to open nominations for 14 days after Nov. Meeting.

### **8.3 G2 Class eligibility in VRC**

- 8.3.1 Discussion around why G2 are currently limited by VRC Standing Regs from Outright and O/R 2WD awards.
- 8.3.2 It was noted that G2 vehicles are permitted under the NRC and is permitted in all other Australian State's Rally Championships.
- 8.3.3 It was agreed that a review comparing G2 and other 2WD categories should be carried out

## **9 Promotion / Media Opportunities**

### **9.1 Sponsorship**

- 9.1.1 Sponsorship Proposals
  - 9.1.1.1 Details of a new sponsor opportunity provided to TR by A Staltari. Also, the earlier dealership group opportunity has come back to us. Discussion ongoing with any interested parties.

### **9.2 Media Opportunities**

- 9.2.1 Require a media schedule for 2019 – Posts, Event Updates etc. Suggest approaching Mason Paert for what level of assistance he can provide outside of event dates.

## **10 Reports**

### **10.1 Rally Permit Scheme – SL**

- 10.1.1 Email from P.Otzen – key points
  - 10.1.1.1 The RP rego lists a requirement for the driver to be holder of a CAMS National Rally License (or other license approved by Vicroads). As Road Rallies may include licenses as low as L2S, is there clarification required?
  - 10.1.1.2 Stuart Lawless confirmed that all CAMS licenses are included in this allowance but is unlikely to be updated by Vicroads on their permit paperwork.

10.1.2 87 YTD Rally Reg applications

10.1.3 4 x New and 4 x renewals previous month

### **10.2 Scoring -**

10.2.1 VRC – Pointscores circulated by POTzen – up to date as at end of Akademos

10.2.2 VCRS – Pointscore circulated by MD – Up to date as at end of YVS

### **10.3 VCRS Committee (CB)**

10.3.1 Advice from CB that the 2017 VCRS Novice winner wishes to cash in their prize (being entry to one VRC round in 2018) at the George Derrick Memorial.

### **10.4 Junior Cup (PE)**

### **10.5 VRO (JR)**

10.5.1

### **10.6 ARCOM**

10.6.1

- 10.7 Scrutiny (JR)
  - 10.7.1 Frank Black: Cat Conv. Clarification request. – TR has approached NSW Panel who have a detailed Rally Reg manual, specifically allowing removal of the Catalytic Converter. Suggestion to adopt or nationalise the requirements for Rally Reg was made by John Sparkes (NSWRP)
- 11 2018 National Rally Code
  - 11.1 Errors identified (to be sent to ARCom)
    - 11.1.1.1 Ambiguity of FHR in multi-club Intro events (as raised by Nick Wright) was discussed. Clarification from CAMS required.
- 12 **Victorian Rally Bulletin Review / Amendments**
  - 12.1
- 13 **General Business**
  - 13.1 Discussion with Matt Swan (Akademos Representative) regarding Akademos 2017 trophy presentation.
- 14 **Attachments**
- 15 **Akademos Event Report Discussion**
  - 15.1 Longer course of Akademos (vs previous years) received positive competitor feedback.
  - 15.2 No indication of road damage, DELWP appeared happy. One slight uphill start had some rutting which was fixed by event.
  - 15.3 Taggerty community welcomed the remote service, and welcome the rally back next year.
  - 15.4 Rallysafe discussion
    - 15.4.1 Experienced directors should be asked to assist new events with setup of waypoints / start finish locations etc, as there are some ways to make setup easier.
    - 15.4.2 Rallysafe also advised Akademos that supply for their event could not be guaranteed (similar to Ada River discussion)
    - 15.4.3 Tablet power is also a concern on dual usage controls. So controls tend to turn off tablet to conserve power, this means that 000 / 00 cannot check beam operation. If a problem occurs it may be too late to resolve.
  - 15.5 Challenge getting an MIV as Racesolutions were booked but then realised they had a clashing commitment at the SXS race at Broadford. Racesolutions eventually supplied MIV but at increased cost
  - 15.6 MS raised a concern about variations in the booking into Service In / Service Out / Regroup(?) at different VRCs this year. Should be standardised for all events. Easier for competitors, control officials and scorers.
  - 15.7 Traffic Management Plan as provided to DELWP was 'rewritten' by DELWP as they were not familiar with the new TMP process.
  - 15.8 Two issues were raised with the event (incident reports?)
    - 15.8.1 999 procedure. A competitor was caught by the 999 car and passed. The competitor (and event CRO) were apparently unsure of what the correct process for the 999 is. VRP to remind events on the role of 999

- 15.8.2** A recovery crew expressed concern that a stage was opened prior to their passage through it and they had to contend with oncoming traffic. The discussion concluded that this was not an unusual circumstance and that stages were not held closed until recovery cleared them, only until Sweep completes their pass.