

Victorian Rally Advisory Panel

Minutes - Tuesday 13th October 2009

Present:	2009 Meetings Attended:
DS Darryn Snooks	8
SL Stuart Lister	9
MH Mark Hallowell	10
JC John Carney	6
TB Troy Bennett	9
JR John Roberts	10
RG Richard Gill	7
DL David Lambie	10

Abbreviations used in these Minutes:	
ARCom	Australian Rally Commission
CM	CAMS Manual of Motorsport
DSE	Dept of Sustainability & Environment
HRA	Historic Rally Association
HVPC	Hancock's Victoria Plantations Corp.
TRE	Touring Road Events
VCRS	Victorian Club Rally Series
VRAP	Victorian Rally Panel
VRB	Victorian Rally Bulletin
VRC	Victorian Rally Championship
VRCMG	Victorian Rally Championship Management Group
VRSG	Victorian Rally Scrutiny Group
WIP	Work in Progress

Apologies:
John Carney Robin Smalley

Minute Numbering:
/ 200# / ## - Month / Year Commenced / Sequential Minute No

Priorities
H = Must be done within 7 days of Panel Meeting
M = Must be done before next Panel Meeting
L = Ongoing, likely to take over a month to complete
C = Completed action (date to be recorded)

Visitors:
Colin Hardinge Murray Price Scott Spedding Jim Webster Andrew Ormesher Matt Swan John Douth Paul (Golly) Mollison Ross Runnalls

1. Meeting opened at 7:33pm and meeting closed at 10:42pm
2. Apologies : Noted
3. Open Meeting Component: The Chairman addressed the panel and visitors. 2009 has been a quiet year with the panel working toward consolidating the sport in difficult times financially.
The new communication channels opened up with ARCom from the reorganisation was very welcome. Darryn hopes that the next year will bring several projects being worked on such as RP Plate price drop and forest access to Hancocks to fruition
Nominations were then called for the position of 2010 Panel Chair.
SL nominated Darryn Snooks, seconded by TB. There were no other nominations.
Nominations for the 2010 panel were then called for:
Stuart Lister, Mark Hallowell, Troy Bennet, David Lambie and Richard Gill nominated themselves.

4. Confirmation of previous minutes – 8th September 09 Moved TB Seconded SL

5. Visitors Business

Visitor:	Item:	Action:
Golly & John Douch	Golly and John are concerned about the amount of amateur and even inexperienced professional photographers putting themselves in danger at rallies through poor positioning and lack of appreciation of rally car dynamics..	Golly and John are to work on an accreditation procedure for bringing on/ training new photographers in the sport.

6. Correspondence In

From:	Topic:	Action:
David Johns	Request for change of area for WDCC VCRS Event	Granted
David Johns	Regarding SEAC Events in September minutes	SL to discuss with David
Andrew Ormesher	Application to include VCRS Event in 2010 George Derrick	Granted by the panel if VCRS Committee approves. There was discussion about the possible dilution of the VRC by more VCRS events in Special Stage format. RG will take those concerns to the VCRS committee
Campbell Andrea	Letter from Ambulance Victoria	See General Business
Lauren Croft	Forwarding 2010 George Woods application from PCCV	Discussion on the lateness of the application despite several requests by SL. The panel not happy with the organisers suggested and will contact the PCCV regarding a change of personnel. If that is forthcoming the panel may calendar the event for 2010
Marty Holberton	Consideration to include Rally of Canberra in VRC 2010/2011	The panel does not wish to consider any more applications to the VRC from interstate in addition to Bega at present. MH to write to Marty
CAMS	Account Statements	
Robin Smalley	Robin apologised for not being able to make the open meeting and asks what is happening with Hancocks and RP Plates.	RP Plates are still to come down in price further. Hold up in in Vicroads. The VRAP has backed off Hancocks negotiation at the request of the DSE.

7. Correspondence Out

To:	Topic:
Craig Hardiman	Approval for exemption from VRB 3.1.33
Rob Parry	Approval for upgrade to C grade driver for himself & Co driver for Kim Beckwith.

8. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

Please note - To keep these minutes brief the Action Required column only contains updated from the previous two months

Item No	Topic	Discussion/Action Required/Motion	Action By/ Priority H/M/L/C	Comp Date
5/9/05	George Woods / Gil Davis Memorial	The panel has heard some anecdotal reports from this event in regards to lack of proper setup and possible breaches of VRB rules. The panel is keenly awaiting all reports to review this event. 11/8/09 - Still WIP 8/9/09 - Report in from Rob, no time to review yet 13/10/09 WIP		
6/9/02	RP Scheme	It is expected that the RP Scheme will have its TAC levy brought in to line with CH Plates on July 1. If all occurs Leeham Bansagi is concerned that a massive rush for plates will occur, The VRAP asks that all consider this and only apply when they need to. 11/8/09 - Cost has come down to \$326, Vicroads admits to DS they have made error and will come down to agreed cost. 8/9/09 - Submission to lower costs further has been presented. 13/10/09 WIP		
8/9/01	Shire Road use	Discussion on Traffic Management Plans when using shire roads. DS to investigate possible CAMS Officials Licence to include training that my satisfy those requirements. 8/9/09 - WIP 13/10/09 WIP	DS/L	
9/09/02	Rookies, turbo cars & Autocrosses	DL presented the following - At present we have a regulation that states "a driver in an Rally or Trial must compete five such events as a driver before he can compete in a vehicle with forced induction or a high powered motor vehicle as defined in regulations made pursuant to the Road Safety Act, unless dispensation is approved by the VRAP." DL asked that the VRAP consider granting an exemption to a driver who has completed eight VCAS Autocrosses at a minimum of three different venues in the vehicle they wish to enter Rallies or Trials in. DS asked that David hold over that request until after the next ARCom meeting where there is some expectation of changes to the OLT and the VRAP can then consider those changes with David's proposal. 13/10/09 - The proposal " The VRAP would consider granting a dispensation to a driver who has completed eight VCAS autocrosses, in the vehicle they wish to entry the rally or trial. The driver must compete at three different venues. Official result sheets to be tendered as evidence " was accepted by the panel for inclusion in the VRB. OLT applicants can now be observed at any VCAS Autocross. CAMS now notifies the VRAP Secretary of any applicants and he arranges observers to be a that meeting.		13/10/09
9/9/09	Excel Series Training Day	JC reported that the Excel series was having issues with the permit costs for its training day. 13/10/09 Costs were sorted out for the event.		13/10/09

9. General Business

Item No	Topic	Discussion/Action Required/Motion	Action By/ Priority H/M/L/C	Comp Date
10/9/01	Ambulances & rallies	<p>Due to a misunderstanding in regards to procedure with notifying ambulances on a recent event the following is to be added to the VRB to clarify :</p> <p>VRB 3.1.4 Schedule.</p> <p>-8 Lodge notification to Victorian Police and Ambulance Victoria.</p> <p>Delete 1 and 2 retain (refer to 3.1.8 for details)</p> <p>VRB 3.1.8</p> <p>Replace first sentence with.</p> <p>The following procedure is too used in notifying Police and Ambulance Victoria.</p> <p>Add third dot point. Ambulance Victoria. As per following. Manager Major Events Ambulance Victoria (AV) (PO Box 2000, Doncaster Vic 3108) Ph (03) 9090 5911 Fax (03) 9676 9891 E-mail neil.akers@ambulance.vic.gov.au</p>		13/10/09
10/9/02	Victorian ARC	<p>A Victorian ARC round has been selected and calendared for 13/11/10. This was after review of the EOI's by the ARC Board and input from members of the panel. Thankyou to all involved.</p>		13/10/09
10/9/03	CAMS Summit	<p>Ross Runnalls gave a report on the recent CAMS Summit. Ross and MH attended as ARCom members (MH filled in for DS). The report from Ross form Appendix i of these minutes.</p>		
10/9/04	RP Scheme	<p>TB expressed concerns about the confusion within CAMS of the procedure. DS to take up. As an adjunct to Robin Smalley's email, changes in personel within Vicroads has stalled progress on the RP Scheme, DS working through.</p>		

10. Reports

Report:		Action:
ARCom	CRC Rules& PRC Review still in promulgation. Exclamation marks for cautions will be in the 2010 manual. All rally organisers should be aware of this change.	
Board of CAMS	Nothing to report	
State Council	No meeting	
VSCE	CAMS is organising a "Garage Sale" at the Malvern Town Hall, Sunday 28th February.	
Rally Calendar	Proposed dates have been submitted to DSE. Some alterations required to fit in ARC Round and possible George Woods (if approved)	
Supplementary Regulations	All in for the year.	
Event Reports	No reports tabled	
Finances	Reports still as mess.	DS to talk to Michael Smith.
Rally Scrutiny	No issues	
VCRS	Yakkerboo - Will run in a slightly different area this year, will start at Willow Grove. Begonia - Still waiting on reports. Results very slow in publishing. Safety car too far in front of VCRS field for adequate cover. Results posted on Vlcally are noted as provisional long after final.	
VRC	VRCMG want to instigate parallel checking of event Supplementary Regulations. SMS Results to be trialled at the Akademos & Alpine for possible implementation 2010. Oct MG meeting will be attended by reps from all 2010 events plus Begonia. Items for discussion are. Issuing of official results, Ambulance Vic, Standard Sup Regs, Underwriting Events, Standard Supp Regs, Standardising Officials instructions.	
Historic Events	Alpine coming up	
Touring Road Events/Touring Assemblies	Two more events to be run by the HRA for the year.	
Area Coordinators	Alan Patterson to be acting area coordinator for the Alpine.	
Rally Panel Stewards	As per event reports	

11. Next Meeting: Tuesday 10th November at the CAMS Meeting Room

12. Meeting Closed: 10:42pm

Minutes produced by Mark Hallowell 27/10/09

Approved for release by Darryn Snooks and State Office

Please note – all correspondence to the VRAP should be addressed to the secretary via the following e-mail:

vrapsecretary@gmail.com

or

PO Box 137

Ringwood Vic

3134

Appendix i

Whats happening to CAMS?

This is my take on what's happening

New CEO and Board advocating change due to acceptance that CAMS has become stagnant and conservative with:

- antiquated and inconsistent systems and processes across the states
- regulator rather than customer focus
- communications gap between administration and members
- losing its grip with and relevance to the broader community

Board and administration and others developed a new strategy direction in a new corporate plan, that they wanted to test with a high level sample of members

Recent Summit of 100 reps including all Commissions (Motor racing, Rally (now includes rep from each state panel, so RR and MH for DS), Off road, Officialing, Sport and Clubs, Marque and Enthusiasts, Historic.....) State Sporting and Clubs Development Council chairs and some employees were used to test and provide critical feedback on their proposed strategies or ideas for the future

Subjects explored

People

Officials Structure Review

Personal Protective Clothing

Membership categories

Organisation branding

Clubs

Affiliation structure and benefits

Online

Standard supp regs

Technology

Card licences

Vehicle identification system

There was unanimous endorsement and enthusiasm to put the past behind and embrace the future possibilities,..... but with some trepidation at the size of the task

Corporate Plan Objectives

Appear very outward looking with no obvious benefit to current members

1. Contributing to a healthy nation (aren't we fine examples)
2. Community sport and volunteerism (diversity and community involvement, and simple rules so easier to get involved)

3. Education and training (we do it already, so get recognition. Sport skills translate to work)
4. Talent identification and development (Webber and Atko attract new competitors, tap into enthusiasts, driving is sport)
5. Commercial development (Build on CAMS strengths, then IT, efficient admin, customer focus)
6. Creating a sustainable future (financial security, environment, shared infrastructure)

What does all that mean to existing members?

CAMS has to raise its profile with government and community to attract funds and improve services by building new member and revenue streams, not just squeeze more from existing members

On line automation of licensing, event permits, vehicle log books

Simplify rules and processes where possible

How does this translate to Rallying?

It fits with ARCom strategies/objectives of:

1. Diverse events to suit different: aspirations (club/WRC), skills and budgets ie make it easier for newcomers to enter the sport and stay in it
2. Practical safety measures
3. Financial security through diverse revenue streams
4. Strong volunteer base
5. Simple rules for fair sport and that are efficient to administer
6. Simple vehicle regulations, keep costs down and legal on the road
7. Effective communication, can lead to slower decisions because of commitment to consult first

...Recent changes to ARCOM make up, and Rallycorp to ARC (S Pedder, J Dowel)