



Minutes of the 81st Meeting of the
AUSTRALIAN MOTOR RACING COMMISSION

Friday 12th August 2010
Held at the CAMS National Office

Commission: Lyn Punshon (Chairman)
Mike Barry
Barry Oliver
Trevor Llewellyn
Bruce Robertson
Michael Stillwell
Garry Edwards
Vince Ciccarello
Graeme Emerton (CAMS Board Portfolio Holder)

Administration: Toby Ward (Executive Officer)
Lawrie Schmitt (Manager, Motor Sport Operations)

Apologies: none

OPENING

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.00pm.

AMRC1483 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes from the previous meeting were ratified by the Commission.

1 MAINTENANCE OF REGULATIONS / RATIFICATION OF DECISIONS

AMRC1484 Maintenance of Regulations / Ratification of Decisions

The following amended sporting/technical regulations have been approved by the AMRC for publication:

- GT3 Cup Challenge Sporting and Technical Regulations - Amendment 1
- Australian Formula Ford Championship Sporting and Technical Regulations – Amendment 3
- Australian Superkart Championship Sporting Regulations - Amendment 1
- 6th Category – Other Vehicles, Truck Formula

2 STATE MOTOR RACING PANEL MINUTES

AMRC1485 New South Wales

Mike Barry reported that the Panel is looking into another race category to join the State Championship. The come and try day planning is progressing. The Panel reflected positively on the proposed Category Review, see this as common sense but are cautious noting the planning and communications necessary to achieve the aims.

AMRC1486

Queensland

Trevor Llewellyn noted to the Commission the Suzuki 4WD issue that is to be addressed and that Group N Historic have no window nets. It was thought that if the Historic car was competing at a non Historic event that it must comply with the Modern regulations. The Executive Officer is to clarify current rules applying to Historic Vehicles competing in non-Historic Meetings to the Commission at its next meeting.

AMRC1487

Tasmania

The Commission noted that the term 'Advisory' is to be removed from the Minutes as the Panel is no longer an advisory body, and is the delegated authority for all State based racing. Barry Oliver noted that the recent issue of Fire and Rescue has been resolved with a new club being formed. It was also noted that there is an interpretation issue with the use of Blue flags as described in Appendix H.

AMRC1488

Victoria

The Commission noted the Yellow flag incident reported at Sandown. A Formula Ford driver standards officer is to be enacted in order to maintain consistency in the State Championship. The Commission discussed the possibility of re-enacting the 'black book' system maintained by the Stewards Panel. The Executive Officer is to determine when the discussion paper was reviewed by the Commission, requesting that this system be ceased. The Commission noted the minutes from the Victorian Motor Racing Panel.

It was noted that in future minutes from the Victorian State Race Inc. would be forwarded to the Commission for review, in order to supplement the views of the Vic Motor Race Panel.

AMRC1489

South Australia

Vince Ciccarello noted to the Commission that the current issues being dealt with mainly surrounded the Superkarts. The Commission noted the minutes from the South Australian Motor Racing Panel.

AMRC1490

Western Australia

Garry Edwards noted that there was nothing to report. The Commission noted the minutes from the Western Australian Motor Racing Panel.

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MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

AMRC1490

Targeted Scrutiny Matrix

The Chairman noted to the Commission that work on concluding the update to the Targeted Scrutiny matrix is progressing with final elements to be completed in the next week.

Still to be completed include the covering letters for each individual matrix as well as incorporating the noted changes to the draft.

ACTION: The Chairman is to complete the covering letters and finalise the individual matrix elements within the next week.

AMRC1491

OLT Review

The Commission received an Information Paper on the Observed Licence Test review being conducted, from the Executive Officer. This paper noted that currently the review process being undertaken by the Motor Sport Development Co-ordinator has been put on hold due to his commitments in 'Speed on Tweed' and the CAMS 'CARnival'.

The Commission undertook to allocate Mike Barry and Trevor Llewellyn to consolidate the work already conducted, and to provide assistance to Ben Raggatt in order to progress the task. Recommendations to the Commission are to be determined from this.

ACTION: Ben Raggatt to provide to Mike Barry and Trevor Llewellyn all relevant data for review, and Mike and Trevor are to determine recommendations to Ben and the Commission.

3 OTHER BUSINESS

AMRC1492 Formula 3 Update

The Commission received an update from Lawrie Schmitt relating to a recent meeting held with the Formula 3 Association on the future direction of the Category.

ACTION: The Commission is to receive a recommendation from the Executive Officer on the Gold Star for Season 2011.

AMRC1493 Porsche Carrera Cup Update

The Commission received an update from Lawrie Schmitt on the recent developments on the return of Carrera Cup as a proposed new Category. A media release was recently reviewed by the Commission.

It was noted that formal consultation will be required, with all affected categories to be contacted. The Commission was made aware that a formal application is to come from Porsche Cars Australia, which is hoped to be ready in time for the next scheduled meeting of the Commission. Submissions for this meeting close on the 28th August.

ACTION: Receive application prior to 28th August 2010 to include in the next meeting's agenda.

AMRC1494 Information Paper – Tarmac Rally Race Regulations

An information paper was received from the Executive Officer relating to comparison of Tarmac Rally Regulations with Race Technical Regulations. A review was undertaken by the Manager Technical and Safety whereby areas of conflict were noted between the two disciplines. The Commission agreed there are two objectives to be addressed with regard to making it easier to use Tarmac Rally vehicles in circuit racing events:

1. Short Term: Address conflicting areas in regulations to allow Tarmac Rally vehicles to run as a category at Circuit race meetings under their existing technical regulations.
2. Long Term: Address issues of difference between Tarmac Rally Production regulations and Production Championship regulations.

Objective 1 to be addressed as soon as possible.

ACTION: Feedback on all noted areas of conflict within the Information Paper is to be provided to Campbell Andrea. Decision Papers are to be developed requesting amendment.

AMRC1495 CAMS Logbooks

The Commission discussed the issue recently highlighted whereby cars that do not comply with the relevant regulations are being incorrectly logbooked.

The Commission recently discussed the possibility of developing a set of free formula regulations and to utilise the FIA Free Formula regulations as a base.

ACTION: Graeme Emerton is to discuss with Campbell Andrea the best way to develop these regulations, with a formal decision paper to be forwarded to the Commission to approve the regulations.

AMRC1496 Discussion Paper – Logbooks for Foreign Cars

A discussion paper was received from the Executive Officer to discuss the proposed revisions related to logbooks and foreign cars to be added to Schedule L. The CAMS Board have reviewed these additions and seek comment from all Commissions prior to adoption. The Manager of Technical and Safety seek an endorsement from the Commission prior to its re-submission to the CAMS Board.

The Commission expressed some concern over the proposed time frame of 12 months, however understand that the intent of this is to allow a competitor to use a vehicle for the duration of a season if they chose to.

The Commission RECIEVED and NOTED the discussion paper related to foreign vehicles and the proposed logbook revisions. The Commission endorse the adoption of the paper.

ACTION: provide the Commissions endorsement to Campbell Andrea prior to its submission to the CAMS Board.

AMRC1497 Discussion Paper – New Zealand Safety Cages

A discussion paper was received from the Executive Officer to discuss the approval of certain provisions which allow the acceptance of New Zealand safety cages in CAMS events. Feedback from the Commission is sought prior to forwarding a decision paper to the CAMS Board.

The Commission RECIEVED and NOTED the paper and ENDORSE the introduction of the proposed additions to Schedule J.

ACTION: provide the Commissions endorsement to Campbell Andrea prior to its submission to the CAMS Board.

AMRC1498 Discussion Paper – CAMS Manual Updates

A discussion paper was received from the Executive Officer to confirm with the Commission the due date for all amendments to the CAMS Manual.

The Commission RECEIVED and NOTED the discussion paper in that the due date for all CAMS Manual amendments to be complete by Monday 27th September.

AMRC1499 Decision Paper – IPRA Recognition of the Fiat Coupe for Improved Production

A request was received from the Improved Production Association requesting that the Fiat Coupe be added to the list of approved models for Group 3J Improved Production Cars regulations in the CAMS Manual of Motor Sport.

The Association note that the vehicle in question does not comply with the measurement of the rear seat area as required for FIA Homologation as a Group A Touring Car.

The Commission RESOLVED to REJECT the recommendation to add the Fiat Coupe to the Group 3J Improved Production Cars regulations in the CAMS Manual of Motor Sport.

This decision is based on the fact that this vehicle would already be eligible for 2B or 2F. The Commission would accept further information from the IPRA if they wish to further pursue the issue.

AMRC1500 Decision Paper – IPRA Recognition of the S15 Nissan 200SX for Improved Production

A request was received from the Improved Production Association requesting that the S15 Nissan 200SX be added to the list of approved models for Group 3J Improved Production Cars regulations in the CAMS Manual of Motor Sport.

The Association note that the vehicle in question does not comply with the measurement of the rear seat area as required for FIA Homologation as a Group A Touring Car.

The Commission RESOLVED to REJECT the recommendation to add the S15 Nissan 200SX to the Group 3J Improved Production Cars regulations in the CAMS Manual of Motor Sport.

This decision is based on the fact that this vehicle is already eligible for 2B or 2F. The Commission would accept further information from the IPRA if they wish to further pursue the issue.

AMRC1501 Decision Paper – IPRA Recognition of the Mazda RX8 for Improved Production

A request was received from the Improved Production Association requesting that the Mazda RX8 be approved to use peripheral porting and to be added to the list of approved models for Group 3J Improved Production Cars regulations in the CAMS Manual of Motor Sport.

The Commission RESOLVED to REJECT the recommendation to allow the Mazda RX8 to be peripheral ported and to add it to the Group 3J Improved Production Cars regulations in the CAMS Manual of Motor Sport.

This decision is based on the fact that this vehicle would already be eligible for 2B or 2F. The Commission request that the IPRA provide more information to make a stronger case as to why it should be added.

AMRC1502 Information Paper – Hyper Pro Racer

An Information paper was received from the Executive Officer for the Commission to be made aware of developments in relation to a possible new junior open wheel series, similar in nature to superkarts.

The Commission RECEIVED and NOTED the report on the Hyper Pro Racer from the Executive Officer.

AMRC1503 Discussion Paper – 4X4 Suzuki in Category 2A

A Discussion Paper was received from the Executive Officer for the Commission to discuss an issue raised by the Queensland Sport and Club Development Council at its May meeting relating to the use of 4X4 systems in Category 2A.

The Commission noted that currently within Category 2A no regulation exists prohibiting the use of 4X4 systems. The Queensland Council was of the opinion that the use of 4X4 systems were prohibited, and that this was noted within the Category 2A Regulations in a previous edition of the CAMS Manual and that subsequently this was possibly lost in yearly updates. Due to this the Council suggest that this vehicle should be prohibited.

The Commission noted that there are currently two vehicles competing in speed events issued with Category 2A logbooks.

The Commission undertook to review the Category 2A Regulations with a view to prohibit the use of 4X4 systems.

ACTION: The Executive Officer is to develop a decision Paper for the next meeting.

AMRC1504 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be 15th September 2010 via Teleconference.

CLOSE

There being no further business the Chairman thanked the members for their attendance and closed meeting at 9.26PM.

“I have sighted these minutes and believe they are a true and accurate record of the meeting.”

Lyn Punshon
Chairman AMRC

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Items for action

Minute number	Action	To be actioned by
AMRC1485	Group N Historic window nets	TW
AMRC1488	Locate AMRC Discussion paper on 'black book' system	TW
AMRC1491	OLT Review – data from BR, develop recommendations	BR, MB, TL
AMRC1492	Gold Star Recommendation	TW
AMRC1493	Porsche Carrera Cup Recommendation	TW
AMRC1474/1494	Tarmac Rally Race Regulations	AMRC, CA
AMRC1495	CAMS Logbooks – Free Formula Regulations	GE, CA
AMRC1496	Logbooks for Foreign Cars – Feedback to CA	TW
AMRC1497	New Zealand Safety Cages - Feedback to CA	TW
AMRC1503	4X4 in Category 2A – Decision Paper	TW

Items carried over from previous Minutes for action

Minute number	Action	To be actioned by	Status
AMRC1456	Submit Recommendations to the Board	MS	WIP
AMRC1458	Licence Review, nominate working group	MB, GE, BR & VC	WIP
AMRC1458.1/1472	Develop simplified TS matrix and communication	LP	WIP
AMRC1461	Unified Competition Pathways	MS & TL	WIP
AMRC1462	Report on Facilities and Infrastructure	BR & BO	WIP