



**National Auto Test Committee**

**Held at 9:30am on Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> of  
October 2010 in the All Seasons –  
Bendigo Boardroom**

# MINUTES

## 1. Attendees

### Present:

Peter Deck..... Chairman/ TAS Representative  
David Sakko ..... SA Representative  
Andrew Collier ..... NSW Representative  
Jim Newell ..... WA Representative  
Noel Caplet..... QLD Representative (Proxy)  
John Rosengrave ..... VIC Representative

### CAMS Personnel

Avner Kooperman..... Acting Regional Manager- Eastern/ Executive Officer

### Observers/Visitors:

Bruce Lethborg ..... 2010 AMC Clerk of the Course/ Director  
Brian Kays ..... 2010 AMC Competitor Relations Officer  
Keith Butcher..... QLD Visitor

## 2. Opening / Welcome

The Chairman, Peter Deck declared the meeting open at 09:30 hours, and stated that the agenda will be altered to allow the AMC 2010 Director to leave early after his report.

## 3. AMC 2010 Director Report

Mr Lethborg reported to the committee that the general feeling and from his point of view was that the event was run well with only some minor issues arising i.e. the amount of flag hitting.

There were 81 starters, with 75 finishers and 5 mechanical issues.

Mr Lethborg stated that as the first event he has run as director, he was happy that while talking to the competitors they all seemed happy with the way the event was run and he would be happy to run it again.

The Chairman asked if there were any recommendations. Mr Lethborg believed that the structure of the event was good and he had no further recommendations.

Feedback was then given from the committee raising the following issues;

- The announcement of times at the top 10 shootout
- The confusion of award winners at the presentation dinner

- The unavailability of sufficient copies of the Provisional Results at the Presentation Dinner
- The battery failure of the timing computer

The Chairman, as Chief Steward of the event reported that the results should be made available at the presentation dinner for everyone to view. He continued by stating that the lunchtime results were useless as they did not include the penalties.

He believed that there were no safety concerns and the event was well planned and congratulated everyone involved.

Mr Lethborg left the meeting at 9:50am

#### 4. AMC 2010 Protest Status

Mr Kays (Competitor Relations Officer), updated the NATC on the status of the possibility of a impending protest coming from the 2010 AMC.

Note: No protest was lodged.

Mr Kays left the meeting at 9:58am

#### 5. Apologies

Alan Wheeley ..... QLD Representative

#### 6. Minutes of previous meeting

It was moved by A. Collier and seconded by J.Newell that the Minutes of the previous meeting are a true and correct record of that meeting.

**NATC285 Carried** 5 for 0 against 0 abstentions

#### 7. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

Date	Item number	Item	Responsible	Status
-	-	Terms of reference	Exec Officer/ J. Rosengrave	J. Rosengrave to liaise with OST on involvement in NATC.
5/10/2009	NMC275	Addition of new Tests	QLD Rep	NATC resolved to add new tests to both Part A and Part B.
5/10/2009	NMC276	Alternative Energy Vehicles	Exec Officer	NATC to await approval from Board on the CAMS Environmental Strategy.
5/10/2009	NMC279	Review of Wheelbase classes	J Rosengrave	J. Rosengrave to conduct further review and share findings with NATC.
5/10/2009	NMC282	CAMS Website Improvements	Exec Officer	Continual updates being made to Website, I.T Manager recruited, issues can now be directed there.
5/10/2009	NMC08/257	Minimum age for Juniors	-	Committee agree to keep minimum age at 14
-	-	Changes to minimum ROPS height for Group 4H	Exec Officer	E.O to liaise with M.S Dept to conduct TRA.

## 8. Additional Agenda Items

### 8.1 Cost of Level 1 Licences

Mr Butcher raised his concerns of Level 1 licences that are issued at “come and try” Motorkhanas have a price of \$25.00 with no provision for juniors to be reimbursed the \$10.00 if they chose to purchase a full years licence.

Mr Kooperman responded that this was to encourage juniors to purchase the yearly licence as it was cheaper therefore engaging them in the sport for the entire year rather than a one off event.

**Motion** - It was moved by N. Caplet and seconded by J. Newell that Level 1 Junior Licences be reduced to \$10.00 to encourage further junior participation.

***NATC 286 Carried 5 for 0 against 0 abstentions***

## 9. Reports

### 9.1 Executive Officer

Mr Kooperman thanked the committee for welcoming him to the role of Executive Officer and congratulated the Organising Committee of the 2010 Australian Motorkhana Championship for a well run and successful event.

Mr Kooperman reported on a number a number of national Issues CAMS has faced in 2010 including:

- The Victorian Task Force
- The General Meeting and the proposed constitutional change relating to conflict of interest within portfolio holders.

2010 Sport & Club Development Department initiatives were discussed including:

- Club Forums
- School Challenge
- New promotional materials – brochures

Feedback was received on the website updates and Mr Kooperman informed the NATC that a new I.T Manager had been recruited to solve the website and SPIKE issues.

### 9.2 NSW Representative

#### Motorkhana Championship 2010

Round	Car Club	Competitors	Venue/Surface
1	Renault Car Club	(27) (25) (36) 32	Nirimba/Tarmac
2	Thornleigh Car Club	(35) (35) (45) 38	Nirimba/Tarmac
3	Westlakes Auto Club	(46) (34) (33) C	Awaba/Dirt
4	Westlakes Auto Club	(61) (40) (40) 53	Awaba/Dirt
5	Mini Car Club	(31) (31) (25) 23	Nirimba/Tarmac
6	Volkswagen Car Club	(26) (45) 27	Nirimba/Tarmac
7	Hills District Car Club	46	Nirimba/Tarmac

Average number of competitors (39.1) (31.8) (36) 36.5

Total permitted Motorkhanas in NSW & ACT (as of 22<sup>nd</sup> October) (73) (76) 93

Motorkhanas in 2010 have stayed at similar average numbers to 2009 (bracketed numbers show the last three years attendance figures). This is probably due to the larger amount of permitted events being run, possibly taking numbers from State Championship events. Entry fees have settled to around the \$55 mark.

### Khanacross Series 2010

Round	Car Club	Competitors	Venue/Surface
1	Hills District Car Club	(25) (41) (C) 21	Hampton / Dirt
2	MG Newcastle	(55) (40) (44) 30	Ringwood / Dirt
3	MG Newcastle	(55) (40) (44) C	Ringwood / Dirt
4	Westlakes Auto Club	(32) (C ) (40) 50	Awaba / Dirt
5	Westlakes Auto Club	(39) (C ) (41) C	Awaba / Dirt
6	Westlakes Auto Club	(46) (45) (61) 53	Awaba / Dirt
7	Thornleigh Car Club	(31) (21) (N/A) tbn	Ansell Park / Dirt
8	Hills District Car Club	(27) (28) (25) tbn	Hampton / Dirt

Average number of competitors (39) (24.7) (49) 38.5

Total permitted Khanacrosses in NSW (as of 22<sup>nd</sup> October) (41) (32) 42

Khanacross Series this year has seen two rounds cancelled due to wet weather. With two rounds left to run accurate average numbers are yet to be calculated. Total of permitted events similar to previous years. Entry fees have remained at around the \$45 mark.

In January 2011 various motorsport panels are combining with CAMS and Eastern Creek management to run a "Motorsport Come and Try Day". The idea is to invite individuals that have an interest in competing themselves. The various forms of motorsport will include Motorkhana, Supersprint, Drift and Hillclimb. It will be free for these "newbie's" to motorsport to have a go.

Mr Collier explained the frustration in NSW not being able to use drag strip car park due to an ANDRA/ CAMS conflict.

**Action** – Executive Officer to investigate status of ANDRA/ CAMS relationship and the NSW Dept of Sport & Rec.

### 9.3 VIC Representative

Number of permitted events in Victoria to end of October, 2010

#### Motorkhana

National	1
State	6
Multiclub	16
Club	54

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**Motorkhana Total** **77**

#### Khanacross

Multiclub	15
Club	32

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**Khanacross Total** **47**

Of the 5 state championship (VMC) rounds held to date, there has been an average of 40 competitors, slightly up on 2009 but down from the high of 47 in 2008. Of the 5 rounds run, 2 have been on bitumen & 3 on dirt/grass. The 2010 VMC is scheduled to consist of 8 rounds, with

only 2 on bitumen. A problem has been the postponement or cancellation of 2 VMC rounds (and numerous club events) due to wet weather making the unsealed venues unusable. Our biggest concern is lack of suitable venues, especially hard surface areas. We are looking forward to CAMS support in identifying and securing potential sites, as without them competitor numbers will dwindle.

Entry fees for state championship Motorkhana events range from \$20 - \$40, with half price or less for juniors. Typical entry fee for club and multi-club events is \$15 - \$20, with most variation due to ground hire costs.

Entry fees for Khanacross events range from \$25 - \$60, with entry numbers varying from below 20 to around 60.

#### **9.4 QLD Representative**

There have been 5 rounds of the Queensland Motorkhana Championships held so far this year, with one still to go. Entry numbers have averaged 26 per round.

Round 1 was held in Rockhampton, which is 8 hours north of Brisbane and was not part of the "Wheels on Wide Bay" Sprints this year. This was a shame, because the numbers were down from last year. Only 19 competitors, and all of them from Brisbane.

Round 5 was held at Willowbank.

Entry fees have averaged \$35.00 per event if pre-entered, and \$40.00 if on the day.

There have been a total of 24 Motorkhanas held in Queensland so far this year.

There is no Queensland Khanacross Championship set up at the moment. Most of them are held by Central Queensland Off Road Clubs, but there have been a few on the Gold Coast, Lockrose and Willowbank. The total Khanacross events for Queensland so far this year are 44.

As far as I know, there have not been any OST events held in Queensland this year.

We have been looking into a Junior Program for Queensland, but progress has been slow.

With the new interest in motor sport in Townsville, we have tried to get the clubs there to be a part of the Queensland Championships, but they have not yet decided to be part of it. Because it is 17 hours North of Brisbane, there might not be a great number of competitors willing to travel the distance. We have tried to get the Townsville Club to travel down to Rockhampton for round 1, seeing that it is about half way, but nobody responded.

Overall, Motorkhanas are keeping fairly popular because of the cost factor compared with other branches of the sport. Let's hope it stays that way.

#### **9.5 WA Representative**

WA State Motorkhana Championship consisted of 5 events (best of 4 to count) was completed in October. Consisted of 4 metropolitan and one country event (Albany – 400 kilometres from Perth). All events run on sealed surfaces.

50 competitors were involved in the series consisting of 36 Championship participants and 14 non Championship (Club only) entries.

Average entries per event approximately 34.

Entry fee \$40.00 (\$35.00 Club Only). Juniors \$23.00 (\$17.00 Club Only)

Venue cost ranges from \$300.00 to \$990.00 per day.  
Permits issued – YTD October 3, 2010

Motorkhana        11 Clubs – Mini CC 8, Light CC 1, Southern Dist CC 1, Porsche 1.  
Auto Test            3 Clubs – Murdoch 2, Northam 1.  
Khanacross        10 Clubs – Beverley ORMA 8, LCC 1, Dowerin 2, Northam 1.

Looking forward to the 2011 AMC event in Perth to generate greater interest. Committee formed to market and promote the sport through all clubs.

## **9.6 SA Representative**

10 x Sealed Motorkhanas  
1 x State Championship Motorkhana  
1 x Dirt Motorkhana  
5 x Combined Motorkhana/ Khanacrosses (Eyre Peninsula)  
7 Motorkhanas / 5 Joint Motorkhanas/ Khanacross (Mt Gambier)  
4 x Multi Club Khanacrosses

(No figures for NT)

For both Motorkhana and Khanacross this has been a very good year. Overall most events are achieving high numbers of entries with the highest attendance in a State Championship Motorkhana in many years.

A new timing system is in use using laser beams to eliminate reliability problems with light beams, and featuring automatic recording of times into a database, automating the results calculations at the end of the day.

There are no current concerns affecting Khanacrosses or Motorkhanas in SA. As the fine details of AusSolo are being developed there is growing interest from local competitors that are very keen to see this category be officially included by CAMS.

## **9.7 TAS Representative**

This year there will be 11 Motorkhanas and 9 Khanacross events run.

Two clubs are each running a Multiclub Khanacross Series, one near Launceston and one near Hobart.

Co-ordination of the 5 round Tasmanian Motorkhana Cup Series and the points table has been by our State Sports & Club Development Officer, Dennis Burgess. Dennis is a keen competitor in these events as well.

Three Rounds of the State Series have been run with 13, 37, and 20 competitors.

Only one sealed venue is available in the State and it only has room for 1 test to be set up. This has been used twice for Series rounds. A property at Kempton (1hr north of Hobart) has been used for another 2 rounds. The remaining round will be held at Symmons Plains on a gravel Surface in the Paddock area of the circuit.

There is currently no desire by our State Council to form a Motorkhana Advisory Panel as our SCDO is managing any issues that arise.

## **10. General Business**

**10.1 QLD proposal to move 5 tests from Part B to Part A. Proposal to delete QLD Mothballs from Part B. Proposal to include 11 new tests in Part B.**

Item discussed in NMC275. NATC resolved to delete QLD mothballs and to approve moving Accordion, Bullseye, Diamond slalom, Oh What A Feeling and Three Lanes to Part A of the Test Booklet. Also resolved was including Twin Garages, Spearhead, Reverse Spiro Slalom, Arrowhead, Pine Tree, Big Eyes, Four Leaf Clover, Half Dozen Gates, Bandit, Loopy Slalom, Atom Bomb in Part B of the Test Booklet.

**10.2 QLD asks that wording for “Mirror Image” tests be made more specific to state that the entire test, including garages is mirrored**

Concerns that when tests were being mirrored the garages were not being included in this. To rectify this diagrams for mirrored tests are to be included in Supp Regs. for AMC events

**10.3 QLD queries the issue of new Motorkhana Brochure without submission to NATC for comment.**

QLD representatives satisfied with Executive Officer’s report on new brochures.

**10.4 Goggles – Conflict between 10.5 of the NM Code and Schedule D**

Mr Rosengrave explained the conflict of Schedule D and how it is applied to Motorkhanas and that the Specification contained in Schedule D 4.4. cannot be found commercially available.

Mr Rosengrave suggested that Motorkhanas be made exempt from the goggle requirements of Schedule D.

The committee discussed open vehicles and the need for goggles and the apparel requirements.

**Motion** – It was moved by J. Rosengrave and seconded by N. Caplet to add the sentence “excepting where provided for in the National Motorkhana Code and the Khanacross Regulations” at the end of 4.4 Schedule D.

***NATC 287 Carried 5 for 0 against 0 abstentions***

**10.5 CAMS “Approved Production Car Tyres” and tyre requirement in Group 4H Article 3.2 (iv)**

Mr Rosengrave explained the perception by some competitors of production car classes and the acceptability of tyres not marked for “racing purposes only”. He continued by stating the confusion surrounding the CAMS Production Car Tyre List as a lot of them state “not for road use”.

The NATC believes the CAMS Production Car Tyre List is not relevant to motorkhanas and applies to racing series only.

**Motion** – It was moved by D. Sakko and seconded by A. Collier to add “for sealed surfaces only” in Group 4H, 2.8 and 3.2 (iv).

***NATC 288 Carried 5 for 0 against 0 abstentions***

## **10.6 Consistency of garaging penalties between Motorkhanas and Khanacross**

Mr Collier believes that these particular rules have been dealt with separately when in fact they shouldn't and should both be the same.

**Motion** - It was moved by A. Collier and seconded by D.Sakko to change the Khanacross penalty 13.4 (ix) to read the same as the Motorkhana penalty 17.4 (iii).

**NATC 289 Carried** 5 for 0 against 0 abstentions

## **10.7 DNS Penalty**

Mr Collier described to the committee that there have been a number of cases with juniors in their first few events where they complete it slowly, and competitors who DNS even though they receive WD penalties (via a double fastest time) finish ahead of the juniors.

Mr Collier believes there should be a DNS Penalty that severely punishes these competitors.

**Motion** – It was moved by A.Collier and seconded by J.Newell that 17.4 (vii) (Motorkhana) and 13.4 (ii) Khanacross be changed to slowest time + 10 sec regardless of double the fastest time being the faster .

**NATC 290 Carried** 5 for 0 against 0 abstentions

## **10.8 Rally Tyres in Khanacross**

Already discussed in item 10.5

## **10.9 Rally cars in Motorkhanas being classed as specials**

Mr Collier believes that this is another problem with production car descriptions. He continued by explaining a situation where a competitor showed up to a dirt Motorkhana with a rally car.

The chairman suggested that the educating of scrutineers needs to take place and asked the committee what other issues were being found with specials classification.

**Action** – D. Sakko to lead investigation of the development of a modified production class.

## **10.10 Report on AMC 2011**

Mr Newell updated the committee on the planning of the AMC 2011. The venue has been booked.

The proposed date of the event is the weekend of the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct 2011.

**Motion** – It was moved by J. Rosengrave and seconded by D. Sakko for the date of the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct 2011 to be accepted as the date for the 2011 AMC.

**NATC 291 Carried** 5 for 0 against 0 abstentions

## **10.11 Passengers in vehicles in Khanacross**

The committee was happy for experienced drivers in Khanacross to act as passengers, similar to Motorkhanas.

**Motion** – It was moved by P. Deck and seconded by A. Collier for the provisions of passengers in the National Motorkhana Code are transferred to Khanacross.

**NATC 292 Carried** 5 for 0 against 0 abstentions

## 11. Other Business

### 11.1 Composition of NATC and Chairman for 2011

It was resolved that no changes be made to the State Representatives or Chairman of the NATC for 2011 and that this be recommended to the Board of CAMS for approval.

### 11.2 Forward calendar for AMCs

It was resolved to put Victoria 2015 on the forward calendar for AMC's

### 11.3 AusSolo Regs Queries

- 11.3.1 As these are very similar to Khanacross regs as already published why have another set of regs in the manual? Couldn't there be a paragraph or two to indicate changes required for an event conducted on tarmac (eg: 'Event Layout')? We don't have separate regs for dirt and tarmac Motorkhanas.**

The NATC agreed that the concept of the Khanacross is old and by having a new set of regs. creates interest in a new form of motorsport, and needs its own identity.

The NATC also believes that there are higher and/or different risk issues and therefore requires new regs. We would expect a different Permit Fee structure to apply.

- 11.3.2 Top Speed of 95kph – Motorkhana and Khanacross do not have specification like this, why is this needed? The current Rally Sprint regs set a maximum average speed which is below this 95kph. This would be unusual to have this list for a non-speed event at a speed above the average speed for a speed event.**

The NATC discussed the difference between top speed and average speed, and believes this is an added safety measure for the new event and to act as a guide for set up of courses.

- 11.3.3 References to “The Director” – why not Clerk of Course like Khanacross regs? The Director in the manual refers to an official in charge of a series.**

The NATC agrees that it should be referred to as Clerk of Course.

- 11.3.4 Why must drivers be 16 years and over? How many Motorkhana or Khanacross do they have to compete?**

The NATC believes in “stepping stones in motor sport” and a junior must demonstrate competence/ experience in at least 1 Motorkhana and or Khanacross.

**Motion** - It was moved by J. Rosengrave and seconded by J. Newell that in AusSolo regs 6.1 No drivers shall be under the age of 16 be changed to 14 and drivers between 14 – 17 years old must have demonstrated competence in at least 3 Motorkhanas and/ or Khanacross

**NATC 293 Carried** 5 for 0 against 0 abstentions

## 11.4 Recognition of Production Car Champions

Mr Newell informed the NATC of a conversation that took place at the AMC 2010 about the recognition of a production champions.

**Motion** – It was moved by J. Newell and seconded by D. Sakko that an Outright Production Award is recognised at next year's AMC.

**NATC 294 Carried** 5 for 0 against 0 abstentions

## 12. Close and Next Meeting

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 14:45 hours.

**I have sighted these minutes and declare they are a true and accurate record of the meeting:**

**CHAIRMAN**.....

**DATE:** .....

**Next meeting:** 3/10/2011  
CAMS WA Office

**Distribution to:** Sport & Club Development Commission  
Senior Manager – Sport & Club Development  
State Motorkhana Panels  
CAMS Motor Sport Department  
CAMS Website

## Action List

Item number	Item	Responsible
NATC 286	Level 1 Junior Licences be reduced to \$10.00 to encourage further junior participation.	Executive Officer
-	Investigate status of ANDRA/ CAMS relationship and the NSW Dept of Sport & Rec.	Executive Officer
NATC 287	Add the sentence "excepting of provisions of 4H vehicles and events" at the end of 4.4 Schedule D.	Executive Officer
NATC 288	Add "for sealed surfaces only" in Group 4H, 2.8 and 3.2 (iv).	Executive Officer
NATC 289	Change the Khanacross penalty 13.4 (ix) to read the same as the Motorkhana penalty 17.4 (ii).	Executive Officer
NATC 290	17.4 (xii) (Motorkhana) and 13.4 (ii) Khanacross be changed to slowest time + 10 sec.	Executive Officer
-	Investigation of the development of a modified production class	D. Sakko
	The date of the 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct 2011 to be accepted as the date	

NATC 291	for the 2011 AMC.	-
NATC 292	Provisions of passengers in Motorkhana booklet are also applied to Khanacross.	Executive Officer
NATC 293	AusSolo regs 6.1 drivers between 14 – 17 years old must have demonstrated competence in at least 3 Motorkhanas and/ or Khanacross	Executive Officer
NATC 294	Outright Production Award is recognised at next year's AMC.	J Newell