



AUSTRALIAN RALLY COMMISSION

Meeting held via Teleconference

Tuesday 11th May 2010

7.00pm AEST

MINUTES

1. OPENING

1.1 Present

Present: Colin Trinder (Chairman), Ben Rainsford (Deputy Chairman), , Ross Runnalls, Peter Macneall, Ross Ferguson, Michael Clements, Adrian Dudok, Darryn Snooks, , Alan Cook (CAMS Board Portfolio Holder), Lawrie Schmitt (CAMS Manager – Motor Sport Operations), Toby Ward (CAMS Motor Sport Coordinator Circuit), Jos Roder (Executive Officer/Minute Secretary).

1.2 Apologies

George Shephard

1.3 Approval of Agenda and additional Agenda Items

The Agenda was approved with the addition of the following

- Consideration of Portfolios
- Adelaide Hills Tarmac Rally Prologue Dispensation
- Technical - Hyundai i30

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

2.1 Approval of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the Meeting held on the 11th and 12th of February are yet to be finalised. The Chairman proposed that they be considered by email outside the meeting. A deadline of 14th May for submission to the Commission for approval was proposed.

3. Items Carried Over From Previous Minutes

3.1 SOS/Accident Report Form

The Commission received a recommendation from Mr Shepherd via the QRAP proposing that the current Queensland Accident Form become part of the Road Book and be amended to include more information.

The Commission considered that ideally the same form be used nationally and if this is not now the case, the Commission should consider whether changes should be implemented to adopt a nationally consistent form

The Commission will reconsider the matter when feedback from all State Rally Panel's regarding the current form in use in each state is received.

Mr Rainsford will assist Mr Clements in gathering sample data from S.A Rally Panel as a guide.

3.2 Simplify Rules for Simple Events

The Commission further considered the CAMS corporate plan objective of 'Simple Rules for Simple Events' and discussed the specific allocation of a Commissioner to this task as a portfolio priority. Ross Ferguson from Tasmania volunteered. The suggested approach to the task is to consider those issues within the Commission's control that are barriers for competitors and event organisers.

Mr Ferguson will approach Andrew Wylie from Tasmania to assist him to identify five key barriers that should be reviewed or removed. The barriers identified would be brought to the Commission's attention and recommendations made regarding potential action. Progress to be reported in 5 weeks..

4. MATTERS ARISING

4.1 Licence Application

The Commission received a positive recommendation from the WARAP that a 15 year old should receive a dispensation from the minimum age requirements for a National Rally Junior Navigator Licence.

The Commission discussed the recommendation and **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the dispensation subject to the event scrutineers also satisfying themselves that the applicant height and weight are appropriate for the seat and harness safety systems in the specific vehicle.

The Commission tasked Mr Clements to determine criteria to determine further licence dispensations with a recommendation forthcoming.

(7:25 Mr Snooks leaves the meeting)

4.2 Meeting Dates

The Commission confirmed the Meeting Dates as circulated. The face to face meeting in August was confirmed as a one day meeting.

4.3 PRC Turbo Substitution

The Commission received a proposal from a competitor for a turbo substitution for the Subaru Liberty RS. The proposed substitution fits within the PRC6 Class.

The Commission decided that as Mr Shephard was absent, that the information would be forwarded to him for his consideration first. The Commission considered feedback should be received by 18th May.

4.4 2011 Calender

The Commission discussed the 2011 ARC and tarmac Calendar, following confirmation of the 2011 Rally Australia date being ratified by the WMC.

The Commission discussed the possibility of facilitating current event Clerks of the Course teleconferencing to discuss preferred dates and any overall structural issues for events that are part of the 2011 ARC.

Mr Runnalls reminded the Commission that the Department of Sustainability in Victoria has a June deadline for event Rally Permits for the following years events, so the Calender dates for the 2011 Victorian ARC needs to expedited if possible.

The Commission noted that the date for the Australian Round of the 2011 APRC is yet to be considered by the APRC at the New Zealand Round of the APRC.

Jos Roder will seek 3 preferences from ARC organisers to begin the development of the calendar. A 3 week black out either side of Rally Australia will be used to guide planning.

5. TECHNICAL

5.1 M2 Dog Boxes / E85 Fuel

The Commission received a proposal from the TRWG regarding the adoption of Dog Boxes in Modern Tarmac Rally Cars (M2 Class) to align with gravel rally car regulations and the use of E85 Fuel for Turbocharged modern tarmac rally vehicles.

It was noted that the proposal would remove one barrier for gravel rally competitors planning to try a tarmac rally.

The Commission agreed in principle to allow dog boxes in M2 subject to confirmation from technical experts that this was indeed within the spirit of the M2 Category. The Commission also agreed in principle not to restrict the use of E85 in modern Tarmac Rally cars – again subject to confirmation from technical experts that this was appropriate and desirable.

Subject to satisfactory technical feedback being received a bulletin will be drafted for final approval by the Commission relating to these recommendations.

The Commission also identified that an ad hoc technical expert group should be established to assist and guide the Commission on technical matters. The Chairman undertook to further consider the establishment and composition of such a group.

5.2 SA Excel Series Tyre/Wheel Change Recommendation

The Commission received a proposal from Mr Michael Clements seeking to allow 15” road/tarmac tyres in the S.A based round of the series. Currently within the Production Rally Car, Appendix A: Excel Rally Car regulations, 13’ diameter wheels are mandatory.

The Commission **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** a dispensation for this event in principle pending confirmation from the national Excel series organisers that they had no objections. The organisers of the Tarmac round of the S.A Excel series should issue an event bulletin notifying competitors of these changes.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Portfolios

The Commission considered the issue of confirming/reassigning Portfolios to Commissioners for 2010. The Chairman suggested that portfolios should be reviewed to consider their alignment with the Commission’s priorities and those of the CAMS Board.

The Chairman will consider in consultation with Mr Rainsford, Mr Macneall and Mr Cook.

6.1 Adelaide Hills Tarmac Rally Dispensation

A proposal was received from Michael Clements relating to the circuit prologue at the Adelaide Hills Tarmac Rally. It is proposed that vehicles leave the time control at 15sec intervals allowing 5 vehicles on the track at any one time.

The Commission supports this proposal subject to the Deputy clerk of the Course being present in the control tower to monitor safety during the activity.

7. CLOSE

7.1 Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled to be via Teleconference at 1900 AEST on Wednesday the 9th June, 2010.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20:07 AEST.

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

Colin Trinder
Chairman