



VICTORIAN OFF ROAD ADVISORY PANEL MINUTES

Meeting held on Friday 30 October, 2009 in the Bendigo Car Club meeting room,
Calder Hwy, Maiden Gully

Present: Marilyn Emmins (Chairman) Craig Button
George Bailey(8.00pm) Alistair McClelland (8.00pm)
Jim Coombs Peter Valentine
Lawrie Penpraze Brett Price (later)
Edwin Vandenberg (Act. Secretary)

Guests: Craig Dixon and Craig Funston

Apologies: Ross Allan, Eddie Wilson & Jason Schmidt

IMPORTANT NOTE: The role of Advisory Panels is to advise and make recommendations to the Victorian State Sport & Club Development Council and/ or the Victorian State Executive and/ or AORCom, such advice or recommendations do not have any effect until such time any of the abovementioned bodies adopt them.

Meeting opened: 7:35pm

Additional agenda items

Change to agenda: 8.9 should read silver module

Addition to general business: 2010 Standard Regs

075-09 Minutes of the previous meeting

Question raised by SMSC "Why does it take so long to get back minutes"?

Panel chairman, advised that we are relying on volunteers, and that the minutes are only a record of the meeting – Panel Representatives are expected to report to clubs in a timely manner reporting on the meeting outcomes / issues.

Accept minutes from the previous meeting as presented.

Moved Jim Coombs

Seconded Lawrie Penpraze

Carried

076-09 Business arising from previous minutes

Craig Button referring to agenda items (i.e 63 - 09) which list the name of the abstainer from voting and requested that names of any abstainers be left out of any further minuted items and vote results only to be listed.

077-09 Correspondence

Panel chairmen referred to a compilation of correspondence dating back to 1st of August.

Actions from correspondence:

Panel members to check with club members to ensure those with email are receiving "Speed Read" as this is the Boards communication with Cams members

Panel chairman raised the question of whether panel members would want minutes of various other panels – and panel members agreed to be forwarded these in email format. Panel members to pass on information in these minutes to Club members.

078-09 Chairpersons report

Off Road Racing Australia Inc. were not successful in gaining a round of the 2010 AORC and after discussion with the Panel Chairman has applied to be part of the VORC, see later in minutes.

Panel Chairman to write a report by the end of year about the year just gone and mentioned her disappointment at the lack of agenda items at the VORC panel meetings.

New structure of CAMS will have more communication for Off Road via an AORC portal.

At the recent CAMS summit a new portal was demonstrated and expected to be up by April 2010.

For example the club handbook, currently in draft form, written by Tom Snooks has a huge amount of information and is expected to be available through the portal. Additionally swipe card technology is being investigated for use by officials and competitors, i.e anyone with a license.

Lawrie asked about the Single event license and Marilyn mentioned that the license is available but the information was not on the web yet. The details and instructions were expected to be available by next year. Craig Dixon mentioned that he expected to use these at the end of the month (November) for the test and try day that the GORBA club is holding.

Craig Button requested clarification on Fuel tank capacity and the Panel Chairman to take this up at the next AORcom meeting.

079 -09 Australian Off Road Commission Report

- Side Intrusion ruling to be implemented by 01/01/2010 –
- Action - Craig Dixon to write to AORCom about the Issue of the implementation of the barwork.
- Helmets – the Issue is to be clarified when the minutes are published.
- Noise testing – The position of the Noise test and methodology has been the same as per EPA standards and found to be legal and correct. Due to the nature and locations of Off Road racing there can be large variations in noise tests completed the same way at different venues. Given that in 2010 competitors have a 3% tolerance before being written in their log book, competitors are advised to have their vehicles within noise limits.
- Hearing and eye protection – As of 2010 ear and eye protection must be available to all signed on officials
- AORC rounds – 5 rounds next year Sunraysia not an AORC in 2010 and Griffith is other rounds as per 2009
- New Drivers and returning drivers and their licences is an issue which panel members need to bring to clubs attention to bring feedback to the panel.
- Section points – As of 2010 for national rounds, sections will be based on kilometres

- GPS – use of GPS in competition vehicles; discussion is to commence, testing has been done during reconnaissance. Discussion paper to be written, possibly by Campbell Andrea
- Straights – From 2010, organisers are to implement no straight section of track to be longer than 2klm's
- Scrutiny – Bi-annual safety checks, targeted scrutiny from 2011. Pre 2000 vehicles to be checked before competing by silver rated scrutineers. Document is currently being written in draft form. Note: Victoria has two silver rated scrutineers
- Clubman class – to be discussed at next AORCom meeting
- Harnesses – Bob Piper spoke re: SFI Belts – the summary, no more testing on SFI Belts
- Refueling – Wording to be added to the manual that a crew member must have a fire extinguisher at the ready.
- Aorcom has made substantial savings this year compared to the past.

Motion: That the VORAP write to AORcom and acknowledge these savings.

Moved: Brett Price

Seconded: George Bailey

Passed: all in favour

- AORcom meeting – the next AORcom meeting is to be held in February of 2010

080– 09 Event Reports

Moyston - written report presented to Panel

Koorlong – written report presented to the Panel

Tyrell – Short on officials due to other non related event in the area. Trialled the new timing system.

081 - 09 **Silver Module Postponed** – postponed due to numbers, expected to be in February. Craig Button told the panel that the Bendigo club was not informed the training was supposed to be held.

Panel Chairman suggested that clubs look at bronze officials and invite them to look at being upgraded to “silver”.

Craig requested a list of event assessors and Marilyn is to send list and also mentioned that she is happy to come down and assess officials.

George raised the point that there appears to be a disincentive for people to be officials and panel members discussed the disincentive regarding volunteers and panel members are to take this back to clubs.

Panel Chairman said communication from CAMS would possibly improve by April 2010 as work is in progress within the IT department on work on Web site.

Panel Chairman is to look into whether George's experience can be used as RPL for upgrading his scrutiny license to silver.

082 - 09 **2009 VORC Class winners and Outright champions** were discussed and the Panel Chairman has submitted the list to CAMS for trophy engraving.

083 - 09 **2010 VORC dates** – Panel Chairman asked the question if there was any problems with the two extra dates. Craig mentioned the time and cost i.e the travel to South Australia. Marilyn raised the possibility of discussing the possibility of points from 4 of the 6 rounds to count.

Motion: Brett moved that 4 of 6 rounds to count in 2010 VORC

Craig: Seconded

Passed – unanimously

Panel members were urged to promote the 2010 VORC and its rounds to their clubs and other interested parties.

084 – 09 **2010 Victorian Off road Calendar.** Changes were made to the draft calendar and these are to be taken back to clubs. Craig Dixon explained the clubs reasoning for wanting two multiclub/Mallee shield events. i.e one at Geelong and one at Moyston. With the one at Geelong being to promote offroading in the bottom half in the state.
Motion: Lawrie moved; Geelong have two Multiclub/ Mallee Shield events
Craig: Seconded
Passed – unanimously

085 – 09 **2009 Victorian Off Road Presentation Night** - Proposal put forward by Bendigo Car Cub that the night be held at All Seasons function centre \$28 head if more than 40 people, with drinks at Bar prices. Expect it to be March 13 – flyer to be done for this, by Marilyn. VORC trophies are organised, Marilyn to organise Mallee Shield trophies.

086 – 09 **Securing events for state competition** – covered in Calendar discussion.

087 – 09 **Meeting Dates for 2010 VORAP** - the provisional meeting dates for 2010 VORAP meetings have been circulated to panel members
Friday February 19
Friday April 9
Friday June 25
Friday August 27
Friday November 8

088 – 09 **Club Nominations for 2010 Panel.** VORAP members nominated for 2010 include:
Sunraysia: Peter Valentine
Bendigo: Craig Button
Sea Lake: Alistair McClelland
Geelong: Eddie Wilson
VORRA: Lawrie
Portland: Brett

Others: Marilyn Emmins
Edwin Vandenberg
Jason Schmidt

Also others have indicated interest and hoping to finalise by November State Executive meeting.

089 – 09 **First aid at Off Road Events** - Craig Dixon, discussed First aid and the capabilities of Ian Showell and his crew. Ian is prepared to travel off road events and also to train interested parties. The Panel is happy to circulate these details and if there are any queries contact Ian direct or via Craig Dixon.
The Panel Chairman reminded those present that when Ambulance or catering is done externally then this is considered a contractor event and panel members were asked to remind clubs of the relevant OH&S implications.

090 -09 **Seat Belts** – discussed earlier.

091 – 09 **OR dates that are not calendered** – i.e Portland and Grinters Pit date. Panel Chairman asked Brett Price to speak to Portland and find out about dates. Marilyn to forward calendar to Portland.

Note: if VORAP has not approved a date, Supp, Regs. Will not be approved. This is to ensure that events are spread as best possible to ensure appropriate numbers of officials and competitors with the aim of building the sport in Victoria. Also if there are any date changes please put through to the panel via email or club representative.

092 – 09 **Review the use of CATO at Vic OR events in 2010** – Discussion on whether a CATO is an official, Panel Chairman is to clarify this and send out information. Discussion was held about how a CATO is invited to attend events rather than randomly visiting events and also CAMS’s role in this.

Motion: Brett moved; The Panel believed that CAMS take on the role of organising randomly visiting events and conducting Random breath tests Geelong have two Multiclub/ Mallee Shield events
Craig: Seconded
Passed 5 for, 1 abstain, 1 against

093 - 09 2010 **Standard Regs...**

To be forwarded out to Panel members prior to 1st meeting for 2010 for consideration.

Actions:

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3	077 – 09	All	Panel members to pass on information in these minutes to Club members.
4	078 - 09	Marilyn	Marilyn to write a report by the end of year about the year just gone
5	078 - 09	Marilyn	Marilyn was to take up ‘fuel tank capacity’ issue up at the next AORcom meeting.
6	079 - 09	Craig Dixon	Craig Dixon to write to AORcom about the Issue of the implementation of the side intrusion barwork.
7	079 - 09	All	New Drivers and returning drivers and their licences is an issue which panel members need to bring to clubs attention to bring feedback to the panel.
8	079 - 09	Edwin	Motion: That the VORAP write to AORcom and congratulate them on the cost savings made in 2009.
9	081 - 09	All	Clubs to look at bronze officials and invite them to look at being upgraded to “silver”
10	081 - 09	Marilyn	Marilyn is to send list of officials and their qualifications
11	081 - 09		Panel members to ask clubs what would be relevant incentives for

			volunteer officials.
12	081 - 09	Marilyn	Marilyn to write to Lawrie Svenson about our representation
13	081 - 09	Marilyn	Marilyn is to look into whether George's experience can be used as RPL for upgrading his scrutiny license to silver.
14	083 - 09	All	Panel members were urged to promote the 2010 VORC and its rounds to their clubs and other interested parties.
15	085 - 09	All	Victorian Off Road Awards night promotion
16	085 - 09	Marilyn	Flyer for Vic Off Road awards night
17	085 - 09	Marilyn	Mallee Shield trophies
18	089 - 09	All	Panel members were asked to remind clubs of the relevant OH&S implications of "contractor" events
19	091 - 09	Brett	Brett to speak to Portland and find out about dates.
20	091 - 09	Marilyn	Marilyn to forward calendar to Portland.