



Minutes
West Australian Off Road Advisory Panel of
The Confederation of Australian Motor Sport
Minutes of meeting held at the CAMS Boardroom
On 16th February 2005
Meeting opened at 7.40pm

1. PRESENT

Daniel Rogers (Chairman), Owen Davies (NCC), Adrian Van Geest (NCC), Dieter Von Mollendorf (Alt WDR), M. Scott Rogers (Alt WDR), Trish Cosh (WAORRA), Greg Honisett (WAORRA).

2. APOLOGIES

Ian French (WDR), Adam Flanagan (WDR)

3. VISITORS

Neil Leatherbarrow, Bruce Russell (Junior Development Officer WDR)

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

05-001 ***It was moved Daniel Rogers, and Seconded Owen Davies, that the Minutes of the previous meeting be accepted as a true and accurate record.***

Carried

5. REPORTS

The Chairman (Daniel Rogers) welcomed back returning panel members, new members to the panel, and those outgoing members for their time and effort.

AORComm (Daniel Rogers) Reported that AORComm met on 6th November 2005. Advised that main topics of interest at this stage have been promulgated by bulletins – B05-003, B05-004, B05-006, and B05-007.

Scrutiny – As we no longer have a regular member of the Scrutiny Panel on the WAORAP, Daniel Rogers outlined issues of concern – specifically that there is a suspicion that several competitors are presenting vehicles with the same fire extinguishers and first aid kits as presented with other vehicles. Scrutineers at off road events are asked to pay particularly close attention to this.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

05-002 Daniel Rogers tabled a proposal from Jeremy Beck.
Proposal presented to the state off road panel by Daniel Rogers
on behalf of Jeremy Beck (see attached letter)

*“Jeremy Beck
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Attadale WA 6156*

14th February 2005

TO: WA State Off Road Panel

Dear Sirs,

I have been participating in off road racing in WA for 10 years. I am writing to ask the panel to consider closing a loophole by clarifying its position on the current format of the WA state off road championship.

As I understand the current situation, any competitor in a state championship event earns points towards the state championship. If a competitor resides in another state or is not a member of a WA off road club, they are still eligible for state championship points. This situation raises a number of issues.

- At the moment there could be the untenable situation where high level national competitors choose to nominate for and receive WA state championship points during round one at Hyden. This could ultimately change the outcome of our state championship.*
- There seems to be some WA competitors that have chosen to not join WA off road clubs for whatever reason. This to me is a disturbing trend. Some competitors (of course not all) could use this loophole to join a club in another state and choose not to contribute to WA off road racing outside of participating in events.*

I believe that the WA state rally championship requires competitors to be members of a WA club and reside in WA. I would think that this loophole in off roading exists simply because it has not been a problem in the past. As the professionalism of our sport is continually improving, I believe this problem needs to be resolved before the beginning of the 2005 championship.

I would like the panel to formalize the eligibility criteria for the WA state off road championship. I think that competitors should

be members of a WA based cams affiliated club (perhaps not necessarily an off-road club) and reside in WA.

I am looking forward to our most exiting year ever and would like to see off roading continue to improve throughout this year and into the next.

*Yours faithfully
Jeremy Beck”*

This has been discussed with the CAMS office and it was established that a formal request must be submitted by the Off Road Panel to the State Council.

After a protracted discussion, it was

05-003 *Moved Adrian Van Geest and seconded Trish Cosh. That it be recommended to State Council, that for a competitor to be eligible for the West Australian Off Road Championship points, the competitor must be a full member of a West Australian CAMS affiliated car club.*

Carried

05-004 In order to establish & increase the level of participation in off road events the following proposal was formed.

Proposal

- To use CAMS resources and records to send a mail out to past and present participants of off road racing

Purposes

- To build a database of participants over the past ten years
- Encourage past participants back into the sport
- Increase awareness of current trends and developments in the sport
- Build ongoing relationships with past participants as potential sponsors and ambassadors of the sport.

Details

- The mail out will need to be sent through the CAMS office in order to satisfy privacy laws.
- The mail out will be sent to as many participants as possible in the last ten years
- The mail out will provide information regarding the 2005 national round
- The mail out will invite people to be put on a database for further mail outs to be distributed in the future thus obviating the requirement for CAMS future involvement in the database

- The mail out will also ask participants to provide details of any racecars that are not currently being used in order to create a database of potential entry level cars that may be for sale.
- The database would be available to all CAMS affiliated off road clubs within WA”

Discussion held on the proposal and it was

05-005 *Moved Scott Rogers/Adrian Van geest that the panel requests that the State Office utilises the records and resources of CAMS to distribute a mail out to past & present participants of off road racing.*

Carried

05-006 Bruce Russell gave a report on the “Junior Development Project” Bruce advised the panel that he had submitted through the Western Desert Racers a CAMS “Sport Development Funding Application” to assist in funding the first stage of the programme. Bruce also advised that he wishes to form a committee in the near future to establish guidelines for the proposed events etc. The chairman thanked Bruce for his time and efforts to date.

05-007 Trish Cosh requested information as to why the Western Desert Racers had a later entry fee of \$250 for the State Championship component of the AORC round at Easter. Daniel Rogers advised that it was to encourage people to enter the event early, so as to assist with event administration. Entries received up until a given date, would only attract an entry fee of \$200.

05-008 Greg Honisett queried on behalf of the Gascoyne Off Road Club as to whether the panel would consider subdividing Class 7 into two or more sub classes, based on engine capacity, as State Championship classes. Extensive discussion on this – the general consensus of the panel was that such a change would only be made reactively, should Class 7 become heavily subscribed.

MEETING CLOSED 9:39PM
NEXT MEETING 23rd MARCH 2005

MINUTE	ITEM	ACTION
05-005	Database / Mail out	Chairman / State Manager

05-006	State Championship Eligibility	Chairman State Manager
05-007	Junior Development	Bruce Russell