



## QUEENSLAND RALLY ADVISORY PANEL

Meeting held on Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> March 2013  
at 'Sports House', 150 Caxton St, Milton

### MINUTES

#### PRESENT:

|                       | Attended | Apology |
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| Paul Woodward (Chair) | 2        | 0       |
| Adrian Dillon         | 2        | 0       |
| Peter Marcovich       | 2        | 0       |
| Barry Neuendorff      | 2        | 0       |
| Marius Swart          | 2        | 0       |
| Greg Wright           | 2        | 0       |

#### APOLOGIES:

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| Stephan Davies | 1 | 1 |
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#### VISITORS:

Matt Sosimenko          Shaun Dragona          John Keen

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Queensland Rally Advisory Panel Chairman, Paul Woodward, opened the meeting at 7.34pm and welcomed Panel members and visitors.

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##### MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

013 Reviewed the Minutes of the Rally Advisory Panel meeting of 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2013, noted.

##### BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

014 Ref. RAP13.006 & 010 - 2013 Qld Rally Handbook version 2  
Updated 2013 Queensland Rally Handbook (V2) incorporating the decisions of State Council from last QSC meeting is now on website. Noted

#### 015 RAP Rally Dinner **NEUENDORFF/SWART**

Panel noted that the Dinner was a success with 193 persons attending. Vote of thanks was moved to recognise the efforts of Sheridan Hetherman, Adrian, Debbie and Nathaniel Dillon and Paul Woodward for their contributions to the night's success. **CARRIED**

- 016 MEX Sponsorship for 2013  
Chairman advised that MEX has informed Panel that it will not be continuing with its sponsorship of the 2013 QRC Sponsorship. Chairman also noted that several expressions of interest have been received from potential sponsors and proposals have been sent to them for consideration. Noted.

**AGENDA ITEMS:**

- 017 Update of QRAP website  
Matt Sosimenko made a presentation on a review of the QRAP website to improve “look and feel” and provide a better platform for the support of rallying in Queensland. A number of issues including the ownership and administration of a new domain name and the future hosting of the site. The following actions were agreed by Panel:
- Peter Marcovich to contact CAMS National Office to discuss the ownership of a new domain name and the administration of that domain name;
  - Matt Sosimenko to investigate securing a new Australian based provider for the site;
  - Panel noted that a future development of the website could include the establishment of a QRAP intranet.
- 018 Letter of protest by Shaun Dragona on behalf of teams, appealing the decision of State Council relating to the eligibility of drivers and co-drivers of unrestricted turbo 4WD cars to score points in the 2013 QRC. This matter was referred to QRAP by QSC Executive for consideration and recommendations to next meeting of QSC.  
Messrs Shaun Dragona and John Keen attended the meeting at 8.10pm and made verbal submissions and presented documents showing that up to 13 drivers now intend to run unrestricted turbo 4WD cars in the 2013 QRC. Messrs Dragona and Keen also reported that the June 2012 poll of competitors by CAMS and BSCC on this subject did not reach all affected competitors and as a result the proportion of responses for and against the proposal to allow unrestricted turbo 4WD cars to run in QRC may not have been an accurate representation. Therefore it is their view that any decision by State Council based on these numbers was flawed. Messrs Dragona and Keen also commented that the inability of some 13 crews of unrestricted cars to score points in the 2013 QRC may have an adverse affect on the financial viability of QRC events including the International Rally of Queensland.
- Messrs Dragona and Keen left the meeting at 8.55pm and Panel considered the information presented. As there now appears to be a possible variance between the previously expected number of competitors in unrestricted turbo 4WD cars (3 to 4) and the number of crews who intend to compete in these vehicles in 2013 (up to 13), Panel recommends that: **State Council conduct a survey of all rally competitors on whether they support or do not support the eligibility of the drivers and co-drivers of unrestricted turbo 4WD cars to both enter and score points in QRC rounds in 2013. This survey should be conducted via email of all licensed rally competitors from the State CAMS Office with a closing date for responses to enable the results to be collated and presented for consideration at the April QSC meeting. Once the results are known the impact of the existing decision on eligibility can be assessed and the decision confirmed or reversed.**
- 019 Vehicles involved in incident reports on rallies to be assessed by scrutineers before removal from event. This issue was raised by Scrutineer Mr Bob McLean who wants the Supplementary Regulations and pre-event briefings to stress the protocol that crews of vehicles involved in accidents that require an incident report must have the vehicle inspected by a scrutineer before it is taken away from the event Service Park. Panel agreed and noted that this protocol is established in the Rally Code and organisers are to ensure this protocol is adhered to and reminders given to crews at pre-event briefings.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

- 020 Greg Wright reported that the proposed route of the Ingham QRC will be checked shortly. Noted
  
- 021 Marius Swart foreshadowed a future discussion on how to keep the Qld Seeding List up to date. Noted
  
- 022 Paul Woodward informed Panel that due to the extremely heavy rains, floods and road damage in parts of the Imbil State Forest, the 2013 KCF Rallysport Kenilworth Rally will be postponed to a date to be decided in the latter part of 2013. Mr Woodward is sending advice to CAMS in Victoria and Brisbane formally advising of this postponement. Noted

**MEETING CLOSED:** 9.22pm

**NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2013

“I have signed this draft document and believe it is a true and accurate record of the meeting”.

Signed:.....  
Paul Woodward,  
Chairman: Rally Advisory Panel

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