



MINUTES

Meeting of the Victorian Autocross Advisory Panel / Victorian Club Autocross Series Committee Held at CAMS, Malvern East. Friday, June 10th, 2016

1. Opening

- 1.1 Meeting opened at 7.30pm
- 1.2 Attendance: Nicholas Charrett (NAC) (chair), Aaron Seacombe (AS) (deputy chair – via Skype), Jeff Cleeland (JC), Rick Thorpe (RT), Brian Newton (BN), Paul Eccles (PE), Alan Bloomfield (AB) and Chris Gibson (CG – via Skype)
- 1.3 Apologies: Steve Porter (SP), Simon Pilepich (SP), Anthony Kovco (AK), Peter Short (PS), Gary Brown GB) and Craig Button (CB)
- 1.4 Visitors: Matthew Dulak (FFCC representative).

2. Previous minutes

- 2.1 Nil.
- 2.2 **Matters arising:** At the last meeting Paul Zidy from the CAMS State Executive Committee came and requested the VCAS committee to form the VAAP. At the elections held at the meeting NAC was voted VAAP Chairman and the committee resolved to become the VAAP. NAC to liaise with CAMS and arrange formal recognition as the VAAP.

3. Correspondence

- 3.1 Meeting reminders sent following the postponement of the meeting due to the postponement of the BLCC VCAS at Ballarat in April where the meeting was to be held originally.
- 3.1 AS also requested that we try Skype the meeting for regional members. Is being trialled at this meeting with AS and CG present via Skype (works quite well and to be expanded to other regional members in the future).
- 3.2 Jason Whittaker has advised that due to family commitments, he has resigned as series scorer. A new series scorer will need to be found. The committee thanks Jason for his efforts over the past few years as VCAS scorer and trophy organiser.

4. General business

- 4.1 Calendar changes for 2016.
 - BLCC to reschedule postponed Rd3 to October 16th and double head with Rd8 also to be held on October 16th as a day plus night double round.
 - KCC have declined to run Rd7 in September
 - CCC to run Rd7 at Bagshot on September 25 – TBC with BCC
 - CCRMIT looking at November 13th for Rd9– venue TBC

4.2 Terms of Reference.

NAC has drafted the VAAP Terms of Reference which will be forwarded round to VAAP / VCAS members prior to presenting to the State Council Executive at a later date. Terms of Reference document based VMAP document.

4.3 Panel Chairman and panel composition.

NAC has attended the State Council Executive meeting and has been accepted as the VAAP chairman. Expressions of Interest forms have been sent around to the VCAS committee and the following members have submitted expressions of interest: Aaron Seacombe (Deputy Chair), Simon Pilepich (Secretary) Steve Porter, Alan Bloomfield, Brian Newton, Jeff Cleeland, Chris Gibson and Anthony Kovco. These members will be put forward as VAAP members at the next State Council Executive meeting at the end of June.

It is proposed that at this point in time, only VCAS Committee members be invited as VAAP members, with additional clubs running autocrosses invited at a later date if there are suitable positions available.

4.4 Future Series / Championship composition

The cost difference between a Multiclub and a state championship autocross CAMS permit is \$780/\$1110 and as such a state championship such as a 2 or 3 round following a smaller VCAS series may be achievable in 2017 or 2018. Further discussions to be held at the next meeting.

4.5 Rally Tires discussion.

Some discussions were had revolving the requirement of venues to allow rally tires for VCAS events and potentially future VAC events. The general consensus was that Autocross is a discipline midway between Khanacross and Rally, it is the use of rally tires before rallying that provides some attraction and safety benefits for competitors.

However, it is acknowledged that we are potentially limiting opportunities for some clubs who do not allow rally tires on their tracks. To this end it was agreed unanimously by those present to undertake a single trial round in 2017 with no rally tires. As a former VCAS club, GMSC / WDCC will be invited to run the trial round with no other changes to the VCAS series rules as a single event but part of the series in 2017. NAC to contact GMSC/WDCC (done).

4.6 Trophies and Scoring.

It has again been noted that some trophies are not being presented. Clubs are reminded that they should endeavour to get their rounds trophies to the next VCAS round and present them. The committee will need to chase up the clubs. It should be noted that it was decided at the last VCAS committee meeting that as of 2016, clubs would again need to organise their own trophies for their own round, as the workload on the series scorer was too great organising the trophies for every round.

PE to talk to Jason Whittaker about what need to be done for the scoring system.

4.7 Annual Presentation.

There was a brief discussion about the annual VCAS presentation that for the last few years has been held at Rd1 at Deniliquin. It was felt that it was not attracting additional people up to Deni and that some felt it may be better relocated to

Melbourne on a dedicated night. Further discussions to be held at a future date as no decision was reached.

4.8 Autocross promotion.

Some discussions were had over the potential for Come n Try type events. These events are proving popular at getting competitors that otherwise may not be looking at Autocross events. Some clubs may be able to run them under the same permit as their VCAS round on the day before / after to try to encourage future competitors. Other promotional ideas are promotion by known rally drivers, and possible video for Youtube promoting Autocross in Victoria. Jimmy Rooke may be someone to talk to regarding this... Further discussions required.

4.9 VCAS website / Facebook

The website is apparently down and SP to be contacted to look into it (done).

Discussions over the Facebook page on who is admin and the need for more Administrators to be able to get information out there. SP to be contacted to see if we can get more admin for the committee / panel members.

4.10 Series Rules

The Series Rules are not published. NAC to finalise and SP to publish on the website and distribute around the clubs.

NAC to start on drafting 2017 VCAS Series Rules and calendar early.

5. **Previous Events**

6/2 VCAS Rd1 run by DSCC at Deniliquin with 52 entrants.

10/4 VCAS Rd2 run by BCC at Bagshot with 73 entrants.

28/5 VCAS Rd3 to be run by BLCC – postponed to 16/10 due to flooded track.

6. **Coming Events**

11/6 VCAS Rd4 to be run by SHSCC at Swan Hill – weather looking unfavourable, but proceeding at this stage.

23/7 VCAS Rd5 to be run by MADCC at Boisdale – Supp Regs are in at CAMS and expected out shortly.

27/8 VCAS Rd6 to be run by PAC at Boisdale – Supp Regs are being worked upon and to be sent to CAMS shortly

7. **Close.**

7.1 Next meeting proposed for Friday 7th October 2016

7.2 Meeting closed 9:35pm.

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

CHAIRMAN: Nicholas Charrett **DATE:** 10th June 2016

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