



## MINUTES

MEETING OF THE VICTORIAN SPORT & CLUB DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

HELD ON TUESDAY, 20<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2009 AT 8PM

### PRESENT

**Executive:** David Bellenger (Chairman, Victorian Superkart Club), Norman Gowers (Deputy Chairman, Victorian Mini Club Inc), Bruce Robertson (Benalla Auto Club), Jim Reark (Maserati Club of Australia), Peter Rose (MG Car Club of Victoria), Simon Millar (Rover Scout Motor Sport), Kevin Redman (Victorian Flagmarshalling Team), Angus Black (Board of CAMS), Darryn Snooks.

**Delegates:** Peter Sortwell (Austin 7 Club), Tony Barrett (Austin Healey Owners Club of Victoria), Gale Smith (Australian Sports Sedan Association Victoria), Les Noonan (Ballarat Light Car Club), Kevin Wilson (Car Club of RMIT), Mark Hallowell (Cerberus Car Club), Phil Marrinon (Formula Ford Association Victoria), Liz Partington (Historic Rally Association), Dawson Miller (Jaguar Car Club of Victoria), Steve Porter (Nissan Car Club of Australia), Peter Kerr (Peugeot Car Club of Victoria), Matt Balcombe (Phillip Island Auto Racing Club), Kelvin Prior (Victorian Historic Racing Register), Graeme Steinfort (Vintage Sports Car Club of Victoria).

**Panel Chairs:** Erik Rubens (Stewards Panel).

**CAMS Administration:** Michael Smith (Senior Manager Sport & Club Development) – Returning Officer; Lauren Croft (Sport & Club Development Officer).

### VISITORS

Peter Bready (Victorian Mini Club Inc), Colin Smith (Australian Sports Sedan Association Victoria).

### APOLOGIES

Graeme Williams (Executive), Tony van den Dungen (Officiating Panel), Bob Anderson (Executive), Tony Rodgers (Scrutiny Panel), Marilyn Emmins (Off Road Panel).

## 1. OPENING

The Returning Officer Michael Smith made the last call for final nominations for the election. There were no further nominations and the Chairman declared the meeting open at 8:10pm.

## 2. ELECTION PROCEDURES AND VOTING (AS REQUIRED THROUGHOUT THE EVENING)

Michael Smith explained the election procedures and announced the nominations to the Council, and moved the following motion:

“That the Victorian Sport & Club Development Council accept that the aforesaid nominations for the following elected positions have been received in accordance with the prescribed nomination process;

Elected Board Director, Alternate Elected Board Director, Victorian Sport & Club Development Council Chairman, Deputy Victorian Sport & Club Development Council Chairman and 5 members of the Victorian Sport & Club Development Council Executive.

Furthermore, the council accepts the election process as described and that the successful candidates will be ratified to their respective positions by this council at the completion of this election process.”

**Moved** Michael Smith / Peter Sortwell.

*Carried.*

*Votes: 19 for, 0 against.*

Elections were then held and with the following results:

- *Elected Board Director (1<sup>st</sup> January 2010 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2012) – Angus Black*
- *Alternate Elected Board Director (1<sup>st</sup> January 2010 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010) – Norman Gowers*
- *Victorian Sport & Club Development Council Chairman (1<sup>st</sup> January 2010 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010) – David Bellenger*
- *Deputy Victorian Sport & Club Development Council Chairman (1<sup>st</sup> January 2010 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010) – Norman Gowers*
- *Victorian Sport and Club Development Council Executive Members (1<sup>st</sup> January 2010 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2011) – Jim Reark, Bob Anderson, Norman Gowers, Simon Millar and Peter Bready.*

The Returning Officer then moved the following motion:

“That the Victorian Sport & Club Development Council ratify the results of the 2010 Victorian Sport & Club Development Council elections and hereby elect the following people to the following elected positions:

Elected Board Director – Angus Black

Alternate Elected Board Director – Norman Gowers

Victorian Sport & Club Development Council Chairman – David Bellenger  
Deputy Victorian Sport & Club Development Council Chairman – Norman Gowers  
Victorian Sport & Club Development Council Executive Members – Jim Reark, Bob Anderson, Norman Gowers, Simon Millar and Peter Bready.”

**Moved** Michael Smith / Phil Marrinon.

*Carried.*

*Votes:* 19 for, 0 against.

### **3. APOLOGIES**

The following apologies were recorded:

Graeme Williams (Executive), Tony van den Dungen (Officiating Panel), Bob Anderson (Executive), Tony Rodgers (Scrutiny Panel), Marilyn Emmins (Executive).

### **4. ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS**

The following agenda items were added under General Business:

- Announcement of Victorian Commissioners for 2010 – Michael Smith
- Peter Bready – General Business
- Bruce Robertson – General Business

### **5. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes were approved with the following amendment: Colin Smith should be listed as an apology from the Australian Sports Sedan Association, not the Phillip Island Auto Racing Club as recorded.

**Moved** Kelvin Prior / Norman Gowers.

*Carried.*

*Votes:* 17 for, 0 against, 2 abstentions.

### **6. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

#### **6.1 Sport & Club Development Council Standing Orders**

Kelvin Prior enquired as to whether the Standing Orders were ready for distribution yet. Michael Smith reported that they were not, and Norman Gowers reported that they have been placed on the agenda for approval at a State Sport & Club Development Council Chair teleconference in late October.

## **6.2 Cardinia Motor Recreation and Education Park Information Night**

Bruce Robertson provided a report on the Cardinia Motor Recreation and Education Park Information night, held at the MG Car Club Rooms on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2009. Michael Smith reported that the State Government had asked CAMS for its recommendation as to the sport's priorities concerning new motor sport venues, however this has not been reached yet.

## **7. MOTIONS ON NOTICE**

Nil.

## **8. REPORTS**

### **8.1 Stewards Panel – Erik Rubens**

Erik Rubens reported that Victorian panel stewards had attended 10 events in the last 2 months. Mr Rubens praised the panel for its meeting attendance record, with an average attendance at panel meetings at 80%. He also reported that the Stewards Panel had expressed concerns regarding a lack of communication from within the CAMS administration, and that they will be requesting a constructive meeting with CAMS management to address this. The Panel also expressed concerns over availability of officials due to the rescheduling of the V8 Supercar Race at Phillip Island which clashes with two other major motor sport events in Victoria.

### **8.2 Superkarts – Graeme Williams**

Graeme Williams was an apology for this meeting, and David Bellenger informed the council that there was no report.

### **8.3 Speed Events Panel – Jim Reark**

Jim Reark reported that there had been no meeting held this month. Mr Reark also reported that the chairman of the State Officiating Panel, Tony van den Dungen, to attend the next Speed Events Panel Meeting to discuss issues raised by the panel regarding officials and licensing for club events.

### **8.4 Hillclimb Panel – Norman Gowers**

Report attached. Norman Gowers reported that the Victorian Hillclimb Championship is now complete, with the Presentation Night to be held on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October. This year's rule that competitors could drop a round from the championship had adversely affected numbers for the final round. This has led to a review of the regulations for the 2010 Championship, whereby competitors will be able to drop any round they enter, so as to encourage participation at the final rounds. The Ararat Car Club is holding a hillclimb at One Tree Hill at the end of November.

**8.5 Motorkhana Panel – Brian Shanahan**

No report.

**8.6 Motor Race Panel – John Latham / AMRC – Bruce Robertson**

No report from the Motor Race Panel. Bruce Robertson gave a verbal report on the Australian Motor Racing Commission including that circuits are currently in discussions with competitor groups for state series' in 2010, and that the Commission is working on the calendar for 2010. The Commission's dynamics are working well and it is well-focused on its policies. Individuals are all working hard on their respective portfolios.

**8.7 State Officiating Panel / Australian Officials Commission – Tony van den Dungen**

In Tony van den Dungen's absence, Kevin Redman gave a report from the State Officiating Panel and the Australian Officials Commission. Both reports are attached.

**8.8 Rally Panel / Australian Rally Commission – Darryn Snooks**

Darryn Snooks reported that rallying in Victoria is going well. Mr Snooks was the only nominee for chairman of the Rally Panel for 2010, and as such has been elected chair again. The Rally Panel have been and continue to work to gain a round of the Australian Rally Championship back in Victoria for 2010. ARCom is working well and the presence of state representatives on the commission makes it relevant and functional, allowing consultation with the states.

**8.9 Off Road Panel / Australian Off Road Commission – Marilyn Emmins**

No report.

**8.10 Scrutiny Panel – Tony Rodgers**

No report.

**8.11 Senior Manager, Sport & Club Development – Michael Smith**

Michael Smith reported that CAMS had made several funding applications to the FIA as part of the McLaren Fine Fund, in the areas of enhancing driver development programs, officials training and facilities master planning. The result of the applications will be announced in December.

An informal Victorian State Awards evening is currently being planned and is proposed to be held at the Lindsay Fox Car Collection in February.

Michael Smith also reminded the Council that nominations for State and National Official of the Year need to be submitted as soon as possible.

#### **8.12 Board of CAMS – Angus Black**

Angus Black reported that the Board was currently dealing with a lot of “housekeeping” issues. Commission chairs have been re-appointed with all remaining the same except for the Australian Officials Commission, to which Phillip Livingstone has been appointed Chairman.

Delegations have been renewed to ANDRA, NASR and the AKA. Mr Black also reported on the new system for Event Assessments whereby a “Team Assessment” can take place. This allows an Event Assessor who may not have the appropriate qualification for a particular role to work with an “expert” in that field, and jointly assess an official on that basis.

A discussion was then held regarding the policy of the Board to not release minutes of its meetings, and rather provide a statement on resolutions. The following motion was moved:

“That the Victorian Sport & Club Development Council requests formal advice from CAMS’ legal advisors on what process is available by which the Sport & Club Development Council can refer to the Australian Sports Commission its concerns about particular actions by the Board including (but not limited to) the intention to suppress publication of records of Board meetings.”

*Moved* Les Noonan / Peter Kerr.

*Carried.*

*Votes:* 16 for, 1 against, 2 abstentions.

#### **8.13 Australian Sport & Club Development Commission – Ian McKenzie**

No report.

#### **8.14 Chairman’s Report / Marque Touring & Enthusiasts Commission Report – David Bellenger**

David Bellenger provided written reports which are attached to these minutes.

### **9. GENERAL BUSINESS**

#### **9.1 CAMS Summit Report – Michael Smith**

Michael Smith provided a verbal report on the CAMS Summit, held at Torquay in September. David Bellenger reiterated that it was a positive weekend and should happen again. One criticism is that the papers for the event were supplied on arrival, which did not allow adequate reading time. Bruce Robertson reported that he felt it was inappropriate that facilities and category managers were not represented at the Summit.

#### **9.2 Constitutional Motions Update – Michael Smith / Norman Gowers**

Norman Gowers reported that the Board had informed the Sport & Club Development Council Chairmen that the motions were no longer an item for discussion. Peter Bready stated that he felt that there may have been a misunderstanding regarding one clause in the motions that may have lead to the Board's decision. Bruce Robertson commended the Executive for their efforts in this matter and thanked them on behalf of his club.

### **9.3 CAMS ClubNats (Echuca) – Michael Smith**

Michael Smith presented a proposal for a new event to be held in Echuca in October 2010. The event will be in the style of a motor sport festival. A full presentation on the event accompanies these minutes.

### **9.4 Announcement of Victorian Commissioners – Michael Smith**

Michael Smith announced the following commission appointments from Victoria, as approved by the Victorian Sport & Club Development Council Executive:

- Australian Rally Commission – Darryn Snooks
- Australian Sport & Club Development Commission – Ian Mackenzie
- Marque Touring& Enthusiast Commission – David Bellenger
- Historic Commission – Bill Cutler
- Australian off Road Commission – Marilyn Emmins
- Australian Officials Commission – Tony van den Dungen
- Australian Motor Race Commission – Bruce Robertson

### **9.5 CAMS “Garage Sale” Event Proposal – Norman Gowers**

Norman Gowers reported on an event proposal brought to the Executive by a CAMS staff member. The planning for such an event has now been postponed to a later date.

### **9.6 Peter Bready**

Peter Bready reported on a number of issues that he felt were affecting the prosperity of CAMS as an organisation. Issues included a perceived lack of service delivery from CAMS management and other issues relating to the CAMS Board.

### **9.7 Bruce Robertson**

Bruce Robertson moved the following motion:

“That the Victorian Sport & Club Development Council calls for a total spill of the entire CAMS Board due to their collective inability to adequately engage their clientele, failure to adequately manage the brief of the sport, or to understand the industry in such a way as to advance motor sport.”

**Moved** Bruce Robertson / Graeme Steinfort  
*Carried.*

*Votes:* 11 for, 6 against, 2 abstentions.

There was discussion that there may be a need to call an extraordinary meeting of the Council before the end of the year to address this issue.

**Meeting closed 11:25pm.**

## ATTACHMENTS

### Reports

#### 8.4 HILLCLIMB PANEL REPORT

**Victorian Hillclimb Advisory Panel  
Report to State Council  
20/10/09**

1- The panel last met on Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009

2- The panel notes that no further progress has been achieved on the adoption of uniform class structures for Hillclimbs across the Nation as no further Hillclimb Teleconferences have been scheduled since the departure Steven Daws from CAMS.

3- The Championship has been completed for the season and the Outright Champion is Brett Hayward. The panel will be conducting a presentation night at the rooms of MGCC on Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup> October. Bob Watson has been secured as a guest speaker.

4- The Australian Hillclimb Championship is to be conducted at Bryant Park at the end of the Month. Preparations are well under way with GCC continuing improvements to Bryant Park. The bank at the bottom corner has been moved back 5 metres and next weekend, turn 9 is to be modified to allow runoff and repairs to the crossover will be carried out. Barriers are to be procured from the GP Corporation.

It's of note that the CAMS website carried no information about this CAMS National Championship until the Panel Chairman politely pointed out this unfortunate oversight to the administration. Michael Smith sorted this problem out and the Chairman apologized to GCC for the oversight.

**5- Dates for the VHC 2010.** Most waiting on other National events however the MGCC Round will be on 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> of February and BLCC on 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> of March.

**6- Standing Regulations 2010:** To encourage competitors to enter all rounds and in particular the last round, it was decided to change the wording of the Standing Regulations paragraph 4.5. to read- Where the Championship consists of more than 5 rounds, the best score of N minus 1 (Where N = the number of Championship rounds entered) rounds will be taken into account to determine the various awards.

The round to be dropped from the calculation will be the competitors worst round entered.

**Next Meeting:** December 10th, 2009.

Norman Gowers

Chairman

VHCAP

## **8.7 STATE OFFICIATING PANEL AND AUSTRALIAN OFFICIALS COMMISSION**

### **AOC Report September 09**

AOC report. Meeting 11 September. Torquay

3<sup>rd</sup> Party assessment. EA's will be able to draw upon the discipline expertise of event officials to make assessments of officials

U18 to Bronze. The Vic SOP endorsed the eligibility of under 18 officials to apply for Bronze accreditation

Shorts in Pit lane. Unanimous vote from Vic SOP for officials to have long trousers in pit lane. NSW claim equal opportunity ruling. TvD conducted survey amongst Pit lane personnel at Phillip Island V8 meeting. The result was the same as the Vic SOP outcome

The Licensing & Accreditation booklet to be simplified and stream lined as a result of the workshop's feedback conducted by Tarryn Newman and Julia Farrell. The groupings of all categories of officials has been able to be represented in only 5-6 fields with the Judiciary likely to be separated from the event management category.

The CAMS Summit was conducted on 12/13 September. Information to follow

An item of interest to the SOP was the IT component of the official's identification card, a subject long debated and requested by this group and interstate colleagues.

Tony van den Dungen

### **Victorian SOP Report**

Meeting 17/09/09

- The chairman opened with the request that anyone unable to attend the meeting to notify him by email to prevent the situation last month when no quorum was achieved.
- All current CAMS courses are being re written to align competencies and learning outcomes to current Australian Sports Commission materials by Julia Farrell. All event assessment will be rewritten to accurately reflect these same competencies
- The 2010 Training calendar is to be drafted at the next SOP meeting
- TR Reported that the new flag point 9 at PI was totally ineffective, due to a lack of visibility.
- In addition, TR strongly condemned the attitude of the Noise meter scrutineers at the same point 9 and LS has been asked to convey this to the scrutineers panel at their next meeting
- An item of interest to the SOP from the CAMS Summit was the IT component of the official's identification card, a subject long debated and requested by this group and interstate colleagues.
- TvD finally was able to deliver the Club Chief module at Austin 7 Club in Cheltenham. Peter Sortwell was able to assist in the specific aspects relating to his discipline
- TvD and KR to deliver a Silver module course in Bendigo 11 October attend with ME providing Off Road expertise
- Brian Williams presented his L3 short presentation as part of his, and most of the SOP's L3 training course

## **8.14 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT / MTEC REPORT**

### **Chairman's Report to Victorian Sport & Club Development Council 20<sup>th</sup> October 2009**

This meeting is the fourth for 2009 and brings us to election time again. 2009 has been an interesting year with the sport seeing many changes and the administration plans for this to continue. We have seen the implementation of the new web site; a web site which nine months on is still not operating correctly and is certainly not user friendly. We have been assured that the problems with the web site will be fixed but at this stage to no avail.

We have seen many changes in staff through the National office and changes in job roles for those still here. One of the largest losses during the year would be the resignation of Steven Daws. Steven was very good for our sport whilst working at CAMS, mainly because he was a grass roots competitor and understood what went into making the sport happen.

Norman Gowers & I have met with the CEO several times during 2009 and have endeavoured to take the sports needs to the management. At our last meeting Graham promised an increase in service levels to Sport and Club Development Councils and it is hoped that his promise can be delivered.

The constitutional changes initiated by Angus Black at the end of his term have taken a considerable amount of time and unfortunately have not been accepted by the board. The Board in their wisdom do not believe that these changes are required and that the constitution keeps State Councils as an active part of the system. This view and the rejection of these motions were not well received by several other states and drew some discussion at the recent CAMS Summit. After discussions on the Saturday evening of the Summit the Board agreed to be more transparent and keep the Sport & Club Development Councils abreast of what is going on. We shall wait and see.

I must at this time thank Michael Smith and his staff Lauren Croft and Robert Dunt for all they have done this year. It cannot be easy trying to work to the expectations of a SCDC chairman and also do all the other things that go with their daily work.

I must also thank the members of the Executive for their input and commitment this year and especially my Deputy Norman Gowers for his efforts and support during the year.

There are a couple of exciting things on the horizon as we will hear from Michael Smith this evening and we look forward to the growth of our sport in 2010 and we are still progressing with projects as listed below.

1. The draft agreement between CAMS and State Race Inc. for the conduct of the State Circuit Racing Championships is still a work in progress. Michael Smith is to get a legal opinion of what would be acceptable and proper in this type of agreement before sending it back to Geoff Bull.
2. Michael Smith and I with the help of the SCDO are still reviewing the possibility of reviving a State Awards Dinner of some kind.
3. The summit of Commissioners and all Sport & Club Development Chairmen was held in Victoria on the 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> September 2009. This was a very worthwhile weekend but did highlight that there are many changes to take place over the coming months.

In closing I thank you all for your support through 2009 and look forward to working more closely with you all in 2010

*David Bellenger*

Chairman

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**Marque Touring & Enthusiasts Commission Report  
to  
Victorian Sport & Club Development Council 20<sup>th</sup> October 2009**

The Marque Touring & Enthusiasts Commission met at the CAMS Summit on 11<sup>th</sup> September to formulate a way forward. The aim of this commission is to attract Touring and Marque groups to join CAMS for permit and Insurance purposes.

Michael Smith is in the process of trying to develop any changes to the CAMS ways of operating to enable these groups to be part of the organisation.

CAMS still has an ambition to be seen as the peak body for motoring issues in Australia.

There has been no date set for the next meeting.

*David Bellenger*

Victorian Commissioner

Marque Touring & Enthusiasts Commission.

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