

Competitors Conference

25th March 2016

At Buckthought Engineering, Inglewood



Meeting Opened at 3.30pm

Present: Archie Griffin, Ayden Mcleavey, Brent Samson, Brian Howat, Brittany Hobart, Bruce Gilmore, Bruce McGregor, Chace Rodda, Chris Tomalin, Cohin Thomason, Dan Cowper, Daniel Howat, Darrell Osborne, Dean Jones, Dwayne Mead, Elle Newman, Gary West, Glenn D'ath, Grant Harrison, Hendrik Hofstee, Ian Templeton, Jayden Mason, Jenni Templeton, John Cowper, Kaye Hobart, Kevin Hermansen, Kevin Morley, Kirk Grant, Leighton Swan, Linda Griffin, Malcolm Mcleavey, Mark Pincock, Martin Walton, Mitch Seymour, Neil Moratti, Neville Mather, Paul Barnes, Paul Chapman, Peter Murphy, Phil Cameron, Phil Conwell, Phil Hobart, Philip Walton, Rachel Buckthought, Rachel Farmer, Ray Hill, Ray Rasing, Renee Harrison, Rowan Huckstep, Russell Luders, Ryan Fitness, Scott Biggs, Sean Fitchett, Shane Hazelden, Simon Bishop, Steven Thomason, Tim Singleton, Trevor Swan, Warren Jeffery, Warwick Farmer, Wayne Buckthought, William Sturme, Rachel Lobb, Stacey McGregor, Lorraine Cooper and Ron Sturme

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Matters Arising – Chase raised an issue re: comment that Hawkes Bay will never run another rally in the future. He advised that they would be happy to run a rally in the future.

REPORTS

NCO

Firstly I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the committee for their continued help throughout the year. This being the first time I have held the NCO position, their efforts have been much appreciated. The time and effort put forward by each individual member of the committee in the background is what helps to keep the competition ticking along, and the rally series everyone enjoys would not be possible without them. Competitors and members involved in the series should also be given a mention of thanks, it is the responsibility of all involved with this great sport to keep it at its best. It is important that competitors remember to help support the committee, whose interests are only of the greater good, and benefit of the sport.

Safety this year has been a main focus, largely due to new OSH rulings which has put greater pressures on current standing procedures. Our sport is evolving and it is important that our safety rulings and procedures keep up with this development. Both trucks and drivers have advanced so it is intuitive that so too should safety. This isn't an easy problem to quantify, or solve, thanks to the large amount of variability which is now the norm in our sport. As a committee we have tackled these problems through targeted focus on primary issues and moving on once we feel it has been sufficiently addressed. Safety is something we should be continuously working on, we can always improve in this area. Adding targeted focus at each round on aspects such as crowd control, fuel lines, under-seat protection, and perhaps roofing has allowed good progress but as mentioned we will have to persistently build on procedures; our aim is to stay ahead of an impending problem. It's important to not wait for the worst to happen before we react. As a committee we rely on constructive input from competitors, so any pressing safety concerns should be brought forward as soon as possible.

I would like to comment on our numbers which is an issue that has been a hot topic amongst a few competitors. As a sport we need to promote growth without the expense of competition. The difference in ability of trucks between various classes is growing, this puts particular pressure on course designers and may be a source of dwindling numbers. Various remits put forward could help to remedy this problem. It is obvious that we need new competitors and members as they will become the future of the sport. Perhaps looking towards reinforcing club level competition may be a good way to bring in some new blood.

In my opinion this rally season is going quite well. It's great to see a bit of healthy competition at the top of the table, I'm writing this before the final round so it will be exciting to see who comes out with the title. A pressing matter for our sport is the struggle host clubs are having with holding events. The difficulty involved of obtaining the appropriate land, labour, and sourcing finances I believe is squashing the enthusiasm of some host clubs. This is a topic that the whole rally fraternity should consider in order for our sport to find a solution. The series obviously cannot happen without clubs hosting events, perhaps a solution that can be thought out over a couple cold ones.

Overall I'd like to thank everyone involved for what has been a great year, especially landowners and the volunteers, we are lucky to have an array of supporters who donate to our sport, sometimes on several occasions, and also the clubs and competitors who have put relentless hours into holding these rounds. Thank you. Ron Sturme

Stewards

Scrutineers – this year we tried a few different ways to scrutineer. Also focused on a few safety concerns including seat positions, floor pans, fire safety and seat belts.

Secretary – busy year this year in a shorten season. New Health & Safety documents developed prior to season starting drove some big changes this year. New website was setup allowing us to update our own webpage. Good feedback from Host Clubs around use of SWAN for managing entries and hazard draw. Good to see a number of new competitors this season.

Remits

1. Extend season beyond Easter	55 for	PASS
2. National placings	65 for	PASS
3. Zone placings	64 for	PASS
4. Best five performances	65 for	PASS
5. Best three performances	64 for	PASS
6. Vehicle numbers	7 for	FAIL
7. Extend #1 plates	52 against	FAIL
8. Same vehicle	67 for	PASS
9. Hazard Draw	60 against	FAIL
10. 30 min rule	13 against	PASS
11. Competition licenses	64 for	PASS
12. Clothing	37 against	FAIL
13. Number of sections	64 for	PASS
14. Changing points	64 for	PASS
15. SWAN entry confirmation	67 for	PASS
16. Corners turning circle 10m	5 for	FAIL
17. Corners turning circle 5m radius	5 for	FAIL
18. Design Safety Team – expand scope	63 for	PASS
19. Changes to A & B – Indep brakes	30 for	FAIL
20. Changes to A & B – modify guards	13 against	PASS
21. Changes to E & F – modify guards	7 against	PASS
22. Ultra-Modified Single Seater	46 against	FAIL (and associated remits)
23. Prodn Side by Side Buggy	45 against	FAIL (and associated remits)
27. Super Limited Modified Class J	8 against	PASS
28. Super Limited Modified Class K	6 against	PASS

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Matters Arising: none

Ratification of Remits voted on from Competitors Conference

Moved that all the remits that passed and failed at the Competitors Conference be ratified.

Moved Rachel Lobb, seconded Ron Sturme. All in favour, none against, carried.

Election of Officers

Stewards: Bruce (Rocket) McGregor and Brent (Probie) Samson restanding moved by Mark (SKID) Pincock, 2nd by Elle Newman

Scrutineers:

- Northern – Glenn D’Ath moved by Bruce (Rocket) McGregor, 2nd Ray Hill; Scott Biggs moved by Shane Hazelden 2nd by Warren Jefferies. Glenn elected by majority vote.
- Central - Wayne Buckthought moved by Ray Hill, 2nd by Warren Jefferies

Big thanks for Shane and Brian’s efforts last few years.

Treasurer: Stacey McGregor restanding moved by Elle Newman, 2nd by Bruce (Rocket) McGregor

National Scorer: Lorraine standing down; some discussion about options to job share but need some ultimately responsible. Linda Tomalin and Deb Sturme offered to assist Jenny who is not able to attend all trials. Based on this Jenny Samson moved by Brent (Probie) Samson, 2nd by Jenni Templeton.

Secretary: Rachel Lobb restanding moved by Brent (Probie) Samson, 2nd by Archie Griffin

National Competitions Officer: Ron Sturme restanding. Moved by Neil Moratti, 2nd by Rachel Lobb

Design Safety Team: Scott Biggs, Mitch Seymour, Phil Conwell, Brian Howat, Chris Tomalin
Moved by Ron Sturme, 2nd by Rachel Lobb

Treasurers Report:

\$4k short this year vs. \$10k loss last year when we had significant costs of license printer and laptop for Treasurer. Need to increase levies etc. to over costs.

Ratification of Reports

Moved that all the reports from the committee be accepted. Moved Elle Newman, seconded Archie Griffin. All in favour, none against, carried.

Reimbursements and Honorariums –	<i>stay as per last year</i>
NCO, Secretary, Treasurer	\$900
Scorer, Stewards	\$400 per trial
Scrutineers	\$125 per trial

Moved by Kevin Hermansen, 2nd by Chace Rodda. All in favour, none against, carried.

Licence Fees - To be reviewed due to falling numbers and increasing costs for Host Clubs and ENCC

Drivers	last year \$110 move to \$130
Navigators	last year \$ 60 move to \$ 80
Emergency	last year \$ 30 move stay the same

Change moved by Kevin Hermansen, 2nd by Phil (Fireman) Conwell. All in favour, none against, carried.

Competition Levies - To be increased from \$15 to \$20 Moved by Ron Sturme, 2nd by Phil (Fireman) Conwell

Maximum Entry Fees - To be reviewed: 2015/16 Entry Fee was \$75 and Late Entry Fee \$150

- 1) Motion to increase to \$100 Russell Luders, 2nd by Neil Moratti - 15 people for
- 2) Motion to increase to \$120 Bruce (Rocket) McGregor, 2nd by Linda Griffin - 26 people for
- 3) Motion to increase to \$150 Ron Sturme, 2nd by Ray Hill - 24 people for

Maximum Entry Fees now \$120 and \$240 for late entry. Host Clubs to be advised can charge less

Proposed 2016/17 Trial dates:

Oct/Nov – Northern Zone rally TBC
Dec 3-4th BOP
Jan 21-22 Northland
Feb 18-19 Valley
Mar 11-12 Taranaki
April 15-16th April Manawatu FINAL

General Business

- Archie Griffin – wants to come back as a commentator. There will be a \$300 charge incl microphone for prizegiving. 2 free meal tickets. Advise host clubs.
- Darryl Osborne– asked about entering all events in SWAN in advance and pay. Linda Tomalin raised issue with clubs running just one bank account; no reference received. Don't know amount for each event and can't order meal tickets etc.

Thanks for Howie and Shane and Lorraine for efforts this year.

Meeting closed 5.40pm