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1993 AUSTRALIAN RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP
HEALESVILLE STAGES

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Minutes of Healesville Stages Executive Committee meeting held 20 January 1993 at the Cuthbert residence.

Present: Keith Morling, David McKenzie, Stuart Lister, Gary Hodgskiss

Absent: Glenn Cuthbert

Meeting opened: 8:25 pm

1. **Absence of Clerk of Course.** It was decided, by a vote of 4 to nil, that the proceeds of the C of C's sojourn to Halls Gap be paid directly into the Healesville Stages bank account.

2. **Route.** The Course Checker (Trevor Boyd) has requested that we provide a copy of the Governor-in-Council order relating to the event. Stuart needs to speak to Neville Wilmott about the by-pass for the public when the Highway in Healesville is closed. Yarra Glen is definitely a goer, and the Shire will build a short section of road parallel to the railway line. The Bulleen stage is a problem. Doncaster & Templestowe Council have said that if the stage is timed, it is deemed to be a competition, and we will need a planning permit. There is not enough time to get planning approval even if there were no objections. Apparently the council requires a letter signed by a QC stating that the stage will not be timed. It looks like we will have to make it a demonstration stage. The route instructions are 95% complete. By a vote of 4 zip, there will not be any red overprinting on the maps in the route instructions on the grounds that they take too long to make and too long to insert manually. There will be two books: one for Saturday and one Sunday. The course check will be the Australia Day long weekend. David proposed a scheme for the spur stage to run 40 cars then have an hour's break before running the rest of the field. We would need police approval to extend the closure time of the Spur from 20 to 40 minutes. Keith to follow up.

3. **Late running time.** The late running time has become very complicated. If a competitor exceeds 30 minutes late time on a stage, or 40 minutes on a leg, or 60 minutes for the event, then they are immediately excluded. When the exclusion is applied, the competitor may not continue because their CAMS insurance no longer applies. The competitors will have to be notified of this situation in the Further Instructions. Question: Because the 40 and 60 minute limits have to be calculated by the scorers at Rally HQ, does the exclusion - and hence loss of insurance cover - apply from the point at which the late time is exceeded, or from the point at which the scorers realise that the late time has been exceeded and get a message back out to the field?

4. **Stage Commanders Manual.** The stage commander will be permitted to return to the start against rally traffic after completing the course check providing he will arrive before the first zero leaves and providing a message is sent via radio.

5. **Supp Regs.** Have been printed and mailed out.

6. **CAMS.** Nothing yet on the $110 per car charge.

7. **Subaru.** Glenn thinks that Subaru will loan us some cars. They have said that they will give us 1000 posters which we will then have to overprint.

8. **Karts.** We have found 1000 haybales at the Potato Farm, but we need another 1000. We need to set a time limit for the finding of the haybales and the labour to arrange them. If we exceed the time limit the whole idea will have to be scratched. The time limit will probably be one month before the event.

9. **Officials.** There will be phone around session next Monday & Tuesday. The Telecom office we had lined up is now not a goer. We will probably use Keith's office.

10. **Officials Briefing.** The start time for the A to A timing session on 8 February will be 7:30 pm. The practice rally session on 14 February will commence at 1:00 pm with a briefing at the Melbourne Country Club (same place as the session on 8 February.

11. **Media.** Keith to chase up Suzi Wiseman about lack of media coverage.

12. **Scoring.** Rod Marks Computers needs a list of hardware at least one week prior to our needing them. Rally headquarters is now going to be the Shire Office due the Conservation and Natural Resources closing down before the event. We now have two software guys to help Roger Baker with the packet radio side. The practice rally on 14 February will be used as a full scale try-out for the scoring system.

13. **Advertising.** Australian Posters have said we can have an illuminated billboard for a couple of weeks prior to the event for $240. We would have to organise the making of the sign. It will be a good opportunity to show off our sponsors.

14. **Marysville.** The tourist association don't like the accommodation hotline priority having Marysville 3rd after Healesville and Lilydale. They want to be No. 2. The problem with this is people getting back to Marysville while the Spur stage is still running, but we need to do it because Marysville is working hard for us. Keith to speak to Peter Cormack.

15. **Marshall's vests.** We have had a quote of $250 to have the material cut out. Too much. We need about 1500 metres of bias binding. Gary to speak to a contact at Birch Haberdashery. David to find out which colours are for which official.

16. **Identification.** We need to make badges for anyone connected with the rally, which will be at least 1000 badges. We need to be more professional than last year's photocopies. Keith to investigate All Type Signs & Badges.

17. **Start ramp.** Has been started. BHP have not yet come up with anything, but we will probably get something.

18. **Equipment.** We will have an enormous amount of gear. We have to get it to the area, store it, and distribute it to the stages. Each stage commander will need to have a trailer or a utility to carry everything.

19. **Catering.** It has been decided that the CFA will do the catering for all the spectator points. They will also collect the entry money. We are selling catering rights for $200 per day.

20. **Finance.** We need to know where we stand. We have been spending money with nothing coming in, so we must be in the red. David and Glenn to liaise.

Meeting closed 12 midnight

Next meeting Wednesday 3 February 1993 at Cuthbert's (weekly meetings from then on)