



## MINUTES OF THE PANEL OF THE STEWARDS MEETING

2100 HRS, FRIDAY, 17 MARCH, 1995.

### Part 1

Present Stewards: Mr. Garth Wigston (Chairman)  
Mr. Kevin Francis  
Mr. Stuart Lister  
Mr. Graham Hoinville

In Attendance: Mr. Mark Nelson (Observer)  
Mr. Glenn Cuthbert (Clerk of Course)  
Mr. Trevor Fry (CAMS Rally Manager)  
Mr. Iain Stewart (Checker)  
Mr. Ken Ash (Deputy Clerk of Course)  
Ms. Debi Gunn (Media Officer)  
Mr. Peter Finger (Minute Secretary)

Apologies: Mr. Jim Scott (Competitor Relations Officer)  
Mr. Clyde Carstairs (Series Scrutineer)

#### 1. Welcome and Introduction.

The Chairman opened the meeting and introduced the Stewards of the Meeting and others present.

#### 2. Approval of "Program of Stewards Meetings".

The Chairman outlined the Program of Stewards meetings noting times. The Program of Stewards Meetings was approved.

#### 3. Presentation of the event by the Clerk of Course.

Mr. Cuthbert presented an outline of the event noting the suitability of the Novotel Bayside as Rally Headquarters. Communications, Results and Media centres, Secretariat etc. are all located in the hotel. This is the third year the event has been a round of the Australian Rally Championship, and although there is no major sponsor, several companies assist by providing equipment which enables the event to happen.

The Rally has 53 entries, 29 interstate, 1 Australian crew residing in Malaysia and 1 Japanese driver residing in Australia. It is being conducted according to the 1995 Australian Championship Regulations and for the first time with Safety Notes.

Competitors were able to undertake reconnaissance of stages three times. Scrutineering is taking place at the Motor Show with the use of hoists. Media day took place at Domaine Chandon - attended by press and T.V. representatives.

Mr. Cuthbert stressed the importance of safety on the event and gave details of plan put in place, including the use of a helicopter, ambulances on all stages and two doctors "roving" the area.

Mr. Cuthbert closed his presentation by stating the aim of the Rally of Melbourne is to maintain it's position as a major motorsport event.

The Chairman noted that the report was comprehensive.

**4. Comments on regulations and or amendments to regulations.**

Bulletin Numbers 1, 2 and 3 which had been distributed were approved.

**5. a. Report of the Competitor Relations Officer.**

Report adjourned until 0800 hrs, Saturday, 18 March.

**b. Approval of Competitor Relations Officer Schedule.**

The meeting acknowledged and approved the Competitor Relations Officer's Schedule.

**6. a. Report from the Clerk of Course on documentation verification.**

Mr. Cuthbert reported that Documentation Verification commenced on Wednesday, 15 March with some 25% of entrants attending. The balance attended on Thursday, 16 March and Documentation concluded at 2200 hrs. All went well.

After a question from Mr. Lister, Mr. Cuthbert confirmed that R. Palmer is competing under an Australian Licence.

**b. Pre Event Scrutineering to be presented by Chief Scrutineer (Mr. Bob Buck).**

Report adjourned until 0800 hrs, Saturday, 18 March.

**7. Report of the Media Manager (Ms. Debi Gunn).**

Ms. Gunn reported a total of 35 accreditations, press releases sent inter and intra state including one this pm to T.V. and radio. A "0055" info line is in use for dissemination of progressive results.

Ms. Gunn tabled a summary of media activities.

**8. Other Items.**

- .1 Mr. Lister noted <sup>TWELVE.</sup> ~~eleven~~ withdrawals.
- .2 Mr. Fry passed on best wishes of the CAMS C.E.O. for a successful event.

Meeting adjourned at 2133 hrs - re-commence 0800 hrs, Saturday, 18 March, 1995.

**Part 2**

The Chairman opened the continuation of the meeting at 0800 hrs.

Mr. Cuthbert reported that four cars were presented for scrutineering after their scheduled time, namely, cars 2, 10, 24 and 30. He recommended that no penalty be applied to cars 10, 24 and 30. However, Mr. Cuthbert suggested that in accordance with Appendix C, Summary of Penalties, a monetary penalty be applied.

Discussion on presentation times of cars 10, 24 and 30 followed during which Mr. Cuthbert detailed the reasons for lateness.

Mr. Hoinville moved that the recommendation from the Clerk of Course be accepted. Seconded by Mr. Francis.

In respect of car 2, the Chairman invited comment from the Clerk of Course who recommended the Stewards impose some form of monetary penalty. Following discussion, the Chairman recommended a fine of \$500.00 be imposed for late arrival at Scrutineering. After consultation, the Stewards confirmed the amount as being reasonable in the circumstances and that the fine be imposed.

**6. b.** Mr. Cuthbert called on the Chief Scrutineer, Mr. Bob Buck, who presented his report noting that the lateness experienced at scrutineering was due to non or incorrect sealing of turbochargers by competitors. Scrutineers were able to satisfactorily seal turbochargers on site.

It was also noted that competitors presented vehicles with cold turbochargers as per the requirements of the Supplementary Regulations.

The Chairman noted the report on the late presentation of four vehicles - three accepted as force majeure, one will be allowed to start, but under penalty.

5. b. The Chairman called on the Competitor Relations Officer who reported that there were no un-resolved queries save for re-seeding.

9. Time and venue of next meeting.

Time and venue for the next Stewards meeting was confirmed as being in the Stewards Meeting Room (Board Room No. 4) at midnight, Saturday, 18 March, 1995.

10. Approval and confirmation of the official starting list.

Mr. Cuthbert recommended two changes to the start list and presented two lists, one without change and one with two changes, in anticipation.

Submissions had been received from cars 22, 36 and 40. It was recommended there be no change to car 22's start position, but that the driver of car 36 who was seeded 15 in February 1994, start behind car 25 and that car 40 start between cars 31 and 32. The recommendations were made in the interests of safety.

The recommendation was accepted and the meeting approved the amended start list as at 0840 hrs.

Meeting closed at 0840 hrs.

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CAMS Approved

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Chief Steward

Time: 00:10 hrs Date: 19<sup>th</sup> March, 1995.