

## HQRAQ Minutes of meeting 11-04-17

Present: Brian Goldfinch, Rod Boyle, Noel Cunnington, Troy stark, Kyle Lovering, Scott Christie, and Colin Selby-Adams.

Apologies: Les Nolte, Tim Boyle, Derick Rysley, Bruce French, Ben Simpson,

Meeting opened 7.38 PM Rod Boyle taking minutes.

Constitution requires the numbers for an official meeting to be committee numbers times two, plus one. As one of those present was not a paid-up member, a quorum was not possible and an unofficial meeting progressed.

Rod suggested a rethink on some of our club communication, stating that it was only luck that allowed some members to find out about meeting cancellations. Texting members was suggested to rectify this issue. Les to action.

Brian proposed an additional meeting to be held on the 27/04/17 and he will arrange Les to book.

Incoming correspondence: Rod clarified the e-mail sent to the committee outlining the criteria for the "Hard Charger", "Driver of the meeting" and "Most improved Presentation" awards. Suggest these be added to the appendix of the minutes for reference.

Rod also spoke at length about the arrangements, e-mailed to the committee, outlining the Christmas function. This conversation progressed into an array of ideas and proposals for this function with the following suggestions:

Christmas function to be held at 2pm on Saturday the 09/12/17 at "Woodlands of Marburg" and does not coincide with the QRDA on the 16/12/17. (Booked)

Event name: The "Harvey's Towing HQ Racing Championship Presentation Awards Dinner"

ALL members are expected to attend this special event. A lot of effort and expense has been proposed to make this a family friendly, very special award presentation. We expect 70 plus attendees on the day. An array of children's activities are planned. Accommodation is available on sight with special prices to encourage full attendance. The club will pay for children 12 and under, subsidized dinner (\$25 paid by HQRAQ) pre-dinner finger food, hire of facilities (video screen, data projector and P.A. system) function room is free. Children under 4 are free. Peter Trapnell, Joe Andriske and his wife will be paid for by the club. Members will need to pay by 30/07/17 as subsidies will not occur after the start of August due to planning commitments.

Rod will format a participation acceptance form and attach to these minutes for members to fill in and return to the secretary.

Rod spoke about the HQRAQ purchasing a set of 4 quality walkie-talkies for communication at the track between DSO, President, Tech officer and club. Prices were submitted and will be voted on at the next meeting.

General Business Rod expressed his disagreement in the suggestion by other states at the national meeting that electronic ignition would not be performance enhancing. He suggested that there was NO problem with wear and tear of the current points system and that the club should express this at a National level. Changing to optional electronic systems would require every driver in Australia to comply to maintain competitiveness.

Noel Cunnington has suggested an "A" and "B" category be considered for the 2018 season. Discussions at future meetings will decide viability.

Noel also suggested that CAMs be more actively involved in drug testing due to the increase in our society of illicit drugs especially ICE. Brian to make inquiries through CAMs.

A discussion on the July 1 Hour race evolved.

It was suggested and supported that a timed pit stop be used to control safety, encourage HANs device sharing and even the race outcome. 3 minutes was suggested. Timed by competitors teams.

Brian will speak to Nick Rangely as the Geminis are in question for this event.

It was suggested by Brian to encourage interstate drivers to be used as the only co-drivers but this was not supported by all, however some interstate drivers could keep car numbers up.

A duel driver race only was suggested.

A suggested format to encourage good racing, less spread in the field and incentives to mid field drivers was to divide the field after qualifying to use an "B" half to start followed 1 minute after by the "A" drivers.

Participants will receive laminated 1 Hour Race Participation Certificate, designed and produced by Noel.

The Knock Sensor Testing was discussed and it was hoped that results would be forthcoming.

Ben and Brad to follow up.

Noel questioned the existence of an "Asset register". After a short discussion it was suggested that Les act on this.

Rod revised the discussion from years ago that a record of all club rule changes and decisions be formatted in a book attached to the appendix of our constitution. It was agreed upon in the past but never acted on. Les to action this.

Collin suggested the club make a 100mm car height checker to roll under vehicles as a regular check. Shane to action.

**Race Reports** Brian reported that he was DSO at Lakeside and that multiple great comments were offered by officials, Phil Brock and himself on driving etiquette. Race formation laps, starts, driving, self-control and Best Category were all mentioned.

Brian commented that multiple checks on cars were conducted by Shane and himself all resulting in no discrepancies. Some driving standards were reported, video checked and no action required.

Rod suggested a letter be sent from the club suggesting that due to a high amount of damage to cars, windscreens, headlights, radiators etc, the stones be removed from all off-track corners where cars drag them and throw them onto the track and endanger spectators, specifically on the RH side after carousel. Brian to action.

Rod spoke about the lack of "White Line" rule enforcement at Lakeside. Brian stated that it was outside of our control.

It was mentioned by Kyle that a number of vehicles at Lakeside did not have functioning brake lights. A reminder by Brian that these points should be raised on the day. Shane to check.

Another "Fun Day" was suggested. Brian to investigate.

Brian stated that Bruce French will present the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> trophies at the meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> of April.

Meeting ended 9.25 PM.

## *Award Selection Criteria*

### **Hard Charger Award:**

Purpose: to encourage position improvement with no contact throughout the meeting. Also can reward drivers with qualifying problems to not cause contact whilst rectifying their final position.

Using the qualifying grid positions compared to the finishing positions of the next race to see the overall car position improvement at the finish of the first race.

This method is used for progressive races using the previous race as the base line.

All improvements in position between each race are totaled to provide the HARD CHARGER AWARD.

The vehicle must show little or no apparent damage to the front of the car as determined by the respective judges.

If 2 or more drivers have equal tallies, then the driver finishing in the highest position receives the award. The Hard Charger may also be rewarded with a top six finish.

### **Driver of the Meeting:**

Purpose: to encourage improvement and consistency without contact.

The first 3 final position awards are provided by the promoter.

The next 3 finishing position awards are provided by the club.

The 7<sup>th</sup> place at the end of the weekend with little or no apparent front end damage to their car, as determined by the respective judges, wins the Driver of the Meeting.

If the driver of the meeting, is also determined as being the HARD CHARGER, then the Hard Charger Award will be moved down to the next progressive position.

### **Most Improved Presentation Award.**

Purpose: to encourage drivers to present high quality cars at race meetings

As determined by the judges, vehicles displaying excellent exterior, interior, engine bay etc. for the entire meeting. This includes cleaning between races

Cars can only receive one award per calendar year

Rod Boyle/Peter Marshal