

## SUMMARY OF ARCOM MEETING WEDNESDAY 3rd MARCH 2021

### Commission Composition:

Jon Thomson	NSW	JT	2021 – 2023 Chair		Toni Feaver	WA	TF	2021 - 2023
Molly Taylor	NSW	MT	2021 - 2023		Hamish Marquis	TAS	HM	2021 - 2023
Neil Bates	TAS	NB	2021 - 2023					

### Board Member Portfolio Holder:

Terry Atkinson	TA
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### Motorsport Australia Administration:

Scott McGrath	SMc	Division Manager – Technical
David Stuart	DS	Division Manager – Safety and Race Operations
Trent Price	TP	Sporting Commissions & Championship Manager / Commission Executive Officer
Adrian Coppin	AC	Motorsport Events Manager

## MATTERS ARISING AT MEETING

### Australia Rally Championship Report

Motorsport Australia Administration reported that the ARC strong competitor registration and commercial support with new events wanting to be included in future years.

Administration also provided further information on Motorsport Australia's involvement in the Rally Star program which has been publicised on the Motorsport Australia website.

### Min 0601: Revised Strategic Plan

ARCOM presented a paper proposing a revised ARCOM Strategic Plan – which is designed to overhaul the previous strategic plan which suffered from a lack of proper metrics and deliverables.

More detail on the plan will be fleshed out at the next ARCOM meeting, however primary goals centre around increasing rally competition participation, constructing a framework to have an Australian participant in the WRC, limit the increase in the cost of rallying and to secure access and ensure areas where rallying can be staged.

### MIN 0602: Electric Vehicles eligibility

A paper proposed a change to the Tarmac Rally Technical Regulations – Modern, to incorporate Electric Vehicles.

Motorsport Australia Technical are currently finalizing an Electric Vehicle Appendix and Standing Regulations as an information guide for Event Organisers and Officials. This includes response guides and safety plans required to deal with electric vehicles. It was recommended that the EV Working Group provide input before any decision is made to approve the eligibility of EV's in Tarmac Rally Technical Regulations.

#### **MIN 0604: CANCELLATION OF STAGE SECTION**

A Decision Paper was presented by Motorsport Australia Administration for ARCOM to approve a revision to the NRSR (Formerly National Rally Code Article 5.4).

The suggested change reflects the change to the 2021 National Competition Rules where change to National Competition Rules regarding Organisers ability to retain a portion of the entry Fee. This matter is a result of a change to the NCR, as follows, whereby the 2021 NCR does not detail the conditions in which a Rally event organiser can retain a portion of the entry fee:

**The suggested change to the NRSR EG was as follows:**

##### **5.4 CANCELLATION, ABANDONMENT, TERMINATION OF, OR ALTERATION TO, AN EVENT**

**(a) The Organisers reserve the right to abandon an Event if, in their opinion, the number of entries is insufficient, or if conditions constitute Force Majeure, refer NCR. In the case of any Event having been cancelled due to force majeure Motorsport Australia may, upon application by the Organiser, permit such Organiser to retain up to 25 per cent of the entry fees.**

After discussion it was motioned by HM and seconded by NB that the proposed changes be ratified – approval was unanimous.

#### **MIN 0605: JUDGES OF FACT MATRIX INCLUDED IN NATIONAL RALLY STANDING REGULATIONS**

A Decision Paper was presented by Motorsport Australia Administration for ARCOM to approve a revision to the NRSR (Formerly National Rally Code Article 5.4).

While the National Rally Standing Regulations include a provision declaring all control officials to be Judges of Fact there are several other officials whose observations may need to be relied on for decision making during an event. The introduction of various electronic systems to aid in the monitoring and control of a rally provides additional sources of data which can be used to assist in the determination of results and resolution of certain types of disputes.

After discussion the proposed changes were approved to be published in the National Rally Standing Regulations – Events General.

#### **MIN 0606: CHANGES TO VEHICLE ELIGIBILITY & CLASS EQUIVALENCY**

A Decision Paper was presented by Motorsport Australia Administration for ARCOM to approve revisions to the 2021 National Rally Standing Regulations EG as follows:

- the Eligible Vehicles at the various levels - levels now deleted as all are eligible at the discretion of the Organisers and where applicable decision of the State Panels.
- Class equivalency - dealing with new FIA classes and the outright Motorsport Australia decision for AP4, G4 and FIA R5/Rally 2 etc
- 2WD Supercharger restrictor

Given that categories are determined at National level (through ARCOM) and then State Panels determine from there what classes they can run, creating an outright only class (including all other 4WD cars so AP4, G4 and R5) is a clean solution for States that wish to include R5 cars.

The changes were approved to be published in the National Rally Standing Regulations – Events General.

## **14. NEXT MEETING**

Teleconferences commence at 5:30pm Melbourne time. Next meeting to be advised.