

WACC COMPETITORS FORUM

Thursday, 9th November 2023 – 6.30pm

Via ZOOM

MINUTES

Attendees: J Charlesson, D Humphreys, D Smith, S Beckwith, M Gigney, T Feaver, A Jordan D Nicoli, S Bennett, S Hughes-D'Aeth, S Wade

Apologies:

1. Meeting Open – 18.36

2. Welcome

WACC only, so will only be discussing WACC events. Toni is on the list of attendees so he may take feedback back to the rally panel for further discussion. Keep to 1 hour. Respectful & constructive. Mute unless you are talking.

3. Minutes from Previous Meeting - Accepted

4. Experts Cup

- **Pre-event (Entry Form, Documentation, Emails etc)**
 - **Well Received**
 - **Suggestion that pre-event documents could be shared between organizers to streamline the process.**
 - **Suggested that a physical inspection of licences should be carried out to ensure current validity. An example of Batemans Bay rally was given. Rally Safe rules in Standing Regulations.**
- **Scrutiny**
 - **Feedback was that scrutiny was run well.**
 - **Suggested by Stephen that Rally Safe operations could be checked at scrutiny. Also suggested this should be done separately to scrutiny.**



- Suggested Rally Safe should also form part of the rally Itinerary to ensure the units are powered unit within a reasonable time of the rally commencing.
- Rally safe issues to be taken offline.
- Issue raised around high pressure washing of Rally Safe Aerials. May cause operational issues.
- **Recce**
 - Reece ran well.
 - Noted public not entering stages.
 - Karri rally 2024 reece maybe open reece. Changes/options to be provided. Suggested Sunday rally, issues revolving around Sunday finish.
 - Open reece may affect new competitors – Consultation Required prior to changes being implemented.
 - Concern around people not doing the right thing in open reece.
 - RallySafe Lite will hold data with no phone coverage.
 - Rally may need to be spread over two days.
- **Event – Roadbook, Signage, Stage selection, Schedule etc**
 - Good Event, run well – Toni Feaver
 - As a whole, the event was great, Deirdre Schokker did a fantastic job as Cleck of Course.
 - Roads were good.
 - Some competitors prefer 3 stages rather the 2 stages run three times S. Beckwith. Some roads were lost due to new infrastructure. Suggestion that stages could be connected to provide longer stages and then run in reverse.
- **Service Park**
 - All good /space is adequate– Opportunities for more transporters to be included if required.
- **Post Event Awards / Function**

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- **Sportity**
 - To be used in future WACC rally events.
- **Officials** Any standouts for Official / Young Official of the Year?
 - Nominations have been received; age verifications underway.
 - Panel has called for nominations – Panel to discuss nominations.
- **Suggestions for 2024**
 - Manjimup's Accommodation should improve for next years event.

6. Awards Night

- Tickets still For Sale
- **Official of the Year**
 - Maybe a rookie official of the year should be awarded.
- **Young Official of the Year**
- **Pink Panther Award**
- **Tickets**
- **Officials**
 - Officials that supported 3 of 4 WACC will be provided with a free ticket to the awards night.

7. 2024 Calendar – Still to be confirmed, to be published shortly. RallySafe has been advised of proposed dates. WACC event dates:

- **Winvale** 14th April
- **Forest** 17th – 19th May
- **Karri** 17th August
- **Experts** 30th October

Other Clubs & Tarmac

- Tarmac SW** 23 March
- Grimwade** 6th July
- Tarmac West** 12th – 15th September
- Safari** 28th September

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8. Other Items –

- How could we facilitate 'Open Recce' eg Karri
- Clarification to be given of what side of the road triangles should be placed.
- At What stage should a competitor be taken off Rally Safe if stopped on stage.
- Competitors were looking for dust gaps.
 - A reminder needs to be provided for respect for officials and education provided for the rule.
- Non-Finishers – Question rased around the process to advise competitors service crews about teams location and access of cars stopped on stage.
 - Rely – Sweeper would normally communicate information.
- Start officials should be providing a Competitor Advice to competitors of any cars that have stopped on stage. This used to be the norm. Can not rely just on RallySafe.

9. Next WACC Competitor Forum

TBA – To be held prior to Winvale Rally. Advice to be sent via Sportity in the new year.

10. Meeting Closed – 19.39