

AHTCA COMMITTEE MEETING – 14/11/2022

CONDUCTED

Meeting commenced at 7:42pm and closed at 8:55pm.

ATTENDEES

Mark Blyfield - Historic Touring Car Association of South Australia

Claude Ciccotelli - Historic Racing Car Club of Queensland

Martin Dennis - WA Historic Touring Car Club Inc.

Nic van den Berg - Historic Touring Cars Association of New South Wales

Jervis Ward - Historic Touring Car Association of Victoria

APOLOGIES

Nil.

AGENDA

Matters discussed were as follows and agreement was unanimous unless stated otherwise:

• Opening

The meeting was conducted via Zoom hook-up and was opened by Mr Jervis Ward, who welcomed all members present to the Committee meeting and mentioned his happiness with the operation of AHTCA and the reflection by HPBEC of our current operation.

Eligibility

• Approved Tyre list

- The Committee members agreed that the review of the current tyre list continues and subsequently reports to HPBEC, as many listed tyres are no longer available. AHTCA wants to work towards a more timely and proactive approach to tyre changes, keeping in mind that past approved tyres remain as approved.
- Information provided by Bill McKenna on 25 October 2022 as shown in the Secretary report for 14 November 2022.
- A note is to be completed by the Secretary and then discussed by AHTCA prior to referral to HPBEC.

The following were noted:

- **MA Manual – 2020 Motorsport Manual – Specifications of Automobiles – 5th Category – Historic Cars – Group A, C, N, & U – Touring Cars**
 - Items are still to be published by Motorsport Australia for the 2023 version of the manual.
- **Component Substitution –Chevrolet – Chevy Nova (Nb)– Disc Brakes**
 - The response from AHTCA to the Chair of HPBEC was issued on 2 November 2022 (Attachment C in the Secretary's report for 14 November 2022).
 - The result from HPBEC is now awaited.
- **Minimum weights**
 - The suggested one-page information sheet from AHTCA to the Chair of HPBEC was issued on 2 November 2022 (Attachment B in the Secretary's report for 14 November 2022).
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Secretary/Treasurer report

○ Bank statement

The Committee members noted;

- Current balance of \$1,120.30; and
- financial activity for the period 1 May to 31 October 2022 (Attachment A in the Secretary's report for 14 November 2022).

AHTCA Website

Establishment costs

The Committee noted progress as reported in the Secretary's report, and the issuance of the note to proceed which was issued to iDesign on 28 October 2022 (Attachment E in the Secretary's report for 14 November 2022).

Annual running costs of \$1,440.

- Mr Jervis Ward is to advise the Secretary further on the sponsorship for these costs.

AHTCA Constitution

The Committee noted that before the end of 2022, the AHTCA constitution is to be lodged with amendments covering the following:

- State based representation
- Duality of State based Clubs

With regard to the situation in Queensland, the Committee noted that a note was issued on 14 November 2022 to all QLD Group N competitors. A special meeting will be held based in a week's time (22 November 2022) to discuss the outcome.

Results are to be collected and collated by the Secretary of the AHTCA and advised to the AHTCA Committee.

National Calendar

The HTCA NSW President wrote to Jervis Ward and advised that HTCAV President had promoted a national calendar, but the matter had gone quiet. It was agreed that the AHTCA will take this up and all members agreed to provide dates as soon as they can so that the national calendar can be placed on the new AHTCA website.

The AHTCA will then work on a national marketing and promotion plan for the national calendar.

• General Business

The Committee noted the issuance on 7 November 2022 by AHTCA of a note from Dean Bryant, Eligibility Officer – Group N and S.O.D.P. Technical Delegate Motorsport Australia (Attachment A).

Mark Blyfield suggested that AHTCA undertakes a collection of the number of Group N cars within each State and make a register, so that AHTCA can locate vehicles that are registered as Group N vehicles, but no longer compete. Nic van den Berg is to ask Motorsport Australia to assist in this regard.

The results of this concept could then be publicised on the AHTCA website, linking that to the Kingcott database. Martin Dennis advised that he holds a copy of that database and he will forward it to the Secretary of the AHTCA this purpose. It was agreed that this database will be examined and its contents will be assessed for suitability for the Group N cars databases on the AHTCA website. The Committee also agreed that nothing will be published outside the AHTCA and without permission of AHTCA.

The next meeting of the AHTCA will be a Committee meeting, and will be held on 17 January 2023.

Action Items - outstanding

ACTION	PERSON	DUE DATE		STATUS
Tyre discussion to continue at next meeting	All	19/7/2022 19/11/2022	●	Ongoing Tyre suppliers provided by Ciccotelli, Ward. Ward provided info from two suppliers and is waiting on one other. Secretary to chase other State suppliers. Information obtained from Bill McKenna on 25 October 2022
Respond to HPBEC re AHTCA involvement and assistance requested re minimum weights	Jervis Ward/Nic van den Berg	22 July 2022	●	All members invited to comment on 26/7/2022 and 3/8/2022. Responses collated and report discussed at AHTCA meeting of 23/8/2022. Response issued to HPBEC on 25 August 2022. eDM issued 3/9/2022 Further response sent to HPBEC on 21 September 2022. Awaiting response from HPBEC. Draft one-pager sent to Chair of HPBEC on 3 November 2022.
Finalise AHTCA website funding ❖ Establishment ❖ Annual running costs	All	18 October 2022	●	
Component substitution – Chevrolet – Chevy Nova (Nb)	All	15 Nov 2022	●	Circulated 3 October 2022. Written responses to be lodged before 15/11/22. Response sent to Chair of HPBEC on 2 November 2022.
Develop and issue Electronic Direct Mail newsletter (Ed11): ❖ What and who AHTCA is and does ❖ Tips on new brakes pads/contamination ❖ Battery markings ❖ Tyre buffing ❖ Tyre suppliers ❖ Radios – Course to car ❖ Data loggers ❖ Component substitution ❖ Outcome – Holden – EH Front disc brakes ❖ Under consideration – Chevrolet – Chevy Nova (Nb) – Front Disc Brakes	Jervis Ward/Nic van den Berg	30 October 2022	●	
Encourage Tasmania to join AHTCA	All	On-going	●	Being actioned by HTCAV
AHTCA Constitution	Nic van den Berg	31 December 2022	●	Draft revised Constitution and lodge with Consumer Affairs Vic
QLD representation on AHTCA	Jervis Ward/Nic van den Berg	30 November 2022	●	Issue note to all QLD based Group N competitors and determine which Club is to represent QLD on AHTCA and collate results Note issued on 14 November 2022.

				Special meeting to be held on 22 November 2022 to determine outcome
National Calendar	All	31 December 2022	●	Obtain dates and publish on new AHTCA website

Action Items - Completed

ACTION	PERSON	DUE DATE		STATUS
Advise HEC that Alfa Giulia Super Ti Spec sheet is supported	Nic van den Berg	26/5/2022	●	Completed 25/5/2022. See Attachment B
Write to invitation to Associate Club <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To join General meetings starting 19/7/2022 Invoicing for \$75 	Jervis Ward/Nic van den Berg	3 June 2022	●	Completed 9 June 2022. See topic "Associate club" in this report
Develop and issue Electronic Direct Mail newsletter: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee members Vehicle signage Specification sheet updates MA Manual updates Bonnet catches 	Jervis Ward/Nic van den Berg	3 June 2022	●	Completed 17 June 2022. See Attachment C. See also topic "Electronic Direct Mail" in this report
Issue draft revised Association rules with Committee before lodging with Consumer Affairs Victoria	Jervis Ward/Nic van den Berg	3 June 2022	●	Posted on AHTCA website. To be lodged with Consumer Affairs Victoria. Completed 25/5/2022
Obtain access to AHTCA bank account	Nic van den Berg	Before 19 July 2022	●	Completed 25/5/2022
Develop and issue Electronic Direct Mail newsletter (Ed10): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 123 Distributor Fuel cut-off switches Oil lights Hobbs switch etc Minimum weights Safety Alert 	Jervis Ward/Nic van den Berg	3 August 2022	●	Completed 3/8/2022
Component Substitution – Holden EH – Disc Brakes	All	20-Sept 2022	●	To be finalised at meeting of 20-September 2022 HPBEC responded on 6/10/22

HISTORIC TOURING CARS

ELIGIBILITY UPDATE

**November 7th 2022 – for National
distribution.**

G'day Nic,

The following is from
Dean Bryant
Eligibility Officer – Group N
S.O.D.P. Technical Delegate Motorsport Australia



Rev Limi ters

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Following on from recent race meetings it has come to my attention that the process surrounding our rev limiter rules, are possibly being abused by some competitors and teams.

The rules are in place to produce a fairer field of play for all.

As a Motorsport Australia Eligibility officer and Technical Delegate, I have always held the view that when transgressions are discovered we need to also consider if there has been genuine error, accident or simple mistakes involved prior to exercising our powers regarding infringement notices and their subsequent penalties. The benefit of doubt is always considered.

This open mindedness and fairness of process may have been taken advantage of, and with that in mind I now advise all competitors of the solution – as follows;

Prior to Qualifying and racing, rev limiter chips and units (where required to be fitted) may all be tested by our Eligibility team as per Motorsport Australia regulations (see below).

Where your spec sheet states the requirement for the use of a MSD Soft Touch rev limiter Part No 8728 with a 7500 RPM limit.

- The limiter will be subject to testing at race meetings.
- The limiter will be located in an easily accessible position within the engine bay.

If your spec sheets says a limiter is required, it must strictly comply with the regulation above. If it does not you need to ensure it does prior to inspection at the track – you have been warned.

Any rev limiter chip found to be tampered with in any way during a race event, will incur the issue of an infringement notice.

As per the general regulations the subsequent actions and penalties applied will be decided by the stewards.

'Oh my chip must have fallen out' – it's the competitors responsibility to ensure it doesn't!

'The seal must have just come off' – if you didn't notice that prior to the session and advise us to recheck it then once again it was the competitor's responsibility!

'I didn't know I had to move the limiter' see above! It's your responsibility!

It seems to me that it is possible the rules and boundaries are being tested by some competitors and teams, the current rules in place allow us a mechanism to ensure this cannot be the case in the future and we will now avail ourselves of this mechanism.

Given the fact this information will be distributed to all group N competitors in Australia via the AHTCA and the state clubs, it is clear that our decision to implement this practice without leniency is warranted, sound and just.

The Victorian Eligibility team for group N has agreed to operate this system where possible and we encourage all interstate eligibility teams to consider the same practice. Should an interstate competitor anywhere assume that the excuse for non-compliance is that it is not enforced elsewhere, you may well be very disappointed.

Parc Fermé



At the recent Historic Sandown event Victorian EOs trialed the Parc Ferme' system.

Future events may, where possible, include Parc Ferme' conditions for all competitors at the conclusion of each session.

The details of the Parc Ferme' conditions will be relayed to each competitor via the new tower to car one-way radio system at each session as well as be included in the Supp. Regs for the event.

Each competitor has a responsibility to comply with these conditions or infringement notices and possible subsequent penalties will be applied.

In short, cars will assemble in the stated Parc Ferme' location for a stated time period. Tyre pressures may be checked and engines started for cooling purposes, but that is all!

Any unauthorised interaction with the car by driver or crew prior to release of the cars from Parc Ferme' may result in an infringement notice.

Your AHTCA club delegates are:

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**Cheers,
The AHTCA Team.**

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We are here to help please don't hesitate to call us, share your thoughts and ideas for the category, we would love to hear from you

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Regards,
AHTCA Committee

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