

## AHTCA COMMITTEE MEETING – 17/1/2022

### CONDUCTED

Meeting commenced at 7:38pm (AEST) and closed at 10:13pm (AEST).

### ATTENDEES

Ron Blake- Queensland Historic Touring Car Association

Mark Blyfield - Historic Touring Car Association of South Australia

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 made particular welcome to Mr Ron Blake from QHTCA to his first meeting.

Mr Ron Blake thanked the Chair and advised that in past years, he had been a member of AHTCA as the Queensland representative and that he was pleased to return to the AHTCA.

### **Secretary/Treasurer Report**

The Secretary/Treasurer Report was noted.

The financial reports contained therein for the financial years 2021 and 2022 were noted. They will be examined and their suitability will be determined at the Annual General Meeting on 14 February 2022.

### **Eligibility**

The Committee noted updates provided in the Secretary's Report relating to Specification Sheets and the MA Manual – 2020 Motorsport Manual, including the Equipment Chart for Control tower to car radios.

The Committee noted that the following items have been completed by Motorsport Australia in their update to the 2023 version of the manual:

- Bodywork – inner lip of wheel opening for Group Nb
- Oil accumulator – placement in cabin – protection
- Tobacco signage

The Committee also noted the receipt of a request from Mr David Twigg on 10 January 2023 to circulate the one-page advice about Car weights (see Attachment A).

The Committee agreed to circulate this note.

The Committee agreed that the note will be circulated with a preamble further explaining:

- That the one-pager is from Motorsport Australia; and
- The role of the AHTCA in this process; and
- The next steps – the receipt of the weights list from the Chair of the HPBEC – is now awaited.

### **AHTCA Website**

The Committee noted that:

1. this website can now be placed into production;
2. invoices from the developer iDesign for the establishment costs of \$3,500 have been received as follows;

- a. one invoice for \$2,000 was received by the Secretary of HTCANSW on 9 December 2022 in order to validate the legitimate expenditure of the grant from NSW Sport, and was paid by HTCA NSW on that same date;
  - b. the other invoice for \$1,500 was issued to the Secretary of the AHTCA on 6 January 2022.
3. invoices to AHTCA Clubs issued on 9 December 2022 as follows have all been paid:

HTCAV	\$1,500, paid on 8 December 2022
HTCASA	\$ 50, paid on 14 December 2022
QHTCA	\$ 500, paid on 12 December 2022
WAHTCC	\$ 400, paid on 14 December 2022

The Committee also noted that the HTCAV contribution:

- is a net \$550;
- an initial contribution of \$1,500 which enabled the AHTCA website to go live early and while the other AHTCA Club contributions were being collected.

The Committee agreed that:

1. the invoice from iDesign for \$1,500 now be paid; and
  2. the HTCAV now be refunded \$950;
4. The Committee agreed that the introduction of the new AHTCA website be publicised through the issuance of a special AHTCA electronic Newsletter prior to 1 January 2023 (Edition 12), wording of which is to be developed by the Secretary and approved by the AHTCA Committee;
  5. Annual ongoing costs have been negotiated from \$1,440 net to \$1,200 net for the website maintenance fee;
  6. The attraction of a sponsor for these funds is in the hands of Mr Jervis Ward;
  7. The website will go live once the sponsor has been secured;
  8. The matter of having a Facebook page for AHTCA has not progressed.

## **National Calendar**

All dates have been provided and will be published on the new AHTCA website.

## **Discussion Paper**

Discussion paper 1 – “Administration and Management of the Historic Touring Cars Category – Group N” was circulated on 15 January 2022.

Following discussion, the Committee agreed that:

- AHTCA will proceed with the overall matter of contributing to the improvement of the Administration and Management of the Historic Touring Cars Category;
  - The paper will be enriched by AHTCA member providing further comments on this paper to the Secretary by close of business on 24 January 2022;
  - The paper will be amended accordingly;
  - A cover letter which is to have a positive theme of AHTCA wanting to contribute to improvement by collaborating with Motorsport Australia, and set up a succession plan is then to be drafted and circulated to AHTCA members by 31 January 2022, together with the final draft of the Discussion paper.
- **General Business**










Mr Nic van den Berg advised the AHTCSA that the HSRCA event for 3-5 February 2023 (HSRCA New Year Historics) has been cancelled on 16 January 2023 due to lack of entrants in every category. The Committee noted that traditionally this meeting was held at Wakefield Park, which is currently not open.

The next meeting of the AHTCA will be the Annual General Meeting, and will be held on 14 February 2023.

The Committee agreed that a topic for discussion at the next meeting will be the concept of control tyres. AHTCA members agreed that this has been examined in the past and Mr Jervis Ward advised that he will locate those previous papers and circulated them prior to this meeting.

Following Mr Ron Blake's suggestion, the Committee agreed to commence discussions at the next meeting about an inter-Club "championship", the concept of which could be to promote one race event in each State (Victoria, Queensland, New South Wales) and have participating States supporting those particular events.

## Action Items - outstanding

ACTION	PERSON	DUE DATE		STATUS
Tyre discussion to continue at next meeting	All  Jervis Ward	<del>19/7/2022</del> 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 and discussed by AHTCA on 14 November 2022. Control tyres to be discussed on 14 February 2022. Previous papers to be located and circulated
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. Revised one pager at Attachment E provided by David Twigg on 11 January 2023 and circulated on same date to AHTCA. AHTCA to circulate note by 25 January 2023
Finalise AHTCA website funding ❖ Establishment ❖ Annual running costs	All	18 October 2022	 	
Finalise eDM 12 – to be dedicated to the new AHTCA website	Jervis Ward/Nic van den Ber	1 February 2022		
Encourage Tasmania to join AHTCA	All	On-going		Being actioned by HTCAV
Develop and issue Electronic Direct Mail newsletter (Ed12) dedicated to the new AHTCA website:	Jervis Ward/Nic van den Berg	1 February 2023		
Chase up MA on Control tower to car radios appearing in 5 <sup>th</sup> Category Equipment Chart	Nic van den Berg	1 February 2022		Email to Col Haste on 22 September 2022. Reminder issued to Col Haste on 6 January 2022. Historic Equipment Chart has been amended and is awaiting publication by Motorsport Australia
Finalise Discussion Paper 1	All	1 February 2022		AHTCA members' comments to Secretary by 24 January 2023; Draft cover letter by 31 January 2023.
Commence examination of an interstate competition	All	14 February 2023		

## 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"> <li>● To join General meetings starting 19/7/2022</li> <li>● Invoicing for \$75</li> </ul>	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"> <li>● Committee members</li> <li>● Vehicle signage</li> <li>● Specification sheet updates</li> <li>● MA Manual updates</li> <li>● Bonnet catches</li> </ul>	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"> <li>123 Distributor</li> <li>Fuel cut off switches</li> <li>Oil lights Hobbs switch etc</li> <li>Minimum weights</li> <li>Safety Alert</li> </ul>	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
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. HPBEC responded on 19 November 2022.
AHTCA Constitution	Nic van den Berg	31-December 2022	●	Draft revised Constitution and lodge with Consumer Affairs Vic Lodged 24 November 2022
Develop and issue Electronic Direct Mail newsletter (Ed11): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ What and who AHTCA is and does</li> <li>❖ Tips on new brakes pads/contamination</li> <li>❖ Battery markings</li> <li>❖ Tyre buffing</li> <li>❖ Tyre suppliers</li> <li>❖ Radios – Course to car</li> <li>❖ Data loggers</li> <li>❖ Component substitution</li> <li>❖ Outcome – Holden – EH Front disc brakes</li> <li>❖ Under consideration – Chevrolet – Chevy Nova (Nb) – Front Disc Brakes</li> </ul>	Jervis Ward/Nic van den Berg	30-October 2022	●	Issued 25 November 2022
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 Special meeting held on 1 December 2022 to determine outcome
National Calendar	All	31 December 2022	●	Obtain dates and publish on new AHTCA website
Respond to Battersby email of 18 December 2022	Jervis Ward	18 December 2022	●	Completed — see Attachment D of this report
Chase up MA on MA Manual and Technical Appendices updates	Nic van den Berg	1 February 2022	●	Completed on 17 January 2023. Manual updates done by Motorsport Australia.



## MINIMUM WEIGHTS – GROUP N

### What is this about?

From 2024, the Historic Production Based Eligibility Committee of Motorsport Australia will introduce minimum weights for Group N cars.

### Why is this happening?

Because Group N cars, like other historic categories should:

- have bodywork and body fittings as supplied by the manufacturer;
- contain components that are compliant with the Specification Sheet for that vehicle.
- not have modification that are outside the Group regulations.
- compete in a condition, mechanically and visually, compatible with the period of racing being portrayed;

### What is the weight?

The weight will be a wet weight, as the car comes off the race track, without the driver in the vehicle.

### Where did the weights for each vehicle come from?

The weights were sourced from information collected by Motorsport officials over the past three years, and from vehicle Kerb weight information found in manufacturers' specifications and from the internet.

An allowance of up to 5% has then been discounted from that starting figure.

### When is this happening?

Weights for each vehicle type will be finalised by mid-2023 and the Australian Historic Touring Car Association will publish the proposed weights to Group N Clubs and competitors. Those indicative weights will then appear in all vehicle specifications sheets.

### Who decides?

Motorsport Australia's Historic Motorsport Committee has responsibility for technical and sporting regulations.

The Historic Production Based Eligibility Committee of Motorsport Australia is responsible for rules, policies and procedures to enable the effective ongoing management of historic production-based vehicle eligibility and it reports to Historic Motorsport Committee of Motorsport Australia.

### Was there consultation?

Yes. A number of times, the Australian Historic Touring Car Association, a national advisory body for Group N liaised with Group N competitors and gave feedback to Motorsport Australia's Historic Production Based Eligibility Committee. Resulting feedback from competitors was taken into account.

### How will the rule be applied?

From January 2024, vehicles may be weighed at any selected event at any race track in Australia. The selection and weighing will be conducted by Motorsport Australia officials.

Where a vehicle is found to be under the agreed weight, the competitor will be advised and the underweight finding noted. It will be expected that the vehicle will comply with the agreed weight at the next event in which it competes.

If there is a second occasion, the vehicle will be log booked and the Stewards of the race event will be advised.

### Can you challenge the weight for your vehicle type?

If you have manufacturer information that shows a weight that is different to the weight that has been decided, you can provide that evidence to the Historic Production Based Eligibility Committee of Motorsport Australia and the weight will be reviewed.

David Twigg Chairman HPBEC