

## AHTCA COMMITTEE MEETING – 20/6/2023

### CONDUCTED

Meeting commenced at 7:30pm (AEST) and closed at 21:30pm (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 Committee present to the Annual General meeting.

### Secretary/Treasurer Report

The Secretary/Treasurer Report was noted.

### Eligibility

The Committee noted updates provided in the Secretary's Report relating to Specification Sheets and Reference Sheets, noting that a Specification Sheet for a Chevrolet Belaire has been removed from the list as it did not compete in the period.

### Component Substitution

A Component Substitution application relating to the Datsun 1600 5 speed transmission was provided to the AHTCA on 24 April 2023 by the Chair of the HPBEC, with a request to:

*distribute this Application and attachments to the various Group N clubs and their Committee for their information and comment. Could you please advise the HPBEC of replies and comments in the usual manner. Thank you*

The application was circulated to all AHTCA Committee and to the Eligibility Officer Mr Bruce Whitford on 24 April 2024.

The AHTCA has received all comments and has prepared a response to the Chair of HPBEC and MA indicating unanimous support for the submission. The response is to be issued on 21 June 2023.

### EO Forum

The Committee noted that the next EO forum will be held on 21 June 2023.

#### EO/TD checklist

The Committee noted that a draft EO/TD checklist has been developed by AHTCA with the assistance of Mr Dean Bryant and agreed that this checklist could be made available to all competitors through the AHTCA website so that they can use it as a guide in preparing their vehicle for competition.

The Committee requested that the Secretary ensure that the following items are put on the Agenda for the EO Forum:

#### Bonnet latches

*Finalising the precise wording for bonnet latches, suggested wording as follows – At least two alternate fastening systems such as bonnet pins must be in place. The original system must be disabled by removing the pin and hook from the bonnet latch mechanism. All remaining bonnet latch equipment cannot be removed.*

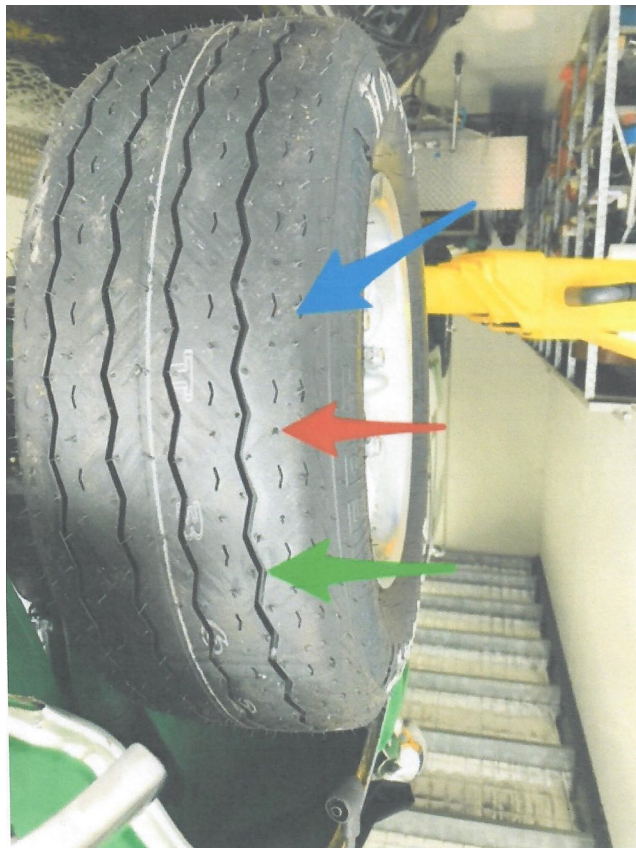
#### Wheels and tyres – protruding from guards

Wheels and tyres complying with the requirement in the 2023 MOTORSPORT AUSTRALIA MANUAL SPECIFICATIONS OF AUTOMOBILES 5th Category – Historic Cars Group A, C, N & U – Touring Cars that *“The upper part of the tyre, down to the wheel rim flange over the wheel hub centre must be within the perimeter of the vehicle when viewed vertically from above.”*

Top of tyre down to flange to be within perimeter of vehicle



In this regard, an explanation of the picture below given out by HPBEC in the past in relation specifically to Mini wheels and tyres should be sought from the HPBEC



### **Wheels and tyres – pumping guards**

The appropriateness of modifying inner guards by way of, for example, “pumping out the inner guards” to enable the fitment of wider tyres, the example given being the use of 8” tyres on a 5½” and/or a 6” wheel on a 1964/1965 Ford Mustang.

## **Minimum Weights**

The Committee noted that the AHTCA's request for an extension to the time limit of 31 May 2023 was granted on 5 May 2023 by the Chair of the HPBEC – AHTCA now has until 30 June 2023.

Mr Ron Blake has held discussions with Mr Bruce Richards of HPBEC and has finalised the recommended methodology using kerb weights to derive minimum racing weights for each Group N vehicle. The Secretary of the AHTCA is to provide the AHTCA's recommendations to Motorsport Australia, the Historic Commission and the HPBEC on 21 June 2023.

## **Control Tyres**

Focus on this matter is to be applied once the weights issue has been completed.

## **Motorsport Australia**

The Committee noted that a letter providing the CEO of Motorsport Australia with a status report of progress on matters brought to his attention in the AHTCA Chair's letter of 23 January 2023 and his response of 6 February 2023 was sent on 19 April 2023.

## **General Business**

### **5 Year plan**






The Committee agreed that in coming months, AHTCA Committee turn our attention to:





- Developing a five-year plan for the AHTCA's activities with and for Historic Touring Cars, that plan including matters such as:
- as vehicles age and original parts become harder to source, proactive attention to developing a list of suitable substitute components through our own research, so as to be ready for a Component Substitution application to the HPBEC;
- as costs for components, vehicle preparation and event entry fees increase, researching and developing alternative solutions to attracting sponsorship for our category, including, but not restricted to markings on motor vehicles.

### **HTCAV Presidency**

The Committee noted advice from Mr Jervis Ward that Mr Chris Stern has advised HTCAV that he will not contest the Presidency of HTCAV beyond the 2023 year. Mr Ward will advise the outcome of elections to be held at the 2023 AGM for HTCAV positions at the next meeting of AHTCA.

## Action Items – outstanding

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Encourage Tasmania to join AHTCA	All	On-going		Being actioned by HTCAV
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List items for EO Forum: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wheels and tyres protruding from guard</li> <li>• Modifying inner guards to fit wider tyres</li> </ul>	Nic van den Berg	22 June 2023		

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## Memberships

Current status is below:

Paid	4
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## Bank Statement

The current bank statement is at Attachment A. The Balance sheet is at Attachment B.

## Electronic Direct Mail

Topics for the next eDM (eDM15) need to be agreed. Suggestions:

- Minimum weights;
- EO Forum;
- New standard EO activities and processes

## Eligibility

### 1. Minimum weights

- The letter at Attachment C was issued on 22 May 2023. This led to a meeting on 1 June 2023 with:
  - Frank Adamson (MA)
  - Colin Haste (Chair, HMC)
  - David Twigg (Chair HPBEC)
  - Jervis Ward (chair, AHTCA)
  - Nic van den Berg (Secretary AHTCA)
- It was agreed that a scenario spreadsheet would be developed and examined by all parties. This was completed on 3 June 2023. The scenario is based in two principles;
  - Manufacturer's Kerb weight; and
  - Percentage discounts based on weights grouped as follows in order to achieve openness, fairness and equity to all car types, based on the fact that components (such as a battery, or seats etc) from a lighter vehicle have a greater significance with power to weight performance than from a heavier vehicle:
    - Under 700Kg = 5% discount off kerb weight
    - 700kg to 899kg = 4.3% off kerb weight
    - 900kg to 1099kg = 3.2% off kerb weight
    - 1100kg to 1299kg = 2.1% off kerb weight
    - 1300kg or more = 1% off kerb weight
- The HPBEC advised on 8 June 2023 that they "support the AHTCA's objectives" and is examining the prospective results with AHTCA representative Ron Blake and Bruce Richards from HPBEC.



## 2. Specification Sheets

- Specification Sheets for Group N vehicle below have been corrected (contained typographical errors) and are still to be posted to the MA website:
  - Ford- Falcon XR – incorrect fuel tank size and incorrect RHS Pro Action head number
  - Ford Falcon – XT - incorrect RHS Pro Action head number
  - Ford Mustang 1964-1965 - incorrect RHS Pro Action head number
  - Ford Mustang 1966 - incorrect RHS Pro Action head number
  - Ford Mustang 1967 - incorrect RHS Pro Action head number
  - Ford Mustang 1968 - incorrect RHS Pro Action head number
  - Falcon Rally Sprint - incorrect RHS Pro Action head number
  - Ford Galaxie R – Nb
  - Ford Mustang – 1968
  - Ford Mustang Boss 302
- Specification Sheets for Group N vehicle below have been created and are to be approved and posted to the MA website:
  - Austin A40 Mk 2 Farina
  - Chev Belaire
  - Chev Impala
  - Chev Corvair Corsair

## 3. Reference Sheets

- Reference Sheet for the following Group N vehicle has been created on the AHTCA website:
  - Austin A40 Mk 2 Farina
- Reference Sheets for the following Group N vehicle are being created on the AHTCA website once the Specification Sheets have been approved:
  - Chev Belaire
  - Chev Impala
  - Chev Corvair Corsair
  - Falcon Rallye Sprint – complete rewrite required

## 4. MA Manual and Technical Appendices

- The following items have been agreed through the EO forum to be actioned for 2024 by Frank Adamson of MA:
  - Look at the sporting regulations to confirm that words to the effect of parc ferme may be included, thereby removing the need to include those words in every Supplementary Regulation for every event.
  - Make the wording about bonnet latches clearer in the 2024 version of the Motorsport Australia manual

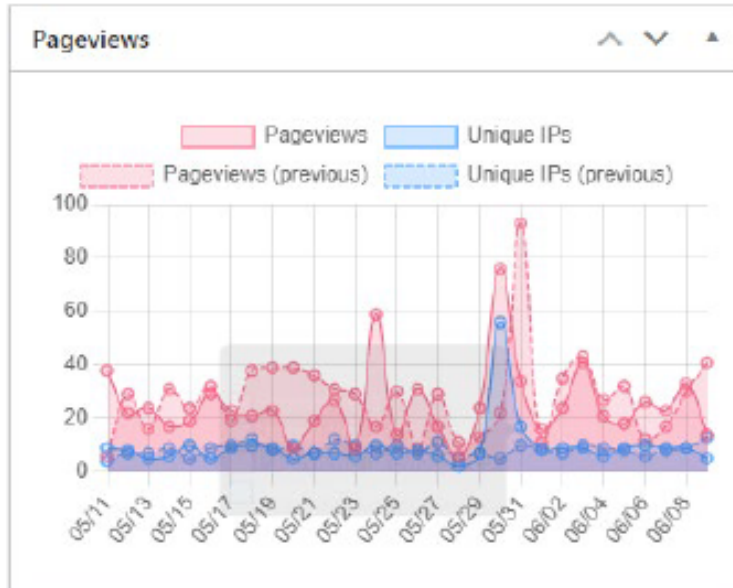


- Make the wording about rev limiters clearer in the 2024 version of the Motorsport Australia manual
- Consider a revision of the wording for the 2024 version of the Motorsport Australia manual in order to make it clearer about the rotor for Group Nb

#### AHTCA Website

Funding possibilities for the AHTCA website:

- Sponsorship of website annual running costs of \$1,200 is still being sought.
- Access to the AHTCA website is shown below:



#### MA Administration

Discussion paper 1 was circulated on 15 January 2022 and led to the letter to the CEO of Motorsport Australia and his response on 6 February 2023.

A reminder was issued to Motorsport Australia on 6 April 2023 about commitments from the CEO of Motorsport Australia on 6 April 2023.

The letter at Attachment D to Eugene Arocca, CEO, MA was issued on 19 April 2023.

No update has been received to date.

#### EO forum

- An EO Forum meeting was held on 17 May 2023.
- The next EO Forum meeting is to occur on a date to be advised by MA.
- Submission about shift lights to be prepared for HPBEC by AHTCA. Criteria for shift light to be discussed and agreed:
  - Ignition activated
  - Singular function
  - Pencil sized
  - Mounted in instrument panel

ATTACHMENT A – BANK STATEMENT

Thu 01 Jun 2023	Debit	Credit	Balance
+ Transfer To Daniel Moody NetBank AHTCA website mtce May	-\$100.00		\$2,430.85
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Thu 18 May 2023			
+ Transfer To Jervis Ward NetBank AHTCA Mailchimp - May 23	-\$29.15		\$2,530.85

ATTACHMENT B – BALANCE SHEET

Balance Sheet for AHTCA													
Balance Sheet	Jan-22	Feb-22	Mar-22	Apr-22	May-22	Jun-22	Jul-22	Aug-22	Sep-22	Oct-22	Nov-22	Dec-22	Jan-22 - Dec-22
<b>Current Assets</b>													
Bank Account	\$ 4,129.20	\$ 1,679.20	\$ 1,679.20	\$ 2,279.20	\$ 2,721.20	\$ 2,530.85	\$ 2,430.85	\$ 2,430.85	\$ 2,430.85	\$ 2,430.85	\$ 2,430.85	\$ 2,430.85	\$ 1,200.00
Donations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grant	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Sponsorships	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Memberships	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Bank refund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Income</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 4,129.20</b>	<b>\$ 1,679.20</b>	<b>\$ 2,279.20</b>	<b>\$ 2,879.20</b>	<b>\$ 2,721.20</b>	<b>\$ 2,530.85</b>	<b>\$ 2,430.85</b>	<b>\$ 2,430.85</b>	<b>\$ 2,430.85</b>	<b>\$ 2,430.85</b>	<b>\$ 2,430.85</b>	<b>\$ 2,430.85</b>	<b>\$ 1,200.00</b>
<b>Current liabilities</b>													
Bank fee	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Accounts payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Trophies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Consumer Affairs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 61.20	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 61.20
Web - Development	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00
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ATTACHMENT C – LETTER TO MA RE MINIMUM WEIGHTS

## HISTORIC TOURING CARS

By email

22 May 2023

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### HISTORIC TOURING CARS – MINIMUM RACING WEIGHTS

The Australia Historic Touring Cars Association is the representative advisory body for all competitors in Historic Touring cars.

The AHTCA fully supports the introduction of minimum racing weights, an initiative of the HPBEC, from 1 January 2024.

The AHTCA has offered to participate with the HPBEC in this initiative. This has been accepted by HPBEC but only to disseminate information about minimum weights. The AHTCA has issued newsletters about the matter. Those newsletters have explained the HPBEC method of determining minimum racing weights, which is *"published curb weight with a possible discount of up to 5% "*.

HPBEC has not been fulsome in explaining their method and the AHTCA has identified flaws with that HPBEC method:

- What is the source of the "published weight";
- When does a "possible discount" apply;
- What is the "possible discount" applied for each car and why

The HPBEC will not permit the AHTCA being involved in establishing or agreeing the method of determining minimum racing weights.

The HPBEC has simply mandated their method and expects it to be followed, even without full detail about that method. HPBEC contends that consultation has occurred. The AHTCA disagrees. The AHTCA does so because a large number of Group N competitors have contacted the AHTCA and have advised the AHTCA that:

- All of them want to contribute to the METHOD; and
- They want to be assured that the process is open and consistent; and
- They want their contribution to be heard, valued and taken into consideration; and
- This approach is already causing conflict as certain cars appear favoured over others.

AHTCA is aware that HPEC is using data collected over some years about the weights of cars. This information has not been shared with the AHTCA. AHTCA does not agree that this data should be used in determining minimum racing weights because if underweight cars are included in the HPBEC formula, the result is skewed – AHTCA contended that this method recognises and accepts non-compliance that has already occurred.

The AHTCA has pointed out major flaws with the HPBEC method. The HPBEC has rejected or ignored these flaws.

The AHTCA has suggested an alternative method, which is fair and consistent. That method is:

- The base weight will be the manufacturer's kerb weight because Historic Touring Cars is a production-based class;
  - The manufacturer's kerb weight:
    - Is the real minimum weight of the empty car (without persons or luggage aboard) fully equipped and ready for delivery to a purchaser;
    - Includes:
      - the weight of a spare-wheel equipped with a tyre similar to those mounted on at least 2 of the 4 wheels;
      - the normally supplied repair kit (jack, tool-kit);
      - All liquid tanks (of lubrication, cooling system, braking, heating system, if need be), except for the fuel tank, being full;
    - Does not include accessories normally mounted on the least expensive model of the series concerned being removed.
- The formula for minimum racing weight will be the manufacturer's kerb weight less 1%;
- That manufacturer's kerb weight will be sourced from, and in the following order;
  - Manufacturer's manuals
  - Workshop manuals
  - FIA Historical database data
  - Credible sites on the internet
- The source of the base weight will be published for every vehicle.

The AHTCA believes that a transparent process will be a significant ingredient to success.

The AHTCA sees two options at this time. We will either let the current HPBEC process run its course or we will conduct a survey of all Group N competitors telling them the two possible methods and asking them to vote on the preferred method:

- The HPBEC method; OR
- The AHTCA method

It should also be noted that the data about weights given in all Group N specification sheets under the heading "Dry Weight" is erroneous and inconsistent, has been so for many years, and cannot be relied upon.

The AHTCA does not see that the HPBEC method will succeed. We believe that it will create significant issues after the date of implementation and cause much conflict amongst competitors.

We seek your agreement to the AHTCA having full and open involvement with the HPBEC in the establishment of minimum racing weights. In the event that this is not achieved, the AHTCA will conduct the survey to provide further confirmation to you that Historic Touring cars members want to be involved in the process, and want to have ownership of the result, and before the date of implementation.

Whilst the AHTCA fully supports minimum weights we believe a fully transparent, equal and logical method of calculating such is the only way our competitors will be satisfied with the concept.



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