

AHTCA COMMITTEE MEETING – 14/2/2024

CONDUCTED

Meeting followed the Annual General Meeting and closed at 21:43pm (AEST).

ATTENDEES

Josh Axford – Historic Touring Car Association of South Australia

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 Committee meeting.

Change of AHTCA Representative -South Australia

The Committee noted that Mark Blyfield will cease to be the AHTCA representative for South Australia and will be replaced by Josh Axford.

The Committee thanked Mark Blyfield for his significant contribution during his time on the AHTCA and welcomed Josh Ashford.

Secretary/Treasurer Report

The Secretary/Treasurer Report provided to the AGM was noted.

Eligibility

The Committee noted updates provided in the Secretary's Report relating to Specification Sheets and Reference Sheets.

Minimum Weights

The Committee noted that on 5 February 2024, the AHTCA updated the weights list, specifically in relation to all model Volvos and the Datsun 1600.

Use of FIA data

In relation to the use of weights from FIA papers, the Committee also noted the, the rule on page 11 of the [2024 MOTORSPORT AUSTRALIA MANUAL - SPECIFICATIONS OF AUTOMOBILES - 5th Category – Historic Cars - Group A, C, N & U – Touring Cars](#)

The Historic Production Based Eligibility Committee, HPBEC, at its sole discretion, shall determine the contents of the vehicle Specification Sheets, which will be based on data sourced from:

The relevant FIA homologation and Motorsport Australia vehicle recognition documents (for over 3 litre cars, up to page 12), factory (not dealer) fitted parts lists and factory workshop and parts manuals.

The Committee agreed that:

1. The HPBEC determined that the weights rule was to be introduced;
2. The HPBEC's attempts at determining the weights for each vehicle was put aside, and the AHTCA got approval from the HMC to employ a fair and consistent method, regardless of car type;
3. The AHTCA method was to use the lightest kerb weight we could find from the most credible source – FIA is a credible source;
4. In looking at the FIA papers, when AHTCA did notice when something unusual is in the sheet (such as Lexan), we did not use the FIA document in those cases.

Volvos

The Committee noted that:

1. HPBEC and AHTCA had a model wrong to start with (142, NOT 144);

2. The Volvo 122, the Volvo 142 and the Volvo 164 are under 3 litres, so the reference above (*for over 3 litre cars, up to page 12*) does not apply;
3. The page the weight is on is page 5 of each FIA paper for the Volvos;
4. Using the FIA reference, two Volvo kerb weights went lighter:
 1. 122 – from 1090 kgs to 1013 kgs (by 77 kilos);
 2. 142 – from 1090 to 1073 (by 17 kilos)
5. Using the FIA reference, one Volvo kerb weight went heavier:
 1. 164- 1365 to 1370 (by 25 kilos)

All these numbers were checked by a Volvo expert (from WA).

Datsun 1600

The Committee noted that the Datsun 1600, the weight previously stated was 940 kgs (kerb weight). This was an automatic gearbox vehicle. The best kerb weight that is now being used is 875 Kgs, which comes from the [FIA paper 5265](#) (page 2). This paper is for FIA Group 1 - the equivalent of Group Nb.

Chevrolet Camaros

The Committee discussed the report developed in response to a challenge put by a competitor about the weight set for Chevrolet Camaros (350).

The Committee agreed that the report was accurate and that the comprehensive review of matters raised by the competitor had been addressed in that report and that:

- the redacted report be issued to that competitor, accompanied by a letter signed by all AHTCA members advising of:
 - actions taken by the AHTCA for every matter raised by the competitor; and
 - following this review, confirmation that the weight set by the AHTCA is to remain unchanged; and
 - the view that the AHTCA now considers this matter to be finalised;
 - reiterating that if the competitor can provide further information about the weight of the vehicle type from a credible source, the AHTCA will examine that information.

Control Tyres

Focus on this matter is to be applied once the weights issue has been completed. Mr Martin Dennis has provided a contact for Nankang.

Group N Technical Panel

The Committee noted the response of 25 January 2024 from Motorsport Australia to the AHTCA proposal to move AHTCA from an Advisory body to a Consulting body by establishing a Group N Technical Panel (see Attachment A).

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.









Action Items - outstanding



ACTION	PERSON	DUE DATE		STATUS
AHTCA funding	All	Ongoing	●	Sponsor for website being pursued. Fees for 2024 agreed on 14/2/24 – will cover running costs
Lodge annual return with Consumer Affairs Vic	Jervis Ward	30 March 2024	●	
Issue 2024 invoices for AHTCA membership fees	Nic van den Berg	30 March 2024	●	
Weights <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Camaro weights 	Nic van den Berg	22 February 2024	●	Investigation completed and agreed 14/2/24.
Management of Group N	All	30 September 2023 30 March 2024	●	Submission sent to CEO MA on 31 August 2023 (see Secretary report for meeting of 19 September 2023) Respond to MA re establishment of Technical Panel
EO forum	Jervis Ward/Nic van den Berg	1 March 2023 30 March 2024	●	To be replaced with Technical panel – see management of Group N
Tyre discussion – develop one-page survey for Committee about concept of control tyres	Nic van den Berg	1 March 2023 30 March 2024	●	Draft completed 16 February 2023. Topic included in eDM 13 about new website. Concept to be further discussed by AHTCA. Letter from Hoosier of 14/2/24 to be further clarified with Hoosier.
Develop topics for eDM 20	All	30 March 2024	●	Suggestions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constitution changes • Technical Panel • Office bearers for 2024
AHTCA Constitution	Nic van den Berg	30 March 2024	●	Draft revised Constitution and lodge with Consumer Affairs Vic Draft completed and agreed on 14/2/24. To be circulated to all clubs and placed in Newsletter 20.
Prepare submission about shift lights	Nic van den Berg	30 June 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"> ● 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
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"> ❖ 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	●	Issued 25 November 2022

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Tyre discussion to continue at next meeting	All	19/7/2022 19/11/2022 Ongoing	●	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.
Finalise eDM 12 – to be dedicated to the new AHTCA website	Jervis Ward/Nic van den Ber	1 February 2022	●	eDM (Ed12) issued on 2 February 2023. Dedicated to weights.
Chase up MA on Control tower to car radios appearing in 5 th 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 updated on 2 February 2023
Chase up MA on MA Manual and Technical Appendices updates	Nic van den Berg	1 February 2022	●	All updates completed on 3 February 2023
Finalise Discussion Paper 1 – MA administration	All	1 February 2022	●	Letter sent to CEO MA on 25 January 2023. Interim response received on 30 January 2023 Full response received on 6 February 2023.
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. eDM (Ed12) issued on 2 February 2023
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

ACTION	PERSON	DUE DATE		STATUS
Finalise AHTCA website funding ❖— Establishment ❖— Annual running costs	All	18 October 2022 Ongoing	 	Finalise possible sponsor 15 February 2023. Alternative plan is to seek \$600 per annum funding each from HTCAV and HTCANSW to launch website ASAP. Website went live on 3 March 2023. HTCA NSW has paid the \$600 for 2023. HTCAV has paid \$600 for 2023 on 6 April 2023. Website updated and Repco removed Sponsor still being pursued. Fees for 2024 agreed on 14/2/24 – will cover running costs
Respond to Battersby email of 18 December 2022	Jervis Ward	18 December 2022		Completed – see Attachment D of 17 January 2023 report
Develop and issue Electronic Direct Mail newsletter (Ed13) dedicated to the new AHTCA website	Jervis Ward/Nic van den Berg	1 February 2023 1 March 2023		Flier developed and issued on 3 March 2023. Handed out at Philip Island on 12-13 March 2023. eDM drafted on 14 March 2023
Lodge annual return to Consumer Affairs (Vic)	Jervis Ward	1 March 2023		Lodged on 9 May 2023
Component substitution – Datsun 1600	All	31 May 2023		Chair of HPBEC circulated application on 24 April 2023. Circulated to AHTCA reps on 24 April 2023. Responses to be collated and discussed by AHTCA. Response to be sent to Chair, HPBEC HPBEC decision received 20 July 2023 – application rejected
Develop topics for eDM 15	All	31 April 2023		Issued 15 June 2023: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●— New website ●— Minimum weights
Prepare and issue note to Chair HPBEC re processes and procedures for Minimum weights	Nic van den Berg	30 September 2023		Email issued on 21 September 2023.
Write to Chair HPBEC re provision of indicative weights	Jervis Ward/Nic van den Berg	1 March 2023		Draft completed 16 February 2023. Awaiting response Commitment from HPBEC Chair to complete by June 2023 HPBEC delivered list on 17 April 2023. Note issued to all via Newsletter (eDM14) on 19 April 2023 Extension to AHTCA to deliver final list on 30 June 2023 agreed by Chair HPBEC on 5 May 2023 Meeting held with MA and Committees on 1 June 2023. Scenario spreadsheet

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				developed and being discussed Final list to be issued by end August 2023 Final list published to website end August 2023 and 7 September 2023
Encourage Tasmania to join AHTCA	All	On-going		Being actioned by HTCAV
Write to CEO Motorsport Aus re assistance AHTCA can provide to EO forum	Jervis Ward/Nic van den Berg	1 March 2023 30 March 2024		Draft completed 16 February 2023. Letter sent 16 February 2023. Papers developed and sent to Frank Adamson 13 March 2023. Now await his approval and setting of the date of the meeting. EO Forum conducted on 12 April 2023. Next EO forum meeting is 18 May 2023. Reminder list sent to MA on 6 April 2023. Status report sent to Arocca on 19 April 2023 Next forum meeting is 23 August 2023 Next forum meeting is 11 October 2023

AHCTA Group N Working Group



1. Purpose

The Historic Motorsport Committee Group N Working Group (GNWG) is established from suitably accredited Motorsport Australia officials interested in Group N Historic Touring Car racing and Australian Historic Touring Car Association (AHTCA) activities and is to advise the Historic Motorsport Committee (HMC) on:

- the development and review of Technical Regulations;
- Review of Group N Specification Sheets; and
- Collation, review and research relating to component substitutions for Motorsport Australia Historic Group N Competition.

2. Scope

The GNWG will undertake to:

- (a) review Group N Technical Regulations in conjunction with AHTCA and Motorsport Australia;
- (b) review Group N Specification Sheets in conjunction with AHTCA and Motorsport Australia;
- (c) review and provide recommendations to the HMC and Motorsport Australia for the approval of proposals/applications regarding technical matters related to the construction and compliance of Group N Vehicles for Historic Motorsport;
- (d) In conjunction with AHTCA, review, research and provide recommendations to the HMC and Motorsport Australia on component substitution applications including verification of the eligibility and suitability of the application.

3. Authority

At the commencement of every year, the AHTCA will be required to confirm to Motorsport Australia, that the Constitution of the AHTCA will contain the following principles:

“That the AHTCA will

- Maintain the basic principles and spirit of Historic Touring Cars as stated in the Motorsport Australia Manual:
“that automobiles in the various groups compete in a condition, mechanically and visually, compatible with the period of racing being portrayed”;
- Work with Motorsport Australia and GNWG in the determination of technical and component substitution matters as follows:
 - By establishing a GNWG, the membership of which is to include:
 - one technical delegate per State, that delegate to be elected for a two-year term, which shall rotate between states (NSW, WA, SA elected in odd years and VIC, QLD TAS elected in even years);



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- one Historic Touring Car member from the Historic Production Based Eligibility Committee (HPBEC);
- the MA Motorsport Technical Executive - Historics;
- By conducting meetings of the GNWG at least quarterly, but more frequently as determined by a majority vote of the GNWG members;
- The Chair of the GNWG will be the MA Motorsport Technical Executive – Historics, or a person who is voted by a majority vote of the GNWG members and that nominee is approved by MA;
- Where any matter discussed by the GNWG, it will be determined by a majority vote of all log booked Group N car owners;
- MA and the HMC will have final arbitration on any decision reached by the GNWG.
- Help officials such as Technical Delegates, Eligibility Officers and Scrutineers to know the current specifications and to apply those rules uniformly across all Group N race events, regardless of their location. In doing so, AHTCA and GNWG contributes to the success of race events and the well-being of competitors by having eligibility matters discussed and resolved in forums away from actual race events.”

The GNWG, through the appointed Chair, will have the authority on behalf of the HMC and Motorsport Australia to:

- (a) obtain information, as necessary, from sources specific to the subject matter;
- (b) engage persons/entities on a voluntary basis as Subject Matter Experts (SME) as required and specific to the subject matter.

Any other actions or engagements must be undertaken with the direct approval of the HMC, Motorsport Australia and the AHTCA.

4. Membership

The GNWG will consist of the following:

- (a) Chair: Executive Officer (EO): Frank Adamson
- (b) Secretariat: Nic van den Berg (as approved by the AHTCA and the HMC);
- (c) Delegates: One member of the Historic Production Based Eligibility Committee (HPBEC);
No more than six technical delegates, comprising one technical delegate from each State (as arranged by the AHTCA in an open voting method, and that each technical delegate is to be elected for a two-year term, which shall rotate between states (NSW, WA, SA elected in odd years and VIC, QLD TAS elected in even years), representatives appointed and approved by AHTCA requiring the following:
 - The necessary technical skills and knowledge across the various Group N Categories;



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- Specific expertise in particular Makes/Models of Vehicles as required

5. Meeting arrangements

The Chairman will be responsible for calling the meetings

A quorum for each meeting is required.

The quorum will be achieved if at least four technical delegates are present.

Secretariat services are to be provided by the AHTCA, who will be responsible for:

- Arranging the meetings;
- The preparation and distribution of the minutes within 7 calendar days of each meeting;
- Reporting to MA and the HMC at least quarterly.
- Other interested MA officials may attend meetings as observers.

Proponents of any technical and/or component substitution matter shall be allowed to present their matters to a GNWG meeting but shall leave the meeting before voting takes place.

6. Voting

Each member (apart from the AHTCA Secretariat, who has no vote) has one vote.

Voting will be by a show of hands.

Proxy votes can be given in writing to the AHTCA Secretariat.

Decisions will be determined in the first instance, by a majority vote, including any proxy vote.

Where there is a tie in voting, the Chair will have the casting vote.

Where deemed necessary, and where agreed by the GNWG, a poll may be conducted on any matter. The poll audience will be AHTCA members who are current owners of approved (Log Booked) vehicles

7. Conflict of Interest

A GNWG member shall declare his/her interest in any matter in which a conflict of interest arises or may arise. S/he may, unless otherwise determined by the Committee, include her/himself in discussions of such matters but shall not be entitled to vote in respect of such matters.

8. Meeting occurrences

Meetings will be held at least three monthly, or more frequently as determined by the Chair.

9. Reporting

The GNWG will be required to report to the HMC.



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The GNWG Secretary will be responsible for the distribution of all reporting to the HMC.

10. Resources and budget

The GNWG will have access to teleconference and video conference facilities through Motorsport Australia. These will be managed by the EO.

11. Review

This document is to be reviewed following the first full meeting of the GNWG to ensure that the objectives are both understood and achievable.

Subsequent review will be undertaken on a 6 monthly basis following the initial objectives review.



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