

Notes (Minutes) of Informal AHMF meeting at Bendigo Swap

Saturday 16th November 2013

The public at the Bendigo Swap had no issues they wished to discuss / raise with the committee of AHMF so the opportunity was taken to hold an informal meeting of the present AHMF delegates.

The meeting opened at 4:15pm

This was a very productive meeting. As it was not a formal meeting there were no formal motions, simply fruitful discussions.

The meeting went extremely well. I thank you all for your time, input and dedication. We are all on the same page and want to achieve something for Australia's motoring heritage. Additionally, as we had limited time we didn't get off track.

Present: Christine Stevens (AHMF President & QHMC Delegate)

Neil Athorn (AHMF Secretary & FVVCVC Delegate)

Russell Manning (QHMC Delegate)

Steve Henderson (FHMCSA Delegate)

Wendy Muddell (CHMC NSW Delegate)

Apologies: John Kennett (FVVCVC Delegate) – John gave input but was unable to stay on for the meeting

Visitor: Greg Stevens (QHMC).

Business Discussed:

1. AHMF half-yearly meeting

This was discussed and it was agreed AHMF needs to trial a “half-term meeting” to ensure we remain on track / get back on track. We understand the cost involved would exclude some from attending but, as we discovered on 16th November, much can be achieved with a small group.

We agreed the meeting would be held in Melbourne in March or thereabouts. The weekend of 29th and 30th March has since been suggested. It could be a lunch meeting starting late morning. This would give people time to drive or fly in on Saturday morning and it would be finished early enough for them to fly or drive home – thus no accommodation and no meal expenses. AHMF could pay for the venue and an inexpensive working lunch.

There would be absolutely no expectation on any one person or organisation to attend, simply to attend if they are able. The idea is to have some delegates there. Not all will be able to attend but if some of us can get there, something can be achieved. We feel it is better to have a small meeting than no meeting at all.

2. Petition re Protection of Movement of Cultural Heritage Commission scene

It is understood a joint approach has been made by the Veteran Car Clubs of Australia and they have recently spoken to the government. We are led to believe they have had some encouraging feedback on this issue.

It was agreed this was a worthy issue to support.

3. Extending Robert Shannon Foundation grants to Tasmania

Christine raised – John Kennett had suggested AHMF extend the Robert Shannon Foundation grants to members of Tasmanian car clubs. At present, the Tasmanian clubs can see no benefit of being involved with AHMF and maybe this would be a step in the right direction.

John Kennett recently spoke to a club member involved in the Tasmanian Veteran and Vintage scene. He mentioned the Robert Shannon Foundation and the work we are trying to achieve on the larger piece of Australia. He showed great enthusiasm for the Foundation's work. John has forwarded them some brochures on the Foundation.

This may be a way to the hearts and minds of Tasmanian Clubs and it is believed this is worth a try.

4. AHMF Slogan

We discussed 2 suggestions - "*Driving Australia's Motoring Heritage*" & "*Preserving Australia's Motoring Heritage*". There were thoughts that AHMF is "driving" the motoring heritage, being we are pushing it, promoting it, controlling it; we are imparting forceful pressure on. We want to be the driving force behind Australia's motoring heritage.

Since the meeting Russell Manning has researched his suggestion of the AHMF slogan, *Driving Australia's Motoring Heritage*. Below is information from Russell:

The ACMC slogan is *Driving our Future*, which to his way of thinking isn't at all close to *Driving Australia's Motoring Heritage*. The only similarity is the word *Driving*. As Russell has stated, AMEP seems to have a number of different slogans that scroll across the screen, but none are close to what we're discussing. Also *Driving the / our / your Future* seems to be widely linked to modern low emission and new technology vehicles, or similar themes.

He also did a search on *Preserving Our Motoring Heritage* and it, or similar, comes up everywhere, and is the QHMC slogan as well.

Driving Australia's Motoring Heritage doesn't come up at all (not even in relation to AHMF).

Russell's suggestion is to keep the current slogan as it is different enough from the others that are currently in use.

This will be discussed further with the final decision to be given at the Half-term AHMF Meeting

The meeting closed at 6:15pm

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