

**Minutes - AHMF Special Meeting Teleconference - Monday 24th February 2020**

President, Neil Athorn, opened the meeting at 7:00pm

**ATTENDANCE**

Delegates: Neil Athorn (FVVCVC), Terry Thompson, John Goddard(FVVCVC), Albert Budworth, (QHMC), Eric Hutton (NTMC), Christine Stevens (QHMC). Mike Beale (CHMC), John Kennett (FVVCVC), Morvan Green (FHMC SA)

Minute Secretary: Christine Stevens (QHMC)

Apologies: nil

**MINUTES - 24th November meeting in Bendigo**

Minutes have been distributed to all delegates.

**APPLICATION FORM FOR ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP**

The amended Application Form was sent to all delegates; there was no disagreement to form from the delegates attending. All agreed they are happy to with the form and to proceed with this form.

**CONSTITUTION CHANGES**

The updated changes (*attached*) have been sent to all delegates. We either need a Special General Meeting or this can be at the AGM. All delegates were advised of the Special General meeting - that we would be discussing and voting at the 24th February meeting.

MOTION: Moved by Mike Beale, that the updated constitutional changes (attached and sent to all delegates) be adopted. Seconded John Kennett. All in favour, Carried.

**2020 AGM**

The 2020 AHMF AGM is to be held in Canberra Friday 4th & Saturday 5th September. It will commence with morning tea at 9:00am Friday. Neil advised, the agenda to run until 6pm Friday to ensure all items are covered. The meeting will conclude with lunch Saturday at 1:00pm.

Christine reported she and Albert have their airfares and accommodation booked.

The meeting, dinner and AGM is at Best Western Garden City Hotel Signature Collection, Canberra. Albert advised, this information was emailed to all delegates 17/1/20

ACTION: Christine to resend email of 17/1/20 to all delegates.

DEADLINES: Please provide Agenda items by 30/6/2020. (The agenda will be provided to all delegates so they can discuss and get guidance from their Councils.

Deadline for agenda items is 31/7/2020.

State/Council Reports - 31/7/2020

**ROBERT SHANNON FOUNDATION**

Applications are due to State/Territory Councils no later than 30 May.

Applications are to be to RSF Chairman no later than 30 June.

Christine advised, Vintage Drivers Club will probably be sending an application.

## **THE ACT**

Neil sent out and update on the ACT changes - no replies.

## **PARLIAMENTARY FRIENDS OF MOTORING**

*ACTION from AGM: Mark Saunders (CACTMC) and Graham Gittins to look into the friends group and report back. Not provided*

Neil advised, we need 3 Federal Politicians from 3 different political parties. We have not heard back from Mark. Will follow up again. If you have any contacts, please pass on to Mark.

John Kennett stated, we need to put a manifesto together with our aims, goals and what we do, National Motoring Heritage Day, events by Councils on a regular basis. This is to be circulated around the parliamentarians to encourage them to be a part of this.

John Kennett is willing to start this off though input is required from all state/territory councils

Neil gave an example of what the councils do - FVVCVC has 6 picnic days, swap, 4 delegates meeting

**ACTION:** All State/Territory Councils to put a manifesto together with our aims, goals and what we do, National Motoring Heritage Day, events by Councils on a regular basis. This is to be emailed to John Kennett.

**ACTION:** Albert said QHMC put together a submission to Qld government. The Veteran Car Club Australia (Qld) recently had to front parliament to discuss what they submitted. Albert will check with Rod Graydon for approval for his paper to be passed on to John Kennett for AHMF.

**ACTION:** Mike Beale - to send information on Operating Heritage Australia.

## **AHMF 2020 NATIONAL MOTORING FESTIVAL**

Christine reported, approx 20 entries have cancelled due to health (and 1 affected but the bushfire) and funds reimbursed. are now 280 vehicles, 500 adults and 9 children.

We will be setting up at SS&A on Friday from 9:30am and Registration is being brought forward from 11am until 9:30am Saturday to spread out the workload. There will be a large team attending to the registrations.

It is possible the Car badge may need to be cancelled as the company they have been ordered through have their work done in China and there are massive delays due to the Coronavirus. It appears that, many of the companies that claimed they do the work in-house also have their work done in China. We are still working on a few options but, if we do not have the badges by Saturday 28th March, we will cancel the badge order and everybody who has paid for a badge will receive a full refund.

Neil advised, FVVCVC is organising and paying for marquees to be hired and erected at the Family Display Day at Gateway Lakes on the Sunday.

Mike advised CHMC has extra volunteers to assist where required.

Morvan is looking at FHMC SA assisting more.

Albert advised, QHMC has taken on Friday as well as the Monday.

## **LUXURY CAR TAX (LCT)**

Neil advised, the Petition was sent out by AHVIG and a summary sent to Government.

Josh Frydenberg is refusing to abolish the LCT that forces Australians to pay thousands of dollars more on imported vehicles at more than \$67,500. It was started in a report in the Herald Sun that a person who receives a lower income pays the lower tax; a person on a higher income pays a higher tax. If you purchase a more expensive vehicle, you will pay the higher tax - i.e. LCT. Government needs the money to pay money towards the natural disasters - drought and fire - and will not be removing LCT in the short term.

## **ASBESTOS AND BORDER FORCE**

Neil has heard nothing, except, don't bring your vehicle into Australia if it contains asbestos.

## **AUSTRALIAN IMPORTED MOTOR VEHICLE INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION (AIMVIA)**

Neil had followed up with AIMVIA asking what our \$1,000pa would include. Could we pay more and have access to their lobbyist. No response has been received.

## **VALUE THE HISTORIC VEHICLE MOVEMENT HAS ON AUSTRALIA'S ECONOMY**

Daryl Meek was to provide his presentation on value of historic movement in Victoria for circulation to all delegates, after the AGM. This has not been received.

Christine Stevens (QHMC) advised the government works on the flow-on effect it is worth 8 times the actual money that is spent so, if \$100,000 is spent in a community on an event, the value to that community would be \$800,000.

Christine reported, there are approximately 250,000 historic vehicle owners in Australia with Australia's historic vehicle movement being strong contributors to our nation's economy through restorations, vehicle running costs and events, along with donating enormous sums of money to charities.

It is estimated over \$3.4 billion per annum (\$3,408,516,000) is contributed to the Australian economy by the historic vehicle movement. Calculations are based on Australian population data, an AHMF Survey, a British survey, statistics provided by RACV and member numbers.

Morvan said FHMC SA calculated, the cost for their tour entrants is \$275 per day. Christine added, she had worked conservatively on \$300 per day.

## **ELECTRIC & LOW-EMISSION VEHICLES**

Neil stated one of the political parties is working towards no emissions as at 2050. Russell Crowe said there should be no fossil fuels by 2030. Greens are working on 2030 also.

Christine stated, we need to promote the fact that this is a mobile museum and part of Australian's Heritage.

John Kennett stated, this is even more reason why the Parliamentary Friends of *Heritage* Motoring is needed.

## **BENDIGO SWAP AND AHMF PROMOTION**

From emails received, there is no appetite for AHMF to be at Bendigo Swap.

Mike Beale advised, CHMC were in favour - it is a good way of getting information out to our heritage people. Site fee is \$145 which is negligible. Nobody spoke against the swap site.

Christine Stevens advised she has paid for the site. Neil stated, AHMF don't want the site, maybe FVVCVC expand and make their stand bigger.

## **NSW LOGBOOK NEWS**

Terry Thompson (CMC NSW) nothing to report - they are to get something next month

## **AHMF COUNCILS**

**CMC WA** - Neil advised CMC WA resigned yesterday. Neil sent off a reply and pointing out a couple of points that were incorrect.

**NTMC** - Eric Hutton advised, a chairperson took on the job, had personal problems and the movement "fell into a hole". They have been inactive for the past 3 years. John Palamountain resigned from Shannons and has also resigned from NTMC executive officer position. They currently have no executive except for Eric as the treasurer.

Shannons have been funding NTMC. Shannons have changed their attitude since John Palamountain resigned. As a consequence, NTMC do not have the financial ability to pay the AHMF fees.

Eric is the only person to revive this but, as the only person on the executive cannot pay fees as they don't have a second signatory.

NT has the club registration scheme. The largest club with the most people and most vehicles don't adhere to the philosophy. Some of the people interested in being part of the council are in clubs that are not properly constituted under the incorporations act.

Albert Budworth asked Eric if they had approached the road service. Approach AANT to see if they would be interested in supporting NTMC. Eric advised AANT are more interested in promoting tourism.

**MOTION:** Mike Beale moved that NTMC Annual Membership for the 2019-2020 financial year be waived. Seconded Morvan Green. All in Favour. Carried.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

Neil said one of the important things is, where the emission controls is going to go in the future years, and we will need to pull together to work on this. A contingency plan is required.

Terry Thompson reiterated; this is a mobile museum. The government has to keep the historic vehicle movement going.

### **GMH & HOLDEN**

Mike Beale asked questions from CHMC.

Will AHMF formally responded to GMH regarding the closure of Holden, specifically expressing concern about the future of the Holden Heritage fleet of vehicles and engines, and the company Archives which includes, styling, engineering and vehicle records. And indicating that these objects - vehicles and archives must remain in Australia as our technological and cultural heritage?

If AHMF has not, will they do so as a matter of urgency?

Also has AHMF formally engaged with the Victorian Ministry regarding the development of the Fisherman's Bend GMH site, and any threat to the survival of the historic GMH buildings and infrastructure through such development? If Darryl is at the meeting tonight maybe he can explain more.

If AHMF has not acted on this matter, will they?

Terry Thompson stated, the Holden company archives are in SA and are being looked after (as opposed to Ford that sent theirs all back to America. Terry believes all engines, etc are in the National Motor Museum

Neil said Lang Lang proving ground is being taken over by Lindsay Fox

Neil believes there is somebody interested in Fisherman's Island.

Neil said we can "watch and act" as we do not have the funds to be more than this.

**ACTION:** Neil is to write to Holden to ask that their intentions are with this and to see what they come back with.

**The next meeting is Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March** - 6:30pm Eastern Standard Daylight Savings Time - at SS&A Club Albury in The Executive Board Room. Those not attending can dial in with the normal phone numbers.

The following 2 meetings after this are:

- **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2020** - teleconference at 7:00pm EST
- **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2020** - teleconference at 7:00pm EST

President, Neil Athorn closed the teleconference meeting at 8.12pm

### **AHMF teleconference phone numbers**

From Adelaide	08 8220 0836	From Hobart	03 6218 0647	From Brisbane	07 3811 0988
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