

# APPENDIX J. ASSOC. (N.S.W.)

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## MINUTES

### OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING

5th JULY, 1983

The meeting was held in the offices of Ron Hodgson Motors, Boundary St., Parramatta, and opened at 7.40pm by President, Ron Hodgson.

#### ATTENDANCE

Ron Hodgson - Greg Toepfer - Mick Dyer - Nev McDonnell - Geoff Simmons - Alan Barrow - John Cummins - Max Stahl

#### MINUTES

There was no Committee Meeting held in June, so Minutes of the General Meeting of 8th June were read and accepted.

#### BUSINESS ARISING

The non-production of the Association Bulletin was discussed. Geoff Simmons suggested that former Editor Graeme Douglass be contacted and invited to take the job again. The Secretary phoned Graeme immediately and the invitation was accepted. He and the Secretary will discuss the production of the Bulletin, especially design and printing of the cover, for which quotes will be obtained and advertising sold to cover costs. Ron Hodgson and Mick Dyer said they would be interested in taking ads. The Secretary is to invite the App J Register of Vic to add Graeme Douglass to its mailing list. CAMS, too.

#### APPENDIX J AS HISTORIC GROUP

Discussion took place on the Historic nature of Appendix J rather than as a modern motor racing class. Ron Hodgson reviewed the original concept of Appendix J, which appeared to change soon after the first race was held. He said that while many competitors wanted to race seriously, many others were happy to give their faithfully restored cars an outing in race conditions and surroundings. He then proposed the establishment of two separate Divisions within the Association, ~~whereby all cars in the Association would be classified as either "racers" or "representative of the era."~~ He said this would attract many new members to the Association because they would not be under any pressure or obligation to produce "hot" race cars.

RESOLVED To put a proposal to the General Meeting that the overall Group N classification incorporate all cars in the Association, but an internal Appendix J title would apply to "racers", either nominated by the owner or classified by the Committee. Thus, all cars would be able to contest normal App J races, but App J cars would not be admitted to Gp N demonstration type events.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Several items on the subject of the Limited Slip Diff decision were received from the CAMS and Barry Jupp of the App J Register of Vic.

Much discussion took place on the subject, with Ron Hodgson opening with a review of the manner in which approval was given

for LSDs on Minis and Valiants. At this point, CAMS NSW Sec/Mgr Peter Reynell addressed the meeting, saying that on the strength of information he had at the time he had held no doubts about deciding in favour of LSDs for the two cars. He said that apart from the validity of the homologation papers presented, it looked certain that freedom of diffs for all cars would be approved by the NCC. "I made a bet," he said, "which eventually turned out to be wrong." He said he hoped his actions would be right and that they would eliminate protests.

John Cummins made the point that protesting in Historic racing is "just not done". The practice is that irregularities that may be detected are noted in the Log Book by the Eligibility Officer, to be attended to later.

He proposed that the President address the next General Meeting and spell out details of proper behaviour.

RESOLVED that John Cummins, as Association Vice President and Delegate to the HCC, be empowered to draft a "Code of Behaviour", to be presented to the July GM, and to be published in the Bulletin.

**NCC and LIMITED SLIP DIFF REVIEW** Following advice from the CEO, John Keefe, that the NCC at its August meeting is to review its decision to forbid any kind of diff locking device on any car, the Secretary was instructed to write to the CAMS and reiterate the Association's support for full freedom of diffs in all vehicles, as proposed in May, due to a large proportion of our membership (eg. EH Holdens) being disadvantaged by the retention of the present rules.

Greg Toepfer made the point that, although he supports the Committee move in this matter, his personal preference is for no diffs.

**AFTER-MEETING  
SOCIACS**

Alan Barrow reported that due to cold weather and threat of RBTs, enthusiasm for post-race parties has fallen off. It was decided to restrict such activities to warmer months.

**FUND RAISING**

Activities have been very successful to date, with proceeds from the Mittagong weekend lifting the fund so far to approx \$900 (inc. \$400 donated by Ron Hodgson).

A set of Yokohama tyres is to be raffled at Amaroo, Aug 7, and Nev McDonnell is to contact Better Brakes and seek credit order to be raffled at Amaroo Historic, Aug 14.

The meeting closed at 10.20pm.