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General Meeting Notes

On Saturday 18th April 2020

SPECIAL NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic sweeping across the globe, the General Meeting as would normally have taken place at the CCC Clubrooms in Glandore was cancelled under the guidance provided by government and health officials for large gatherings.

In its place, the FHMC SA Committee held a “virtual” meeting by remote means. The meeting took place by collecting the various portfolio reports, dealing with issues that have arisen since the last meeting, and acting on queries and requests received by members, as reported in these minutes.

It is **not known at this stage when regular face to face meetings will resume**, but members are encouraged to check the FHMC SA website www.fhmcsa.org.au for updates. Until we are all able to return to normal meetings, FHMC SA will continue to use remote means to conduct its activities on behalf of its members.

Reports

Log Books and Conditional Registration

Log Book orders continue to come in at a steady pace.

A reminder to all Clubs when ordering Log Books (as per the manual Log Book Order Form)

CASH and Private Cheques will NOT be accepted

(due to Insurance, Security & Accounting reasons), however any cash, private or club cheques may be paid direct to any BankSA branch to BSB 105-900 A/c No 954046040, and attach bank receipt to this order.

Also, to avoid delays and potential errors, would clubs please ensure that, when placing an order for log books, the Club Name is used as a reference for the payment, (i.e. which Club is actually ordering the log books), rather than individual names.

Review of Log Book Return Sheets

The FHMC reminds the Clubs of the importance of maintaining proper return records for issued log books. Clubs are required to comply with the Code of Practice as part of the Government’s Club Recognition status. Para 2.30 of the Code states "The club must forward copies of log book annual return sheets to the issuing body each calendar year."

Email returns are preferred using the new style forms in numerical log book order. All of these returns allow reconciliation of records which form part of the accountability required by the Clubs by which the scheme is run. Please ensure the necessary actions are taken to reconcile the log book returns. If any member Clubs have any concerns or require guidance, contact the FHMC for assistance.

Federation Tour 24th Mar-7th April

The Albury Motoring Festival was cancelled due to the COVID-19 virus. All SA entrants have had monies paid to the SA Sub Committee refunded in full. The Albury Tour Sub Committee has been dissolved. As a result, to conduct a Meet the Clubs Tour next year we will need a new committee.

Motorfest

A decision as to the running of Motorfest this year is expected by 30 June.

Web Site

Clubs are encouraged to publicise their events on the website. These events will also be reflected on the FHMC's Facebook page. (Events that are internal to individual Clubs and not for greater exposure need not be sent). Details can be sent to the Webmaster for inclusion on the site via email to secretary@fhmcsa.org.au.

Arthur Clisby Memorial Day

This year's event is booked for 13 September 2020 and will continue each year. A decision on whether to hold the event this year should be made by 31st July so that the message can be broadcast to those interested.

General Business

Renewals

Since the last meeting, Clubs have either postponed or cancelled meetings and events until such time as the guidance from government and health officials allow normal activities to resume. Unfortunately this also coincides with what would most likely be the busiest time of year for most Clubs as memberships and Log Book renewals become due.

Under these unprecedented circumstances, FHMC has been liaising with DPTI on behalf of the historic motoring community to propose workable processes to allow Clubs and their members to achieve renewals with as little inconvenience as possible. DPTI is very supportive and the message from DPTI is quite clear – the current situation is unprecedented and DPTI wants to make it as easy as possible to maintain conditional registration.

However, this does not mean members should be taking liberties with the Code of Practice and allowing the current circumstances to provide an avenue for creative methods that stray significantly from the intent of the Code. FHMC has fielded numerous enquiries involving solutions that demonstrate a clear departure from the intent of the Code of Practice. Log Books are still accountable documents. Log Books still need to be validated. Log Books still need to be signed prior to the first journey of the day. Log Books still have a three year life. The member still needs to be financial. The information the member provides for Log Books/MR334s still needs to be truthful. And so on...

FHMC has advised Clubs the easiest method to use is to simply process Log Books and MR334s as if the members were remote/regional – i.e. by post. The key to success for this workable solution is to ensure that the appropriate people within the Clubs who are responsible for signing MR334s and/or Log Books have all the information they need and maintain accurate records. Many Clubs already have regional members and have processes in place for assisting their members who may not have the opportunity to attend face to face meetings. Of prime importance (as is the case under normal circumstances) is that the relevant Club person dealing with documents is assured the member is financial. This can be either by the Club's Treasurer confirming payment or the member providing a copy of the receipt for membership renewal.

FHMC recommends Clubs make arrangements for members to post the Log Books together with a stamped self-addressed envelope for return of the completed Log Books. If there is any concern, members may wish to use Registered Post for security and Express Post for quick turn-around. Some Clubs have apportioned the Log Book processing by member name (e.g. members with surnames A – J are directed to Club Log Book Person 1, K – P Log Book Person 2, etc). Each Club will have its own methods of achieving the same outcomes. Members are reminded that while the Log Books are in transit, the vehicle cannot be driven

Unregistered Vehicle Permit for LHD Vehicles.

DPTI has updated its policy to allow for an Unregistered Vehicle permit for a LHD vehicle which has a single trip exemption for the purpose of repairs. The exemption must be issued first and Vehicle Standards staff will need to be satisfied it is going to an actual mechanic's workshop and not a private home. An Unregistered Vehicle permit can then be issued to drive the vehicle there and back.

Towing

An unusual query was raised concerning conditional registration requirements for vehicles being towed. In this case, a conditionally registered vehicle would be towed behind a RV. The question arose – does the Log Book need to be filled in? DPTI has advised that when the vehicle is on the road and travelling, a Log Book journey entry is required. This would probably be akin to a trailer behind a vehicle.

Log Book Validation

Since the last meeting, FHMC has sought to obtain a clear answer to the question “Who can sign the Log Books, who does what?”. This question has come about due to the varying interpretations of the terminology in the Code of Practice. FHMC advises that there are two distinct roles which, while they can be filled by the same person, are two separate functions.

“Log Book Registrar”, “Club Log Book Officer” they have a variety of names – the member nominated by the Club to “take all appropriate measures in the issue, management and record keeping requirements for Scheme log books” (p8 of the Code of Practice). This person maintains a record of all Log Books issued to members within their Club and submits a Club Log Book Return to FHMC on a periodic basis. The Club only needs to notify FHMC the details of the person undertaking this role within the Club.

“Log Book Validation Person”. The role of this person is to validate the member's Log Book each membership year. The Log Book uses the wording “Authorisation Officer”. However, this has no connection to a Club's “Authorised Person” as defined in the Code (i.e. the person authorised by DPTI to process MR334 Forms for Conditional Registration). The club is not required to notify DPTI or FHMC of these appointments but need to minute the appointments as part of the Club's records.

FHMC SA Membership Dues Suspension for 2021

Under the current circumstances, the Committee is considering whether the suspension of Club meetings and activities and the likely inability of the FHMC to hold an Annual General Meeting on 15 August 2020, FHMC should seek the following approval.

Motion “That the Federation of Historic Motoring Clubs SA Inc approve the Clubs listed as affiliated with the Federation as at 30 June 2020 be granted affiliation with the Federation for the financial year ending on 30 June 2021 at no cost.”

Heavy Vehicle Inspection Requirements for Conditional Registration

Advice was sought from DPTI regarding inspection requirements for heavy vehicles (qualifying vehicles that exceed 4500kg) seeking Conditional Registration. DPTI have advised that, in general, heavy vehicles being registered on Conditional Registration in South Australia are exempt from the change of ownership roadworthy inspection requirement. (This is in acknowledgement of their restricted use).

However, it is not possible to confirm a blanket exemption from inspection for all heavy vehicles registered on Conditional Registration as there are many variables which could affect the answer. The exemption above does not exempt a vehicle from any other usual roadworthy inspection requirements in South Australia (e.g. on application for first registration). In these instances an inspection is required for all heavy vehicles over three years of age.

FHMC 50th Anniversary

2021 is the 50th anniversary of FHMC. As it is a significant milestone, we should have something planned that promotes FHMC to Club members and the general public. FHMC welcomes any ideas that members may have.

Next Meeting 20th June TBA