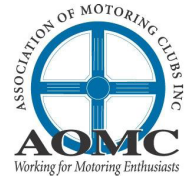


Minutes of the AOMC Country Delegates' Meeting
Held via zoom on Tuesday August 31st 2021.
Meeting commenced at 7.30pm.



There were 28 delegates in attendance representing 28 clubs and 6 AOMC committee members

Apologies: Brian Asbury (Bass Coast Historical Auto Club), Keith Mortimer (AOMC vice president), Geoff Meehan (AOMC committee).

AOMC President Iain Ross chaired the meeting and welcomed delegates to the meeting, noting that the May Delegates meeting was the first face to face meeting for over a year, and now we are back to zoom.

Iain also noted that John Lewis (VicRoads) was to attend this meeting to take questions, but the Minister of Transport is due to announce any changes to the road regulations and Club Permit Scheme (CPS) in the next few days and has subsequently put staff on an embargo on discussing the topic. Hence John is unable to attend.

Presidents Report: Iain reported that not much has been happening due to restrictions. Planning ahead appears to be futile with constant lockdowns.

AOMC committee has had to make alternate arrangements for meetings for the last 18 months, when face to face can be held, due to social distancing requirements. The AOMC office is too small to host a committee meeting so other venues have been sourced.

Membership Renewals: AOMC Treasurer Angelo D'Ambrosio reported that AOMC have moved to a new software system, Xero, and will email out invoices for membership renewals shortly.

Iain Ross added that AOMC formally had a category of 'Supporters' for individual membership. In future this will be classed as 'Associates' and more individuals will be encouraged to join as members.

Financial Report: Angelo D'Ambrosio reported that the 2020/21 annual accounts are in draft form and he will meet with the auditors soon to finalise the accounts.

Current cash position is OK, but not being able to stage car shows will have an impact on the Associations income.

CPS Matters: Iain Ross reported that no formal information from the current review of the system has been forthcoming, but he has been informed that the changes will be minor.

Anti-Discrimination: AOMC have been approached by several clubs about drafting an anti-discrimination policy. A base policy has been drafted and circulated to clubs which can be modified to suit clubs individual circumstances.

Risk Management: AOMC were approached by Daryl Minter (Bass Coast Historical Auto Club) about risk management during covid times when running an event. Concern over the monitoring of entrance to various events in relation to Covid-19 restrictions, examples being social distancing, accurate recording of attendees, visitors to events where there is no formal entrance, etc. Feeling is that unless 100% of attendance monitoring can be guaranteed such events must not be permitted to take place. Iain Ross noted that there is plenty of information on the State Government website on running covid safe events, such as QR codes and covid marshals. AOMC will look at drafting risk management policy specifically for club events, and Daryl Minter volunteered to assist with this.

How are clubs faring? Chairman Iain Ross then opened up the meeting for delegates to relate how their clubs are coping with covid restrictions.

Alan Stork (Classic Rides & Drives Club) reported that they are not doing anything at present. They are based around the Ballarat area. All events cancelled and waiting to see what eventuates.

Tilo Schmidt (Murray Heritage Motorists): Usually hold monthly Wednesday wanders, Sunday runs and meetings are not happening at present.

Iain then asked if clubs have increased their communication with members?

Laurie Ulp (MG CC Geelong): have held Facebook forum with approximately 60 participants. Monthly meeting being held via zoom with roughly 50 attendees.

Arthur Byron (Grampians Vintage Club): everything has been closed down as no venues are available.

Sun Country Historic Vehicle & Machinery Club: keeping abreast with members through the editor, but cannot meet as a group. Zoom has been working OK.

Alan Stork (Classic Rides & Drives): will be holding AGM via zoom.

Iain then asked if clubs membership has been affected?

Consensus was that not affected much at all and looking forward to getting together again.

Daryl Meek noted that there is a problem with events being postponed rather than cancelled. Should write off 2021 and set for resumption in 2022. The RACV have postponed the Centenary Alpine Rally to October 2022 and the bay to Birdwood has been cancelled.

Zoom doesn't work well with large membership.

Tilo Schmidt (Murray Heritage Motorists): reported that leadership team is finding it hard.

Andrew McDougall: Alvis and Veteran CC's have National rallies scheduled for October. The Veteran event was postponed from 2020 and has now been cancelled again. The Alvis rally had been rescheduled from April to October and now has been postponed until April 2022.

Iain Ross noted that City Councils are getting tight on requirements for venues.

AOMC Events & Seminars:

Iain Ross reported that the proposed information seminars are not suitable to be held via zoom, so have been cancelled until face to face meetings can take place.

American Motoring Show scheduled for September 26 looks like it will have to be cancelled.

British & European Show has been scheduled for February 20th 2022 at Yarra Glen Racecourse.

National Motoring heritage Day – have not been able to hold an event for 2 years now. For 2022 AOMC would like to stage events in 2 regional centres.

Classic Showcase – When restrictions are lifted and we are able to hold events again, AOMC looking at holding a general event open to all vehicles to celebrate getting together again.

Florence Thomson Rally – RACV have contracted AOMC to run this event in 2022, probably in May.

Alan Stork (Classic Rides & Drives) suggested that Bendigo would be a suitable area to hold a regional delegates meeting, as it is central in Victoria.

AHMF: National peak body for all state peak bodies. AGM is scheduled for September. AOMC are not happy with the running of this organisation and will attend and voice disapproval.

Engine Number Records: Phillip Johnstone reported that it has been bubbling along well. Somewhat restricted during lockdowns and have been trialling some assistants.

Specific Issues:

Laurie Ulp (MG CC Geelong) – The Country Motorist magazine that the AOMC circulates has been extremely well received by the membership.

Alan Stork – How was the AOMC decision made on its submission to the Dept of Transport on proposed changes. Most of club membership preferred 25 year rather than 30. Not keen on replica's either. Iain Ross responded that the submission was based on input from member clubs. Also, Rod Amos submitted a very detailed paper on replicas. He is concerned that inappropriate replica's would be allowed on the scheme.

Phil Segat (Swan Hill Vintage & Classic vehicle Club) - Asked what feedback the AOMC has received from clubs re the AHMF. Iain Ross responded that clubs do not hear from AHMF as they deal with the peak state bodies. Major Federal issues have been arising that AHMF have not been addressing, such as electric vehicles, Low Emission zones, Luxury Car Tax, ethanol in fuel and asbestos in imported vehicles.

Andrew MacDougall added that in relation to asbestos in historic vehicles, it is impeding the importation of vehicles. The law does not separate historic vehicles from new vehicles. Also an issue with importing of heavy commercial vehicles, as anything over 25 years old cannot go onto the road. AHMF have done nothing on these issues.

Len Barry remarked that if you set fire to the organisation in place, what do you replace them with? Should the decision to withdraw from the AHMF come back to the delegates? Iain Ross responded that AOMC is not intending to dismantle the AHMF, but to get it to address relevant issues.

General Business:

Daryl Meek (Veteran CC) reported that the Automotive Historians Association is holding a virtual conference this week, focusing on Regional Victoria.

Len Barry asked what are the changes to the CPS? Iain Ross responded that he has been informed that the changes will be minor, but no formal information has been forthcoming.

There being no further business, chairman Iain Ross declared the meeting closed at 8.25pm.

Iain also urged delegates and clubs to stay in touch with any issues that arise, as the AOMC office is still operating and contactable.