

# VHRR BY- LAWS

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## 1. BY- LAWS

The Committee of Management may from time to time make, amend or repeal by-laws consistent with the rules of association and used for the internal management of the association. Such By-Laws may be set aside by a General Meeting of Members.

## 2. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Association shall

- a) Provide members with a diverse program of motor racing events at reasonable cost and encourage owners of historic racing cars to appreciate, maintain and use their vehicle in such events.
- b) Encourage social contact between members and generally afford to them the usual privileges, advantages and accommodation of an association.
- c) Further the motoring interests of members generally and where necessary join with other like-minded persons, clubs or associations to this end.
- d) Promote matters associated with historic racing cars and their use to ensure their continued preservation advocacy, public acceptance and use.
- e) Affiliate with and provide representation of member's interests with CAMS. (refer to CAMS publication "Affiliation With CAMS")
- f) Convene bi-monthly General Meetings for members to discuss matters of current interest and participate in educational programs.

## 3 CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

The Committee shall prepare a Code of Behaviour as a guide to members, guests and drivers at VHRR events (presented as an attachment to these by-laws)

## 4. MEMBERSHIP

Membership and joining fees for all types of membership shall be set by the Committee annually.

Memberships fall due on 1 July each year. New members joining after the Phillip Island Classic event will have their membership extended till 30 June of the following year.

Ordinary Members are entitled to all privileges of membership.

Sub-groups of Ordinary Membership:

Non-Racing Membership is open to those over 65 years of age who are not engaged in competitive motor sport.

Junior Membership is open to those aged 14 to 21 years of age, subject to parental consent.

Life Membership may be awarded to any member who, in the opinion of the Committee has given meritorious service to the association and is worthy of this distinction. The award provides the life member with all the privileges of membership without any obligations. It is usual for the surviving spouse of a life member to continue to receive the benefits of membership.

## 5. OTHER MEMBERSHIP TYPES which do not carry the right to vote or to hold office:

Associate Membership is open to spouses, partners and dependant children of Members.

Junior Competitor Membership is open to competitors in historic motor sport aged 14 to 21 who are children of VHRR Members.

Ambassador Membership may be offered to significant figures in Australian motor sport at the discretion of the committee.

Honorary Membership may be offered by the Committee on an annual basis.

## **6. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

In addition to the four elected officers of the association and two ordinary members of committee referred to in Section 20 of the rules, a further two members shall be elected each year to committee.

At the beginning of each fiscal year, the President may arrange with each of the four ordinary members of committee to assume responsibility for a portfolio that may include membership, social, publicity or competition.

Any member not elected to committee, but appointed to represent the association at CAMS Historic Commission or State Council shall become an ex officio member of the Committee.

The Committee may co-opt members to non-voting positions on committee to perform certain tasks such as Assistant Secretary and Minute Secretary.

## **7. GROUP REPRESENTATIVES**

At each Annual General Meeting of the association a member will be elected from within each group of car owners to represent the interests of Groups JKL, M & O, PQ & R, N, SA-SB-SC, A, C, Formula 5000, Formula Ford, Formula Junior and Formula Vee.

In the case where no person offers their services to act as a Group representative, the committee ( in the short term ) may act in a defacto role as the representative for that group, until a representative is elected.

Group representatives shall report to the association and group members on matters concerning members and their cars.

## **8. RESPONSIBLE OFFICER (NON EXECUTIVE)**

- a) A Property Officer shall be appointed annually by the committee to care for and store all goods and chattels belonging to the association.
- b) A Registrar for club plate permits shall be appointed annually by the committee to record and control use of the State Government supplied club registration plates.
- c) A Publication Editor shall be appointed annually by the committee to produce any newsletter or magazine of the association.
- d) A Library Officer shall be appointed annually by the committee to care for and control the continued development and use by members of the Associations Library.

## **9. SUB COMMITTEES**

The Committee of Management may delegate any of its powers to a sub committee consisting of such members of the association as the committee thinks fit. Any sub committee so formed shall in the exercise of the powers so delegated conform to any regulations that may be imposed on it by the committee.

A sub committee may elect a chairman of its meetings. If no such chairman is elected, or if at any meeting the chairman is not present within ten minutes of the appointed meeting time, the members present may choose one of their numbers to be chairman of the meeting.

A sub committee may meet and adjourn as it thinks proper. Questions arising at any meeting shall be determined by a majority of votes of members present and, in the case of an equality of votes, the question shall be deemed to be decided in the negative.

The President of the association shall be an ex officio member of all sub committees.

**10. BUDGETED EVENT LOSS**

The association when setting budgets for any event shall not cancel an event if deemed likely to lose \$2,500 or less, provided the total budgeted loss for any financial year shall not exceed \$10,000

**11. VHRR LIBRARY**

A library, initially involving a collection of books, magazines and race programs donated in part to the association by Mrs Torney from her late husband's collection, shall be maintained and expanded upon for use by members

- (a) Rules of Operation  
Rules of operation for the library will be promulgated on the Club notice board, and published from time to time in the VHRR newsletter

**12. VHRR PERPETUAL TROPHIES**

The committee shall maintain a list of Perpetual trophies, the donatee, circuit and class that applies and date of donation. This list will be available on request.

**13. ANNUAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP**

Rules and conditions for Club Championship will be published in the VHRR Newsletter for each year that a championship is held.

**VICTORIAN HISTORIC RACING REGISTER  
CODE OF BEHAVIOUR**

**A AIMS**

The Code of Behaviour has the objective of enhancing the reputation of the VHRR. It has particular relevance to driver behaviour at race meetings.

**B GENERAL OBLIGATIONS**

Members and their guests shall comply with CAMS requirements concerning competitor behaviour, including drug consumption, as defined in the current CAMS Manual of Motor sport

VHRR members will treat each other with courtesy, and make every endeavour to ensure the safety, comfort and convenience of all.

VHRR members will conduct themselves in a manner which avoids controversy with fellow members.

Any member, driver or guest deemed to have adversely disturbed the efficient running of a VHRR event by inappropriate behaviour, may be asked by the Organising Committee Chairman or their delegate, to leave the event or meeting forthwith.

Any member found guilty by the Committee, or people appointed by the Committee, of conduct unbecoming a member or prejudicial to the interests of the VHRR, may be fined, suspended or expelled from membership as defined in Rule 7 of the Association.

Anyone who wishes to make a formal complaint against any member or committee member must put it in writing and hand it to the secretary. The complaint will be dealt with at the next committee meeting

**C: DRIVER BEHAVIOUR**

Any member who experiences problems with the behaviour of another competitor should seek advice from their Group Rep on how to resolve the matter, or in their absence, a Race Committee or VHRR Committee member.

Note

1. Give your fellow competitor racing room, be aware of cars around you and use your mirrors.
2. A faster car doesn't have the right to shut the gate on a slower car. Slower cars need just as much track as faster cars. If a faster car is trying to overtake we recommend.
3. If a faster car is trying to overtake, we recommend:
  - A slower car not deliberately try to hold them up. Hold your line and indicate which side you wish to be passed on. Do not swerve on sighting a faster car which is about to overtake you.
4. When racing for position:
  - Don't shut the gate after your opposition has made his move.
  - Change track position ONLY once if you are defending a line – deliberate swerving is not acceptable.
  - Faster cars when lapping slower cars should not take advantage of slower cars to gain position.
  - If you are late braking up the inside always leave enough room for your opposition around the outside.
  - "Biff and Barge" is not an acceptable race strategy.
  - Before starting an event, familiarise yourself with the performance potential of other competitors and their cars. Should you be in a slower category, be prepared to be overtaken, watch your mirrors to ensure YOU do not become a hazard to other competitors and yourself.

The CLUB and ALL COMPETITORS have a duty of care to each other as well as guests, visitors, suppliers, sponsors, spectators and above all the officials without whom we could not conduct our activities.