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It has become apparent that many different people are using a variety of media outlets to convey their opinions, interests and thoughts to many people who have an interest in the vintage machinery movement.

While many of these articles/publications have merit and certainly are of interest to NHMA members, none of them have been sanctioned by the NHMA Committee or executive, and as such are not endorsed in any shape, way or form.

Any NHMA approved publications will be on NHMA letterheads & signed by relevant NHMA Executive. Then publications, memos, fact or information sheets and newsletters will be either posted to each Member Club or will be added to the NHMA website.

For clarification, the following is offered in regard to recent discussions & motions put forward at NHMA Committee meetings.

- Working With Children policy – This policy was tabled, discussed and put in place as policy. The document adopted is now available to be seen on this website.

As legislation differs in different States, it is up to the member clubs whether or not to adopt it as it is, or with amendments for their own use.

- The 'Hold Harmless Deed Poll' document has also been put in place and is currently being used by several member clubs. This document was first discussed by the Committee of Management in November 2016 following advice from the NHMA insurers; it was subsequently drawn up by a lawyer specialising in the field, and it was again tabled and discussed at subsequent Committee meetings.

The document is similar to the documents used for the same purpose by many government departments - the hysterical comment on this document seen on some websites is unwarranted. Further detailed information regarding this document is already available from the NHMA Secretary upon request, and the system for its use is very simple.

- The time and date for the 2019 NHMA National Rally was officially announced at the meeting of 29th July. All the required written expressions of interest and submissions from the Chair of the 2019 National Rally organising committee were tabled and discussed during two separate committee meetings. No submissions were received from any other member club.

2019 NHMA National Rally will be held in Murray Bridge, on 22nd to 24th March 2019

- There are no 'new' criteria for hosting NHMA National Rallies:

The NHMA Secretary has requested the need of an update at a meeting in November 2016, but as yet the criteria have not been altered or reviewed since they were put in place, and are still current.

There are some further items regarding proper meeting procedure which may need spelling out to NHMA member clubs, as follows:

- All decisions of the NHMA are the result of a vote at Committee Meetings, not just ideas of the Executive
- Only the Committee of Management is privy to Minutes of Committee meetings, which are confidential and not an official record until verified by the Committee at the following meeting.
- Only AGM Minutes are available to all members of the Association
- During the recent absence of the NHMA Secretary, the NHMA President and one other committee member were appointed, at the previous meeting, to handle any correspondence/queries from member clubs. The system worked well, the President and another member of the Committee maintained a folder of correspondence/requests that they executed, and hopefully no member club was inconvenienced.

- NO correspondence received by the Secretary, either by post or email, is 'passed over' at meetings.

Much of the correspondence the Secretary deals with is administrative matters (member cards etc), The Committee of Management is limited by time when it meets and to go through all of the fore mentioned would prohibit any of the matters that need to be dealt with getting done.

In all cases, please enquire with the NHMA Secretary or the Committee Member from your state if there are any queries.

For all items to be tabled and dealt with during a Committee Meeting, correspondence MUST come from a Member Club. To do it any other way, again time constraints would be prohibitive.

Please note that by following the example below any agenda item from a member will be addressed by the NHMA.

1. Speak to your club officers and bring up idea/question at your club meeting.
2. The Club Secretary is then at liberty to pass on the query to ANY member of the Committee, not only those residing in their State; or he may directly contact the NHMA Secretary.


To ensure that this happens, individuals may prefer to move and pass a motion that should be written into the minutes.

3. Once received, the Secretary will then reply to the query if possible. If the matter is more complicated, or requires a Committee decision to be made, receipt of correspondence will be given and it will be held to be decided upon at a Committee meeting.

If the query relates to Insurance, the Secretary may forward it to the Insurance Broker for advice.

If the query needs consideration or investigation it may be forwarded onto the relevant committee member/s upon being received or before the next Committee Meeting.

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