

MINUTES

Central Australian Commercial Passenger Vehicles Advisory Committee (CACPVAC)

Tuesday 17 July 2012

9:00am – 11:00am

Greatorex Building, Alice Springs

1.1 Present/Apologies

Present: Chairman
Minibus representative
Eagle Training Services representative
Tangentyere Council representative
Alice Springs Town Council representative
Tourism Central Australia representative
Alice Springs Taxis representative
Private Hire representative
Motor Vehicle Registry representative

Apologies: Tailormade Tours representative

1.2 Confirm Minutes from previous meeting

Previous Minutes accepted.

2.1 Outstanding Actions

- Determine whether an offence of aiding and abetting relating to the carriage of passengers with alcohol in the vicinity of prescribed areas exists.
- Eagle Training Services to provide information on National OH&S Harmonisation Legislation for the Industry
- Contact numbers for Minibus Operators for inclusion in the Masters Games Daily Newsletter not required.
- Committee membership and the nomination process for the election of a new Chairperson. The Committee reviewed the existing membership list and confirmed that letters be drafted to the following Industry representatives inviting them to join the Forum:
 - Peter Solly – Tourism Central Australia
 - Nathan Fricke – Alice Springs Taxis
 - Rod McLeod – 13CABS
 - Ray Loechell – Australian Hoteliers Association
 - Paul Alenka – A&P Private Hire Cars

Nominations for the position of Chair to be called at the next meeting when new members are present.

- Alice Springs Town Council to re-install the 1983 and 1988 flood markers on the roundabout of Leichardt Road and Gregory Terrace.
- **Traffic Management Plan Alice Springs Railway Station**
Group advised that this item had not been progressed. Ongoing.

General Business

- 3.1** Update on CCTV installation and repairs provided to members.
 - 3.2** Eagle Training Services (ETS) advised that the next CPV training course is scheduled for August 2012 and 14 drivers have enrolled. ETS will be increasing the deposit required for new enrollments to \$200.
 - 3.3** The Alice Springs Taxi ballot was held on the 20 June 2012 with two MPT vehicle licences available. The draw went well with two current operators being successful in the draw.
 - 3.4** Committee decided to discuss future directions of the Forum at next meeting.
 - 3.5** Industry updates - there are currently six Private Hire Cars and five Minibuses operating in Alice Springs. Alice Springs Taxis (AST) network are focusing on lifting their service levels to the Community. Through improved job allocations AST have achieved 94% efficiency, with wait times on average reduced from 30 minutes down to 12 minutes for standard taxi bookings.
 - 3.6** Tourism Central Australia (TCA) are keen to engage with Industry for assistance in promoting Alice Springs as a great tourist destination. Ideas for consideration include:
 - Monthly BBQ or morning tea at various locations where drivers can drop in for a coffee and a chat. It was suggested the airport as a good location as mornings are usually busy times for drivers. Also suggested that the Taxi Network newsletters could be a good avenue for sharing information;
 - TCA would like to bring some theatre back into town, suggesting that taxis might like to have their vehicles painted with Indigenous designs;
 - Invitation to be sent to CPV Industry representatives to attend a tourism conference to be held on 7 September 2012;
 - CPV and TCA to work collaboratively to promote and organise the annual CPV Driver of the Year Award; and
 - TCA are seeking feedback from CPV drivers and operators on a suggestion that some form of driver accreditation for promotion of tourism in Alice.
- 4. Next meeting**
Anticipate end of August 2012. To be confirmed closer to date.