

Group S Racing Association Inc.

Meeting Minutes

Minutes from meeting conducted on 18.6.2019 via Skype

Attendees – Alex Webster, Tom Walstab, Geoff Byrne, Nick Sebesfi, Hung Do
Apologies – Damien Meyer

Chair – Alex Webster

Meeting opened at 07:40pm

Agenda:

- **Follow up items from last meeting:**
 - **ACTION** : TW to provide final draft and proposal for approval for award stickers. Committee to decide and approve/deny.
TW confirmed price (max approval \$700). Proceed and produce. See addition items below regarding cloth patches.
 - **ACTION** : TW to follow up on any progress on cheaper rates for Stripe.
TW followed up Stripe and obtained breakdown of costs. Stripe costs are not that bad, it is the additional costs of TeamApp and some charges and GST that make up the 3%. TW to continue look into other options and provide feedback at next week.
 - **ACTION** : VHRR Update – TW to provide any update re Penrite's decision re Gulf signage.
TW - Still no answer at this stage. TW will continue chase VHRR and Penrite. Winton FOS remains to not be included in the pointscore. **New ACTION for next meeting** Committee to discuss stance on Historic Sandown assuming there is no resolution to the Gulf signage.
 - **ACTION** : Race Calendar proposals – eg Australian GP.
AW contacted AGP to investigate opportunity to run at the AGP. Due to existing contracts with other categories mean there is no room for Group S, however the AGP know who Group S are, and would contact us if there is any opportunity in the future.
Taillem Bend opportunity with SCCSA – **New ACTION** : AW to contact SCCSA and see if Group S can support any event in 2020 at Taillem Bend..
 - **ACTION** : Consideration of Category **Sd** (working paper) – NS to lead assisted by Brian Weston.
NS to provide status update to the committee. BW has provided his thoughts in the form of a draft document. NS had also started his own draft paper.
Further update to be provided at the next committee meeting.
 - **ACTION** : Committee to approve the publishing of Minutes of previous meetings from 2019/2018 to post to website (to be uploaded by HD once approved). **New Action** : HD to publish on the Group S website under Documents.

New Items:

- **Cloth patches** – TW advised of an additional item being cloth patches for the milestone awards, but also then added the new Group S logo

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Approval given by committee for TW to proceed (thanks to Terry Lawlor for the assistance in creating). Cost to club \$1.50 each for 8cm size. Quantity to match the stickers quantity (milestone awards).

Milestone cloth patches will be given as a gift to members who achieve milestone/s.

New logo patch to be given as gift for 2020 renewal/joining. Additional patches will be available in the TeamApp store for purchase.

- **SMSP HSRCA Winter** – NS/GB – Overall very good meeting. Good turn out, a lot had garages. 7 people in carports, 5 - 6 in the paddock in pop-ups. Clean racing and no incidents. Only a couple of people were called up to the C of C. Timing was an issue, might have been the main reason. Good to see some new cars and people competing. GB commented how good the HSRCA documentation was. NS sent email to HSRCA thanking them, and received a reply back thanking the GSRA for their organisation.
- **Bathurst 2020** – AW – Supercars confirmed invitation of Group S to the Bathurst 12 Hour in 2020. Contract was meant to have already been received. As at 17.6.2019 it has not been. Entry deposits were released on the 6th June with a deposit of \$180. As at 17.6.2019 there are 48 entries (including committee Alex, Damien, Geoff, Tom).
 - Items still to be released are the Terms and Conditions of entry. AW proposal is that if any member has an issue with the T&C's that we offer to refund their deposit without hesitation.
 - There are a number of previous entrants that have still not entered.
 - Suggestion is to keep entries open, ideally taking the maximum of 55 cars. Given the experience in previous years, there will be last minute drop outs.
 - Club is budgeted to break even at 48 entries, and from that point. Depending on final entry numbers, consideration will be given to what other benefits entrants could receive.
 - Drivers lounge to be retained – no fridge. Less chairs, as we could run the additional drivers briefing in the actual briefing room (saves cost)
 - Sponsorship – AW to reach out to Bowden's Own again. Other sponsors are encouraged.
- **Social Media Update** – Group S has hit 1000 followers on Facebook. Currently 974 followers on Instagram. Committee thank Nick Taylor.
- **Fuel** – AVGAS – AW to send out the communication end of this week.
- **Finance** – \$31,339 as of 19.6.2019, includes 1 x Bathurst deposit, plus amounts in Stripe from Bathurst deposits that are yet to be transferred.
- **President's Cup** – HD happy to report the results are working out well. Good variety cars and drivers, and representative of those that are competing at multiple events across the country. Pointscores have been updated online.

Meeting closed at 08:40pm