Group S Racing Association Inc Minutes of Committee Meeting Thursday 1 February 2007

Venue

Travelplan meeting room - 118 Edinburgh Road, Castlecrag Quorum of at least three present – meeting convened at 6.00 pm

Attendees

Committee – Brian Weston (President), David Withers (Vice-President), Paul Newby (Secretary), Andre Breit (Treasurer) and Colin Wilson-Brown (Committee - Race Number Registrar) Ex-officio – Rick Marks (GSRA Group Sa Registrar) and Geoff Williams (Webmaster) Apologies – Paul Sabine (Committee – Victoria Registrar), Peter Hall (GSRA South Aust Registrar), John Young (Newsletter Editor), Brett Morse (Championship Pointscore) and Geoff Morse (HSRCA Group S Registrar)

Minutes of Meeting of 15 November 2006

Accepted as true record Moved Colin Wilson-Brown, seconded Rick Marks

Minutes of Extraordinary Meeting of 19 December 2006 – Submission to HSRCA re 25 lap race

Accepted as true record Moved Rick Marks, seconded Colin Wilson-Brown

Business Arising from Minutes

None – all "business arising" items listed in agenda

President's Report

Report as outlined in S_CAR_GO Edition 6 and Email Update to members dated 15 January 2006

Matters arising from President's Report

Membership summary – member number 108 issued plus three associate members 2007 renewals outstanding - 36

Discussion on re-allocation of individual GSRA Member Numbers surrendered by unfinancial members – decision: further allocation of surrendered numbers to be determined by Committee

Report accepted Moved Andre Breit, seconded David Withers

Treasurer's Report

Ratification of expenditure to: Webmaster - \$118.00 website expenses President - \$100.00 postage expenses

Report accepted Moved Rick Marks, seconded David Withers

Consideration of GSRA ex-officio Appointments – Brian Weston

Nominations - Rick Marks (GSRA Group Sa Registrar), John Young (Newsletter Editor), Geoff Williams (Webmaster), Peter Hall (GSRA South Aust Registrar), Colin Wilson-Brown (Race Numbers Registrar) and Paul Sabine (Victoria Registrar)

Nominations accepted

Moved Brian Weston, seconded Andre Breit

Vote of thanks to Brett Morse passed for his service as 2006 Championship Pointscore Secretarial Note – thank you email subsequently despatched to Brett by President GSRA

2007 GSRA Pointscore - Catalina Cup and Goldfields Cup

Nomination of Colin Wilson-Brown for ex-officio GSRA Championship Pointscore

Nomination accepted

Moved Brian Weston, seconded Paul Newby

New pointscore arrangements advised to VHRR by letter in October and to HSRCA on 1 Dec 06

Committee discussed final clearance of rules for Catalina Cup and Goldfields Cup – Brian Weston to incorporate some agreed clarifications and pass to Colin Wilson-Brown - Colin to pass to Webmaster for posting

Secretarial Note – Actions complete; rules posted on website; Colin Wilson-Brown working pointscore results from MG Racing OPS meeting. 2006 pointscore result to be retained on website for archival purposes until further decided

GSRA Presentation Dinner - Rick Marks

Update and discussion on format for dinner at Epping Club 3 Feb 07
Decision to include a raffle during the evening to recoup unanticipated expenses associated with pre-dinner drinks - Possible function in Melbourne outstanding (Paul Sabine)

Thank you letters to sponsors (Classic Connection, Peninsula SC, Travelplan and neXos) Vote of thanks to Rick Marks and Andre Breit

Secretarial Note - Actions complete and thanks to Rick Marks and Andre Breit

Sub Committee on Group S Program at MG Racing Meetings - Colin Wilson-Brown

Correspondence in 27Nov06; correspondence out 4Dec06, recommending GSRA sub-committee to develop a mutually agreed Group s race program with MG Racing GSRA sub-committee reports that MG Racing meeting at OPS will include three dedicated Group S races

Thanks to MG Racing and to Colin Wilson-Brown, David Withers and Geoff Williams for developing a mutually agreed Group S race program for MG Racing meetings

Group S Driving Standards - Brian Weston

Submission received from a member on Group S driving standards

Discussion on submission

Review of 2006 Group S racing incidents

Discussion of options, including a Code of Conduct committee

How would such a committee work and who would be on it?

Discussion of CAMS procedures and responsibilities for resolving race incident matters

Action – Brian Weston to draft email and after clearance by committee, to circulate it to all members before the MG Racing meeting at OPS

Secretarial Note – GSRA Update agreed by committee and circulated by President by email to all GSRA members on 14 February

Historic Commission Matters - Brian Weston

Historic Commission has appointed a new Group S Portfolio Manager – Bruce Richards (Qld) to succeed Peter Hall (SA)

Outstanding Group Sh matters - liaison with Tony Caldersmith required – possible appointment of GSRA sub-committee to identity specific Group Sh cars

Historic Commission likely to reject proposal for breakerless ignition

Action - Brian Weston to introduce Bruce Richards to GSRA

Action - Brian Weston to liaise with Tony Caldersmith re outstanding Group Sh issues

Progress with CAMS Affiliation - Paul Newby

Proceeding as previously agreed, but CAMS NSW office has required GSRA to introduce an additional clause into the GSRA constitution

After discussion, committee agreed that the additional clause is not necessary and a diversion of the committee's scarce resources

Committee agreed that Paul Newby submit constitution as is to CAMS

Action - Paul Newby submit GSRA constitution as is, and affiliation application, to CAMS

Eligibility of BMW 3.0 CSL - Geoff Williams

Committee considered letter from Peter McNamara seeking support of GSRA in gaining approval of BWM 3.0 CSL for Group Sc

Committee considered member input

While sympathetic, the committee agreed it did not have the expertise to consider all the possible precedents that mighty flow from endorsing Peter's application

However, Committee agreed to approach Chair of HEC to reconsider all aspects of Peter's application in the light of the material submitted to the GSRA

Draft letter approved by committee for despatch

Secretarial Note - Letter despatched to Peter McNamara with info copy to Chair HEC

Update on HSRCA 25 Lap Race with Co-driver

Rick Marks outlined HSRCA proposal for 25 lap race to now be handicap Previously agreed GSRA position discussed

Committee agreed to request Geoff Morse to reiterate GSRA position and to clarify rules Committee agreed that HSRCA be requested to provide three Group S races for those who do not wish to compete in the 25 lap race with co-driver

Possible GSRA Racing Roundel - Brian Weston

Discussion of proposal by Richard Batchelor re GSRA Racing Roundel

Despite agreeing that the proposal had some considerable merit, the committee agreed that HEC would be unlikely to support the proposal

Brian Weston to thank Richard Batchelor for his proposal and advise of the committee's decision

Secretarial Note - Richard Batchelor advised of decision by email

Miscellaneous Reports

GSRA Race Number Registrar – Colin Wilson-Brown

GSRA Webmaster - Geoff Williams

Other Business - Group S Tyre Issues

New approval process outlined Listing of Hoosier Speedster 185/65R15 at Mar/Apr HC meeting likely Discussion of difficulty of obtaining 60 series race tyres in the large rim sizes David Withers to head GSRA sub-committee re Porsche related tyre supply issues

Close

Meeting closed at 8.40 pm - vote of thanks to David Withers and Travelplan for their hospitality

Brian Weston President

Paul Newby Secretary