

**Minutes - Group S Racing Association Inc  
Committee Meeting  
Thursday 24 April 2008**

**Venue**

Travelplan meeting room - 118 Edinburgh Road, Castlecrag – meeting opened 6.00 pm

**Invited Attendees**

*Committee* – Brian Weston (President), David Withers (Vice-President), Andre Breit (Treasurer), Colin Wilson-Brown (Committee - Race Numbers Registrar), Paul Newby (Secretary)

*Ex-officio* – see apologies

*Invited* – see apologies

*Apologies* – Paul Sabine (Committee - GSRA Victoria Registrar), Geoff Williams (Webmaster), John Young (Newsletter Editor), Phil Baskett (Championship Pointscore Manager), Rodney Gibb (GSRA South Aust Registrar), Manuel Pena (GSRA Queensland Registrar), Bruce Richards (CAMS Historic Commission Group S Portfolio Manager), Geoff Morse (HSRCA Group S Registrar)

Note – Paul Sabine, Rodney Gibb, John Young, Geoff Morse and Bruce Richards provided telephone input and Manuel Pena providing email input prior to the meeting

**Minutes of Meeting of 1 November 2007**

Minutes accepted as true record                      Moved Colin Wilson-Brown, seconded Paul Newby

**Minutes of Extraordinary Meetings of 29 Feb 08 and 16 April 2008**

Minutes accepted as true record                      Moved Colin Wilson-Brown, seconded Paul Newby

**Business Arising from Minutes**

Listed individually in agenda

**President's Report – Brian Weston**

Discussion of President's Reports published in S\_CAR\_GO edition 13

Member summary:

- Last member number 138 issued
- less 22 retired membership numbers
- equals 2008 membership of 116 (of which 4 are still unfinancial)

The 22 retired GSRA membership numbers are 29, 30, 32, 33, 37, 43, 47, 51, 60, 61, 68, 71, 75, 77, 80, 81, 89, 91, 103, 107, 114 and 116.

Report accepted    Moved Andre Breit, seconded David Withers

**Treasurer's Report – Andre Breit**

Presentation of Treasurer's statement.

Report accepted    Moved Brian Weston, seconded David Withers

***Debrief on Group S Program at 7/8/8 March Phillip Island Classic – Brian Weston***

- A well conducted meeting by the VHRR – GSRA pointscore meet
- 55 Group S entries accepted on first in basis (12 Sa, 19 Sb, 24 Sc)
- three day format allowed more value for money
- targeted scrutiny process much improved and a benefit to members
- strong Group S support should see a dedicated Group S class start for 2009

Action – Brian Weston to draft letter to VHRR

***Debrief on Group S Program at 21/22/23 March FoSC Mt Panorama – Brian Weston***

- Awesome Mt Panorama!
- a “super size” club meeting with strong support – non pointscore
- some initial problems on Friday
- poor PA system made communication to drivers difficult
- better quality and number of catering contractors needed
- 52 Sa/Sb running together, popular with members
- 20 Sc with 31 Nc not so well received
- Friday familiarisations need to be replaced with open practice
- suggest four races of 5/6 laps instead of five of 4 laps
- consideration to including in 2009 pointscore
- accommodation arrangements excellent
- Awesome Mt Panorama!

Action – Brian Weston to draft letter to FoSC

Action – David Withers to book 2009 Group S accommodation

***Debrief on Group S Program at 22/23 March Mallala SA – via Rodney Gibb***

- GSRA away pointscore meet for Goldfields
- national status historic meeting (HRR of SCCSA)
- 6 Group S entries including three from VIC (2 Sb, 4 Sc)
- strong local support and strong support from FF who did not get a start at PI
- despite clash with Bathurst, meeting will continue as an Easter meet
- Group S subjected to eligibility checks

***Debrief on Group S Program at 19/20 April HSRCA Eastern Creek – Brian Weston***

- 25 lap race with co-driver meet – non pointscore
- 38 Group S entries (6 Sa, 13 Sb, 19 Sc), plus additional 1 Sc and 2 Sb “solos” entries for Sunday events
- Sa (less Greg Prunster) ran with J, K, L on Sunday - one scratch and one handicap race
- Sa/Sb plus Greg Prunster - two scratch races on Sunday
- Group S garaging random and dispersed – needs co-location
- No communication to wives and friends of two drivers involved in Sunday morning incident – created much unnecessary concern
- Rules for 25 lap event need to be decided and written in advance – not changed during driver briefing
- Group S tyre list still confusing, pending arrival of 1 July 2008

Action – Geoff Morse to raise communication, Group S garaging and 25 lap rules issues with HSRCA



- do not squeeze across pushing the other car off the track
- do not close the gate once the other driver is committed
- when defending position, alter line only once
- do not block, although tactically defending a position in the closing stage of a race by altering line once is accepted
- the odd spin or off track excursion is acceptable – making a habit of it is not
- lapped drivers should hold their racing line but be aware when the passing move is made and do not frustrate it – there is no need to point which side the pass should be made; that is the prerogative of the passing driver

If fellow drivers are unhappy with a competitor's driving behaviour, the committee should be approached to address the matter

***Other Business***

CAMS affiliation matters - nil

New appointees need to provide webmaster with head and car shots

Committee members requested to be proactive in inviting non-member and new drivers into the GSRA

Members are requested to display the GSRA decal

***Close***

Meeting closed at 8.20 pm – vote of thanks to David Withers for the venue and the hospitality

Brian Weston  
President

Paul Newby  
Secretary