

**Minutes - Group S Racing Association Inc
Committee Meeting
Thursday 14 August 2008**

Venue

Travelplan meeting room - 118 Edinburgh Road, Castlecrag - at 6.00 pm

Invited Attendees

Committee – Brian Weston (President), Colin Wilson-Brown (Committee - Race Numbers Registrar), Paul Newby (Secretary),

Ex-officio – Richard Line (GSRA Sa Registrar)

Committee Apologies – David Withers (Vice-President), Andre Breit (Treasurer), Paul Sabine (Committee - GSRA Victoria Registrar)

Ex-officio Apologies - 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)

Invited Attendee Apologies – Geoff Morse (HSRCA Group S Registrar)

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

Minutes of Meeting of 24 April 2008

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

Minutes of Extraordinary Meeting of 21 May 2008

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

Business Arising from Minutes

Letters to VHRR (Phillip Is) and FoSC (Bathurst) despatched
Letter to CAMS re stalled car(s) on the grid despatched
Bathurst accommodation booked
GSRA driving code of conduct on website
Remaining items listed individually in agenda

President's Report – Brian Weston

Three email updates dated 27 May, 21 June and 4 July issued
See President's Report of 27 July 2008 for S_CAR_GO edition 2/08

Member summary:

- Last member number 143 issued
- less 22 retired membership numbers
- equals 2008 financial membership of 121 (incl one unfinancial)

The 22 retired GSRA membership numbers are 29, 30, 32, 33, 37, 43, 46, 47, 51, 60, 61, 68, 75, 77, 80, 81, 89, 91, 103, 107, 114 and 116.

Report accepted

Moved Colin Wilson-Brown, seconded Paul Newby

Treasurer's Report – Andre Breit

Prior to the Treasurer departing overseas, a report was circulated to committee members. The reconciliation of the function at Phillip Is and of the 2007 sponsorship support was almost complete.

The committee agreed to defer discussion of the report until Andre returned.

Debrief on Group S Program at 24/25 May Historic Winton – Brian Weston

The committee debriefed the GSRA pointscore meet at Historic Winton

- solid Group S support (34 cars) and Group S exceeded grid density
- 9 Sc cars raced with M/O/Q Sports – handicap changed to scratch
- 25 Sa/Sb raced together – two scratch and one handicap
- Sa/Sb had a few too many of track incidents – two cars damaged, it could have been worse
- a well conducted meeting by the Austin 7 Club – beaut weather – Kent Brown summary for newsletter
- the Sa/Sb handicap race needs more discussion prior to 2009 meeting

Debrief on Group S Program at 14/15 June FoSC Oran Park – Brian Weston

The committee debriefed the GSRA pointscore meet at FoSC OPGP

- strong Group S support (50 cars) and Group S exceeded grid density
- A five race program with 4 Group S races – strong member agreement with the four Group S race concept
- 21 Sc ran alone with close racing and a couple of unnecessary bingles, although FoSC expected more Sc entries
- 23 Sb and 6 Sa plus some Na and invited ran
- good support from Qld and SA
- an excellent FoSC program, good organisation, exceptional value for money

Debrief on Group S Program at 28/29 June HSRCA Oran Park – Brian Weston

The committee debriefed the GSRA pointscore meet at HSRCA OPGP

- reasonable Group S support (39) although proximity to the previous FoSC meeting was a negative
- as Group S exceeded grid density, 12 Sb and 19 Sc raced together
- 8 Sa ran with J K and L, and Na
- quality and compelling Group S racing all weekend
- but only three Group S races meant lesser value for money compared to FoSC

Debrief on Group S Program at 9/10 August HRCC Warwick – Richard Line

The committee debriefed the for Catalina away meet at HRCC Warwick

- Continued growth (23) in Group S entries but for some reason HRCC wanted to remove 5 Sa cars and place with J K and L
- HRCC subsequently agreed to race Group S together
- Again the meeting featured excellent Qld hospitality

Action

President to draft follow up letter to HRCC

FoSC President Geoff Pike had indicated FoSC would attempt to adapt the Bathurst program such that it could be used for GSRA pointscore purposes; although he indicated that there was a need for Sc to provide more entries.

The question of including a mandatory away meeting to encourage travel was again raised.

The committee agreed to delegate the revision of the 2009 pointscore to a sub-committee of Brian Weston, Colin Wilson-Brown and Phil Baskett

Group S Eligibility Issues – Brian Weston

The President advised that he had received a report from Group S Portfolio Manager, Bruce Richards on several eligibility issues in Group S that need addressing.

The committee agreed to inform members of the need for eligibility conformance within Group S and to advise them of their obligations when presenting a car for Group S racing.

The committee agreed to request the Historic Commission to promulgate Group S individual marque “spec sheets” for the information of all.

The committee revisited the question of whether the BMW 3.0 CSL was eligible for the issue of a Group S logbook and confirmed its previous view that GSRA members would support the granting of a logbook for the car subject to a valid and verified spec sheet being drawn up for the car.

Action President to advise HC Portfolio Manager Bruce Richards;
member Peter McNamara to be consulted

Edition 2/08 of S_CAR_GO

The publication of edition 2/2008 of S_CAR_GO is imminent. The committee thanked John Young and Kent Brown for their work.

Other Business

The committee noted the website report circulated by Webmaster, Geoff Williams

The committee noted that CAMS fees had now been paid.

The committee agreed the need for more promotion of the GSRA and requested the president to advise on the costs of GSRA endorsed caps, t-shirts and banners.

Close

Meeting closed at 8.30 pm – vote of thanks to David Withers for the venue and the hospitality

Brian Weston
President

Paul Newby
Secretary