

**Minutes - Group S Racing Association Inc  
Committee Meeting  
Friday 4 June 2010**

**Venue**

Visscher Caravelle meeting room - 31 Penny Place, Arndell Park - at 5.00 pm

**Attendees**

*Committee* – Brian Weston (President), John Young (Vice President), John Lenne (Secretary) and Terry Lawlor (Committee)

*Committee Apologies* – Robin Marshall (Treasurer) and Peter Jackson (Committee - GSRA Victoria Registrar)

*Ex-officio* – Colin Wilson-Brown (Race Numbers Registrar), Geoff Williams (Webmaster), Kent Brown (Newsletter Editor) and Troy Ryan (GSRA South Aust Registrar)

*Ex-officio Apologies* - Brian Duffy (GSRA Sa Registrar), Phil Baskett (Championship Pointscore Manager), and Manuel Pena (GSRA Queensland Registrar)

*For Information* – Bruce Richards (CAMS Historic Commission Group S Portfolio Manager), Geoff Morse (HSRCA Group Registrar), Greg King and John Caffin (CAMS Group S Eligibility Officials)

Telephone/email input provided by Peter Jackson, Robin Marshall, Manuel Pena, Geoff Morse and Bruce Richards

**Opening**

Welcome to Troy Ryan (GSRA South Aust Registrar)

**Minutes of Committee Meeting of 9 April 2010**

Accepted as true record of the meeting  
Moved Terry Lawlor, seconded John Lenne

**Business Arising from Minutes**

Following the receipt of a complaint regarding driving standards, the President debriefed the committee on the peer review process employed to assist mediation between two members. The matter is now concluded.

All other issues deferred to agenda.

**President's Report – Brian Weston**

President email updates dated 11 April, 20 April, 6 May and 18 May

**Membership Reconciliation at 1 June 2010 – Brian Weston**

GSRA 2010 membership total – 146

- 4 ACT, 4 SA, 10 Qld, 36 Vic and 92 NSW

GSRA Membership Number Reconciliation

- Latest GSRA member number issued – 187 (Anderson)
- Total retired GSRA membership numbers – 41

Retired GSRA membership numbers: 16, 21, 29, 30, 32, 33, 37, 43, 47, 51, 54, 61, 66, 67, 68, 70, 71, 73, 74, 75, 77, 78, 80, 81, 82, 90, 91, 92, 93, 98, 103, 107, 110, 114, 116, 122, 124, 133, 142, 143 and 146

Action completed - GSRA membership administration transferred to Secretary and Treasurer wef 4 June.

Decision – the committee agreed that new members joining after 31 July be credited for both the 2010 and 2011 membership years.

### ***Treasurer's Report***

The Treasurer provided a Member Information Statement.

The GSRA cashbook balance and cash at bank at 3rd June 2010 was \$6,196.48 reflecting the sell down of the GSRA regalia inventory

Treasurer's Report accepted  
Moved Terry Lawlor, seconded John Young

The committee discussed the acquisition of GSRA decals of the current design and new GSRA membership cards with some refinements - Geoff Williams offered to arrange supply

Decision – the committee agreed the purchase of 500 GSRA decals for distribution (two decals with each renewal of membership) at a cost of up to \$500 (likely cost \$473).

Decision – the committee agreed the purchase of new GSRA membership cards at a cost of up to \$250.

### ***HRR SCC SA – Mallala Proposal – Easter 2011 – Troy Ryan***

The committee discussed the request by Troy Ryan for the GSRA to support the Thirtieth National Historic meeting at Mallala over Easter 2011, with sufficient cars to support a dedicated Group S start.

Decision – the committee agreed the 2011 Mallala meeting would be an 'away' meeting for the 2011 Goldfields' Cup with the aim of achieving a grid of 12 Group S cars for a dedicated Group S program

Decision – the committee appointed a GSRA sub-committee comprising Troy Ryan, Kent Brown and Peter Jackson to liaise with HRR SCC SA over Group S participation and the recommended Group S program

### ***Further Debrief – 2/3/4 Apr FoSC Mount Panorama – Brian Weston***

The committee reviewed the 2010 FoSC Mount Panorama meeting and discussed the implications for GSRA at the 2011 meeting, in particular: GSRA pointscore status; invited cars; rolling starts; likely program structure; and the relationship with the FoSC Mt Panorama regularity program

David Nichols, President FoSC has indicated that FoSC planning for 2011 should reflect a race meeting closer to that achieved in 2008 than 2010, where a number of external influences caused substantial change to the FoSC program.

***Debrief 1 May HSRCA Eastern Creek Program – Terry Lawlor***

The committee debriefed the GSRA/HSRCA Group S race program at the 1 May HSRCA at Eastern Creek. The meeting comprised:

- one Sa/Sb enduro of 20 laps (no co-driver)
- one Sc enduro of 25 laps with mandatory co-driver change
- plus Sc and Sa/Sb sprint races for GSRA pointscore
- the GSRA had committed to gathering 60 cars for the program - 35 Sa/Sb and 25 Sc

In the event 35 Sa/Sb (plus 1 Os) cars qualified and 16 Sc (plus 3 invited T). The Sc response was disappointing given that Terry Lawlor had received 28 expressions of interest from Sc drivers.

The committee noted an Excel spreadsheet which listed the Group S entries over the last six years of the May HSRCA meeting.

The committee noted that Sa/Sb format was well received with Sa/Sb entries rising some 250% over the 14 Sa/Sb entries received in 2009, while the 16 Sc entries were the same as received in 2009.

The committee discussed the implications for 2011 meeting.

***Debrief 29/30 May ARDC Eastern Creek Program – Brian Weston***

There were 32 Group S entries for this Catalina 'home' meeting:

- late withdrawals (primarily weather) reduced that number to 25 cars (4 Sa, 8 Sb, 13 Sc)
- there was some confusion in bookings between 'garages' and 'garage spaces'
- otherwise the meeting was well run with 25 racing laps plus qualifying, offering excellent value for money
- the ARDC expressed their thanks to the GSRA for supporting the meeting (contacts Phil Harrison and Brian Goulding)

Decision – the committee agreed to seek Group S involvement at the 2011 ARDC SCC and to retain the meeting in the 2011 Catalina pointscore

***Debrief 29/30 May Historic Winton Program – Troy Ryan***

There were 25 Group S entries (2 Sa, 11 Sb, 12 Sc) with the usual three race Historic Winton program of 16 laps racing plus qualifying. A scratch race was substituted for the handicap race.

The committee noted that the meeting does not attract the full support of the GSRA membership because of the limited Group S program offered

***Status of 29/30 July HRCC Morgan Park – Manuel Pena***

Manuel Pena advised:

- the HRCC intention is likely to follow a similar format to previous years with qualifying and three races
- Group S will have dedicated races but may also be invited into the Qld TT event
- With Alfa Romeo Centenary, there will be a combined (S & N) Alfa only race on Sunday
- The GSRA contact is Manuel Pena

***Status of 7/8 August FoSC Wakefield Park – Brian Weston***

A GSRA Pointscore meeting; FoSC has been requested to include at least three dedicated Group S races.

David Nichols, FoSC president has indicated that provided a satisfactory level of Group S entries is received, three Group S grids should be provided.

***Status of 14/15 August VHRR Winton Long – Brian Weston***

Entry forms and supp regs are out for the VHRR Winton Festival of Speed.

The GSRA has agreed to support this meeting which will be held under AASA rules - liaison with Colin Fulton and Ian Ross has been established.

***Status of 18/19 September HSRCA Wakefield Park***

No details as yet.

***Status of 6/7 Nov Sandown 2010 – Brian Weston***

The GSRA has requested that the VHRR include two grids for Group S; hopefully this will be achieved. VHRR contact is Noel Robson.

***Status of 26/27/28 Nov HSRCA Eastern Creek (Tasman)***

A GSRA sub-committee of Brian Duffy, Colin Wilson-Brown and Robin Marshall is liaising with the HSRCA over the Group S program. The three day format and the cost associated with the event may limit Group S support.

***GSRA Pointscore Issues – Colin Wilson-Brown***

The 2010 pointscore spreadsheet has been published on groupsracing.org.au; there were no 2010 pointscore policy issues.

Decision - the committee noted that the 2010 GSRA pointscore structure should be the basis on which the 2011 pointscore program was constructed.

***Group S Eligibility Issues***

Decision - the committee agreed the GSRA proposal to declare the battery location in Group S cars free; the tabled submission was cleared for despatch to the Chairman HPBEC.

Decision - the committee reconfirmed its earlier 2009 submission regarding adding the Dunlop D93J tyre to the Group S approved tyre list.

The committee noted that the Group S approved tyre list needed further work to ensure that ambiguities were eliminated.

The committee noted a telecon report by Bruce Richards and Geoff Morse; the list noted those eligibility issues currently either under discussion or likely to be discussed at the HPBEC.

***S\_CAR\_GO – Kent Brown***

Newsletter editor advised that Edition 2 of the newsletter was about to be published

**GSRA Promotion and Regalia – Brian Weston**

GSRA Caps (\$10)	100 bought	86 sold	14 left
GSRA Tee Shirts (\$15)	100 bought	65 sold	35 left
GSRA Polo Shirts (\$25)	40 bought	40 sold	

Decision - the committee agreed that odd size remnant t-shirts may be donated to supporting volunteer officials

The 13 GSRA cloth patches held by Robin Marshall should be consolidated with the regalia stock

Decision - the committee agreed that 40 GSRA polo shirts at a cost no greater than \$1,200 be purchased (John Young) - provided a member volunteers to sell the stock.

Suggested sizing was: 2 x S; 10 x M; 12 x L; 10 x XL; 6 x XXL

**Other Business**

The committee noted the report by Webmaster, Geoff Williams; and agreed that the website had incorporated several attractive updates

John Lenne briefed the committee on the CAMS National Motoring Festival – CARnival over 1st–4th October 2010

**Close**

The meeting closed at 7.10 pm with a vote of thanks to Terry Lawlor and Visscher Caravelle; and a vote of appreciation to Troy Ryan for having made the journey from South Australia

Brian Weston  
President