

**Minutes - Group S Racing Association Inc  
Committee Meeting  
Friday 16 September 2010**

**Venue**

Visscher Caravelle meeting room - 31 Penny Place, Arndell Park - at 6.00 pm

**Attendees**

*Committee* – Brian Weston (President), John Young (Vice President), John Lenne (Secretary), Robin Marshall (Treasurer), Peter Jackson (Committee - GSRA Victoria Registrar) and Terry Lawlor (Committee)

*Ex-officio* – Geoff Williams (Webmaster) and Kent Brown (Newsletter Editor)

*Ex-officio Apologies* - Colin Wilson-Brown (Race Numbers Registrar), Phil Baskett (Championship Pointscore Manager), Troy Ryan (GSRA South Aust Registrar) and Manuel Pena (GSRA Queensland Registrar) – Appointment of GSRA Sa Registrar is vacant

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

Telephone/email input provided by Troy Ryan, Manuel Pena, Geoff Morse and Bruce Richards

**Opening**

The President noted that all six members of the committee were present. Peter Jackson thanked the committee for the change of meeting date which had allowed him to attend

**Minutes of Meeting of 4 June 2010**

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

**Business Arising from Minutes**

All outstanding matters have been deferred into the agenda

**President's Report – Brian Weston**

The President tabled the GSRA email updates dated 4 July, 20 July, 2 August, 23 August and 30 August as his report. The President also advised that Brian Duffy had resigned as GSRA Sa Registrar, and as HSRCA Group S Registrar

The committee acknowledged the contribution of Brian Duffy and thanked him for his work as GSRA Sa Registrar

In view of calendar year 2010 moving towards a close, the committee agreed that the question of whether a new GSRA Sa Registrar was required would be deferred to the 2011 GSRA committee

The President informed the committee that Geoff Morse had volunteered to serve as HSRCA Group S Registrar

### ***Secretary's Report – John Lenne***

GSRA 2010 Membership Total at 7 September – 151

- 4 ACT, 4 SA, 11 Qld, 38 Vic and 94 NSW

GSRA Membership Number Reconciliation

- Latest GSRA member number issued – 191 (Salter)
- 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

Decision – the committee requested that the Secretary commence planning for the 2011 membership renewal process, making use of cash payments, cheques and electronic payment as required

### ***Treasurer's Report – Robin Marshall***

Presentation of Treasurer's statement: the cashbook balance at 16 September 2010 stands at \$5,853.48 – this reconciles with cash at bank

Decision – the committee approved the reimbursement of \$549.65 to Brian Weston for air fare and hirecar costs in attending the CAMS historic clubs Open Forum on 29 August in Melbourne

### ***Debrief - 24/25 July HRCC Morgan Park***

Manuel Pena (GSRA Queensland Registrar) has submitted a report on the HRCC at Morgan Park for the newsletter. The Morgan Park meeting was well supported with several cars travelling north.

The committee acknowledged the effort put in by Manuel in organising and promoting the Group S program

### ***Debrief – 7/8 August FoSC Wakefield Park***

Despite a number of S cars being unable to make the FoSC meeting because of commitments to the Winton meeting one week later, FoSC still scheduled two Group S grids (Sc and Sa/Sb) for the Wakefield Park meeting

The committee:

- thanked FoSC for supporting the GSRA with a four race program for Sa/Sb and Sc, and
- noted that the meeting was conducted under a AASA permit and that there was considerable confusion over whose responsibility it was to sign licences and logbooks

### ***Debrief – 14/15 August VHRR Winton***

The VHRR conducted their inaugural long track Winton meeting in conjunction with the Benalla Auto Club

There was reasonable support for the two Group S grids, Sc and Sa/Sb; although the Alfa Romeo centenary program had drawn off some Alfa Romeo Sc competitors

The fact that it was a AASA meeting fostered some considerable eligibility non-compliance which needs addressing

The committee was bemused at the "This is a CAMS Free Weekend" notice hung on the gate at Winton and wondered how this might benefit GSRA members – surely it is preferable that sanctioning bodies work together for the betterment of amateur motor racing rather than indulge in motor sport politics which have little relevance to GSRA members

***Update – 18/19 September HSRCA Wakefield Park***

The upcoming HSRCA at Wakefield Park had attracted 29 Sa/Sb entries which was most pleasing and was almost a full grid. Group Sc support was less than expected with the Alfa Romeo centenary program again drawing off some Alfa Romeo Sc competitors

***Update – 6/7 Nov Sandown***

With entries soon to close, the meeting looked to be drawing good support with two Group S grids possible, Sc and Sa/Sb. To add variety the third Group S race might be an over/under 2 litre split; which would still allow the valid accumulation of GSRA points

***Update - 27/28 Nov HSRCA Tasman Eastern Creek***

Group S entries are slow, with several GSRA members stating that the \$495 + \$295 entry fee was too high for their budgets

***Consideration of GSRA Endorsed Race Meetings for 2011 – Brian Weston***

The committee discussed the broad format of the 2011 GSRA pointscore program

Decision – the committee agreed that the GSRA pointscore sub-committee convene to develop the 2011 pointscore program using a similar format to that used in the 2010 GSRA pointscore; the committee agreed that both the 2011 FoSC Mount Panorama and 2011 FoSC February Wakefield Park meetings be included in the 2011 Catalina Cup program

***Historic Commission Group S Portfolio Report and Group S Eligibility Issues***

The President debriefed the committee on matters discussed at the CAMS Historic Clubs Open Forum held on 29 August in Melbourne

The committee:

- discussed at length the GSRA paper developed by the President subsequent to the Open Forum
- discussed at length the complexity of the CAMS/AASA sanctioning body issues
- noted GSRA members' comments, and
- noted that the current state based CAMS delegate arrangements (with the GSRA – a national body – reporting to the CAMS NSW State Council) were ineffective in representing GSRA views to the Aust Historic Motor Sport Commission

Decision – the committee agreed to circulate once again, the GSRA paper to members; noting that unless members dramatically shifted in their views, the committee would endorse the paper as the future direction for the GSRA

The President also noted that there may be some scope to appoint appropriately qualified GSRA members as GSRA Eligibility Liaison Officers (in both NSW and VIC) to interact with PBHEC.

Subsequently Paul Sabine and Graeme Rutledge offered their services as a GSRA contact on Group S eligibility matters

***Group S Tyre Issues***

The President noted:

- he had been informed that the Dunlop D93J would be added to Group S Approved Tyre List
- that an application to add the Dunlop DZSPZ1 (185/60R14, 195/60R14 and 205/60R15) to Group S Approved Tyre List had been received by PBHEC
- the selection of tyre compounds, where available, was to be left to Group S competitors and the market
- a Bridgestone RE55S tyre shortage was imminent, and
- that he had advised the PBHEC to issue 'time limited waivers' in instances where marques have no suitable tyres for racing

***Application by Member for GSRA to support his application to remove window glass and window winders from TR6***

Consequent to having his TR6 logbook annotated, the committee had for consideration a submission by Geoff Byrne seeking GSRA support for an application to the PBHEC to remove the window glass and window winder mechanisms from TR6 cars

The committee discussed the submission at length

The committee noted the advice from Bruce Richards, Chair PBHEC, on the rules and policy interpretations regarding side window glass (or polycarbonate substitute) and window winding mechanisms

The committee noted the advice from Bruce Richards, on the PBHEC policy interpretation that allowed some roadsters to remove their side window glass consequent to the removal of their windscreen and quarter panels, if in removing the quarter panels the side window glass becomes unsupported - as in late model Sprites/Midgets, MGB's and Datsun Sports

The committee discussed what precedents might flow from approving the removal of window glass and winders for TR6

The committee noted that over recent years several coupes have been logbooked following the removal of side window glass and/or having an inoperative window winding mechanism

The committee discussed at length to what extent the GSRA should take up a member's grievance with the eligibility officials noting that other members or marques may not agree with the committee's judgement and may judge the committee's action as advantageous to the individual member and disadvantageous to another member (or marque)

The committee noted that in similar instances in the past, the matter clearly needed to be and seen to be, advantageous to the greater bulk of all GSRA members; only then had the committee agreed to support a specific eligibility related request

The committee noted that in matters similar to this, past committees while prepared to assist the member in understanding the eligibility system, had declined to advocate change on the member's behalf

After extensive discussion the committee agreed that regrettably it could not take carriage of the application, which was best addressed by an individual application to the PBHEC

In the discussion, the president declared an interest

***GSRA Membership Fee for 2011 – Brian Weston***

The committee noted that GSRA fees have been maintained at \$30 per annum for five consecutive years

The committee noted:

- the rise in general costs
- that “annual mementoes of performance” be more widely distributed than to just front runners and place getters thus incurring increased expenditure
- the decrease in sponsorship funds, possibly from the effects of the GFC, and
- the need for some financial contingency to enable GSRA officials to travel (in their own time) to attend important meetings relating to the conduct of our sport

Decision – the committee agreed to raise the annual GSRA membership fee from calendar year 2011 to \$40 per annum.

### ***GSRA Catalina Cup and Goldfields’ Cup Update***

2010 pointscore spreadsheets to be updated on website following the HSRCA Wakefield Park meeting

### ***S\_CAR\_GO – Kent Brown***

Edition 3 – to be published shortly

### ***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 (poor sizing an issue)

### ***GSRA AGM and GSRA Office Bearer and Committee Nominations for 2011***

The constitution requires an AGM within six months of the expiration of the GSRA financial year. In previous years it has been the aim to hold the meeting by email before Christmas so as to have an effective GSRA administrative team in place at the start of the racing year. The meeting requires a call of 14 days notice

The constitution requires an agenda to confirm minutes; to receive reports; to elect office bearers and committee persons; and to approve a statement iaw section 26 (6) of the Act. The GSRA president is drafting a report; the treasurer should “close books” with effect 31 October 2010 and shall prepare the annual treasurer’s report

The president noted that he would commence preparing an agenda for AGM – he also advised that in accordance with the constitution, that having served continuously on the committee for five years, he was ineligible for election to any committee appointment

The committee discussed the need to commence seeking nominations for four office bearers and two committee persons forthwith

### ***Other Business***

The GSRA Webmaster presented his report for the information of the committee

President VHRR had sought feedback on the 12 lap race conducted at Phillip Island in 2010. The VHRR was keen to include another such race to assist their program in 2011

The committee preferred that two races replace the 12 lap race and requested Brian Weston to liaise

The committee received a letter from Jason Lea demanding that Group T cars be included in Group S grids. The committee agreed it required no action

***Close***

Meeting scheduled to close at 8.30 pm – vote of thanks to Terry Lawlor and Visscher Caravelle

Brian Weston  
President