



# Group S Racing Association Inc.

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## Committee Meeting Minutes Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2011

### Venue

Chifley Hotel, Eastern Creek. Meeting opened at 5.45pm.

### Attendees

Committee – Colin Wilson-Brown (President), Kent Brown (Vice-President), John Lenne (Secretary), Peter Jackson (Committee & Victorian Registrar) and Brian Weston (Ex-officio – Technical)

Apologies - Robin Marshall (Treasurer), John Young (Committee member - Newsletter Editor), Ex-officio Apologies – Troy Ryan (SA Registrar), Paul Sabine (Victoria – Technical), Manuel Pena (QLD Registrar), Geoff Williams (Webmaster), Phil Baskett (Vic – Pointscore), Paul Newby (NSW – Technical), David Withers (NSW Accommodation)

### Business Arising from Minutes of Previous Meeting

Colin advised that all items had been actioned with the exception of the appointment of a Regalia Officer. Colin advised that all remaining T-shirts had been given to track officials and Brian advised that he still had 8 caps. Peter Jackson offered to develop an action plan later in the year regarding regalia.

**Action:** Peter Jackson

### Secretary's Report

John presented a written report advising that we have 152 financial members, an increase of 6 compared with June 2010.

### Treasurer's Report

John presented a report prepared by the Treasurer, Robin Marshall. The report shows a net surplus of \$3,286. This is prior to receipt of the Martini sponsorship funds and payment of catering expenses at Phillip Island and ARDC Eastern Creek. After these transactions have been processed the surplus will be virtually unchanged.

### Race Reports

#### - **30<sup>th</sup> Historic Mallala – Easter**

16 Group S entries which was a record. The meeting was enjoyed by everyone and Troy Ryan was congratulated for his enthusiasm and hard work. It was agreed that this should be included as an away meeting for NSW, as well as Victoria in 2012.

#### - **Eastern Creek – FoSC (Easter)**

Attendance: 29 Group S plus 5 invited. Colin advised that Charles Jardine had consulted him over the invited cars, which was appreciated. Attendance from Sa and Sc was poor (4 and 9 entries), but Sb was reasonably strong with 16. With practice and 7 races over 3 days this meeting was extraordinarily good value. We understand that FoSC made a small profit but are looking at alternative dates for 2012, as Easter kept some people away.

- **Eastern Creek - ARDC Sports Car Carnival (May 28/29)**  
27 Group S competitors attended the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sports Car Carnival – 13 Sc, 11 Sb and 3 Sa. We were made very welcome and this meeting is also excellent value for money, although like FoSC, it is not a historic meeting, hosting a round of the Vodka O Australian GT Championship and the Production Sports Car Championship.
- **35<sup>th</sup> Historic Winton (May 28/29)**  
Attendance at this meeting may have been affected by the clash with ARDC at EC. The paucity of track time on the short circuit is not to everyone's liking but 29 Group S cars competed - predominantly from Victoria supported by 5 from NSW and 1 from SA.

Forthcoming event status:

- **HSRCA Eastern Creek (June 25/26)**  
37 entries. Sa (7 cars) will run with JK&L. 17 Sc cars will run with 13 Sb. This prompted a lengthy discussion of the Sa situation. While some of the slower cars enjoy running with JK&L, others feel they are being used to bolster inadequate support from the older category. It was agreed that Colin would canvas the wishes of Sa competitors before writing to Bruce Richardson (President HSRCA).  
Action: Colin

### **Driving Standards**

Colin tabled a proposal from Harry Brittain for 3 drivers to be nominated at each meeting to speak to drivers where appropriate regarding their driving standard if it was considered to be less than adequate. The Committee noted that the President and other Executive members already spoke to officials and drivers informally when necessary and could also ask the officials to look carefully at certain driver's behaviour. The Committee feels that it is not the role of GSRA to be more proactive. Drivers who wish to complain informally may do so but formal complaints should be addressed to race officials.

**Action:** Colin to respond to Harry's proposal.

### **HSRCA Proposal for Divisional Racing**

The meeting noted that this had been tabled as a decision by the HSRCA but Colin advised that Bruce Richardson had contacted him to advise that it was only a proposal. Brian Weston tabled the previous paper considering the implications of divisional racing. The meeting discussed this at length (as it has done previously) but believes that it creates more problems than it solves. It enables Sa to race without the faster Sb and Sc cars, but it is difficult to ensure that the right cars are in each division and it splits many of the mid-field cars from their class competitors. It would also destroy the current championship structure. The Committee agreed that it would be open to Divisional or Under/Over 2 litre races after the points scoring races have been run. Colin is to write to HSRCA explaining our position.

**Action:** Colin

### **HSRCA 2-Driver Enduro**

Colin confirmed that he had reached agreement with HSRCA that the 2 driver race will run at the November meeting, running early in the morning to avoid the heat. It has also been agreed that solo drivers will be able to compete with an appropriate penalty to be determined. Peter Jackson asked if Sa competitors would be able to participate in the Enduro if they are again combined with JK&L. Colin agreed to raise this with HSRCA – certainly it is GSRA intention that **all** Group S cars should be eligible for the Enduro.

**Action:** Colin

### ***Historic Commission Meeting in April***

Kent advised that he attended this meeting and that there were no surprises. He agreed to circulate the minutes when they are received.

**Action:** Kent

### ***Eligibility Update***

Colin reported on a recent conversation with Bruce Richards (Chairman of CAMS Group S Eligibility Committee). Bruce advised that minutes of the meeting in April would be out shortly and CAMS Bulletins will be issued to cover the amendments regarding electronic ignition and side windows in open sports cars. He also advised that the Tyre and Rim Chart will need to be published by June 30, replacing the current information on spec sheets. The single chart will enable greater transparency for the benefit of competitors and eligibility officers.

### ***Group T***

The meeting expressed concern that some Group T competitors were racing on slick tyres which raises safety issues. Colin agreed to discuss this with Bruce Richards.

**Action:** Colin

### ***2012 Championship***

Issues to be raised by Phil Baskett and Geoff Williams were held over for another meeting as they were unable to attend in person.

### ***Close***

Meeting closed at 7.30 pm.

Colin Wilson-Brown  
President