



Group S Racing Association Inc.

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Committee Meeting Minutes Saturday 8th December 2012

Venue

Meeting opened by e-mail at 5 pm Sunday 2nd December and closed at 6pm Friday 6th December

Attendees

Committee - Colin Wilson-Brown (President), Kent Brown (Vice President), John Lenne (Treasurer), Peter Jackson (Committee & Victorian Registrar), Andre Breit (Secretary) and Geoff Byrne.

Ex Officio - Troy Ryan (South Australian Registrar), Brian Weston (Technical), Phil Baskett (Point Score), Geoff Williams (Webmaster), Manuel Pena (Queensland Registrar), John Young & David Withers.

Constitution Amendments

Kent submitted a new section prepared by Chris Blanden, referring to conflict resolution, as the currently clause is only relevant in NSW. This was unanimously approved. Andre will make amendments, also including Driving Standards as a by-law.

Action: Andre Breit

2013 Championship Calendar

Colin submitted a calendar for 2013 which was approved. It includes the Queensland Capricorn Cup meetings, and adds the AASA State Championship meeting at Wakefield Park on June 1-2, to replace the cancelled ARDC Sports Car Carnival. Colin advised that he had agreed with HSRCA that the 100km 'Enduro' would be run at the meeting on June 29-30, with the same format as this year. The calendar is to be sent to all members and posted on the website.

Action: Colin Wilson-Brown

New Class Structure

Kent advised that he had reviewed the class structure in the context of the number and type of cars competing in each class. He recommended several changes, which recognize the increasing number of highly powered V8s, and also the large and increasing number of cars competing in Sbc (1600-2000cc).

There was much discussion about the changes and the committee acknowledges that there will never be universal agreement. However, it agreed to implement the proposed changes and thanked Kent for his comprehensive review. The class structure will be reviewed again at the conclusion of 2013. The new structure is to be advised to all members.

Action: Colin Wilson-Brown

Sandown "Return of the Thunder" Meeting

While this was a good meeting, members were annoyed at the decision to inspect all cars for damage after practice and each race. Members were also critical of the manner in which this was conducted

Colin tabled a letter sent to Ian Tate, thanking VHRR but expressing dissatisfaction

The letter also drew attention to the poor standard of toilet facilities, which are not the fault of VHRR. The letter is to be posted on the website.

Action: Geoff Williams

SMSP “Tasman Revival” Meeting

This was also a good meeting, apart from the confusion over the start and re-start of our first race. Colin and Michael Byrne raised concern over safety with the Clerk of Course, OH&S Officer, Race Director and HSRCA President. A petition asking for starting lights to be used instead of the flag was presented. This request was not granted but steps were taken to improve clarity of the starting procedure.

Colin sent a letter sent to David Medley covering this issue and an acknowledgement and apology has been received. Correspondence is to be posted on the website.

Action: Geoff Williams

Letter from Glenn Campbell

A letter was distributed from member, Glenn Campbell, regarding concern over speed differentials and suggesting that races should be re-classified as over and under 2 litres. The committee agreed with Colin’s reply, and does not consider such a change warranted or practical as, while this would please some competitors, it would displease others who have made considerable investment in preparing cars to compete under a long-established category structure. In any case, Group S only receives one grid at most race meetings. However, the committee agreed that they should continue to ask promoters to trial a capacity structure when entries allow for two Group S grids.

Brian Weston advised that he has discussed this with VHRR and it may be possible at Phillip Island in 2013.

Action: Brian Weston

Letter from Brian Henderson

A letter was distributed from a Group T competitor, requesting closer co-operation with Group S. The committee agreed with Colin’s reply and considered no further action necessary. The committee and ex-officios repeated that, in their opinion, Group T cars should be required to run on tyres from the Group S tyre list, when competing with Group S. This would help get acceptance from Group S.

NSW Trophy Function

Colin advised that he had received lots of positive feedback (and no complaints) about holding this at Southern Highland Wines on 3rd February. John Pucak, John Lenne and Colin are looking after this.

Action: Colin Wilson-Brown and John Lenne.

Victorian Trophy Function

Peter Jackson has kindly agreed to arrange a function at Phillip Island similar to previous years.

Action: Peter Jackson

Trophies

Brian Weston has kindly agreed to organise the trophies for both Catalina and Goldfields Cups. The President thanked Brian.

Action: Brian Weston

Regalia

Peter Jackson advised that some regalia had been displayed and sold at Sandown. Unfortunately mechanical problems prevented him from attending the Tasman Revival. However, more regalia will be purchased and promoted at Phillip Island.

Action : Peter Jackson

Driving Standards

Concern was expressed by Geoff Byrne and others about the dangerous and inconsiderate way in which some drivers are returning to the track after off-track excursions. Colin is to raise this in his next President’s report.

Action: Colin Wilson-Brown

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