



Group S Racing Association Inc.

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Committee Meeting Minutes (51) Friday, 11 March 2016

Venue

Phillip Island – Alex Webster's Race Transporter

Meeting opened at 9.00am

Attendees

Committee – Kent Brown (President), Alex Webster (Vice President), André Breit (Secretary, Geoff Byrne (Treasurer), Tom Walstab, Hung Do (Committee)

Minutes of Extraordinary Meeting of 13 January 2016

Proposed for acceptance as true record

Moved: Alex Webster Seconded: André Breit Carried

Business Arising from Minutes

Nil

President's Report – Kent Brown

- Kent Brown thanked all the members of the new Committee for their willingness to stand for positions and their subsequent election. Congratulations to all concerned
- The opportunity to meet in person at the start of the racing year was a great chance to discuss topical issues
- All ex-officio have agreed to continue in their current roles. Stan Adler to assist in Queensland. Manuel Pena has been very busy with his company.

Secretary's Report – André Breit

- Membership renewals are progressing well
- Membership cards had been handed out at the presentation lunch for the Catalina Cup (NSW) in February
- Further membership cards would be distributed at the Phillip Island Classic
- Those members from 2015 who had not renewed would be followed up
- A new membership list for 2016 would be prepared and circulated. **Action: André Breit (Secretary)**

Treasurer's Report – Geoff Byrne

- An enormous amount of time and effort had been spent with the St. George Bank to update the signatories. Everyone's help was appreciated
- The bank account signatories are confirmed as Kent Brown (President), Alex Webster (Vice President), Geoff Byrne (Treasurer) and André Breit (Secretary). Any two to sign
- The Association paid about \$30 in bank charges each year
- The Treasurer had proposed that an amount from the single operating account be put into a rolling 3-month term deposit in order to generate interest. This should cover bank fees. The amount would be around \$5000 - \$7000 but an amount not finally put to the committee for a decision until all current transactions had been finalised.
Proposed: Geoff Byrne Seconded: Kent Brown Carried. **Action: Treasurer**
- Under current arrangements with the bank the Association cannot make EFT payments. It was agreed that the Association would continue using cheques for payments

General Business

- Review of Group S Class/Capacity structure – a decision had been taken in 2014 to undertake a review after 2 years with any changes agreed to be in place for 2017. Hung Do recommended that work on this aspect commence early so it could be finalised well ahead of time. Alex Webster agreed to take carriage of the review. Hung Do advised that he could provide statistical information from his database which provided results for the Capricorn, Catalina and Goldfield's Cups. Kent Brown agreed to provide the information he had collected for the two reviews undertaken by him and Geoff Byrne likewise for his review in 2014. **Action: Alex Webster, Hung Do, Kent Brown, Geoff Byrne**
- Newsletter – All agreed that the reintroduction of a newsletter was a good idea. Rather than a regular 2-monthly production it was agreed that the newsletter should be no more often than quarterly and perhaps based on major race meetings like the Phillip Island Classic, Sydney Retro Racefest, Sandown and the annual HSRCA enduro event. Tom Walstab has provided a mock-up and would follow up. Members would be asked for contributions. **Action: Tom Walstab**
- Baskerville (Hobart) race meeting in October – Kent Brown advised that he had had discussions in person with the organisers at their race meeting in October 2015. It was advised that if Group S could achieve 9 or 10 cars attending then we would be given a stand-alone grid. Other support from the promoters was also likely to be forthcoming including the provision of trailers in Launceston at no cost. Kent Brown to continue to liaise with the promoter. Those members wanting to attend the meeting should book as soon as possible on the ferry to Tasmania. **Action: Kent Brown**
- HSRCA meeting to discuss the preparation of a 2017 race calendar – a meeting to discuss this matter has been proposed by Richard Cardew, the President of the HSRCA, involving representatives from all Groups/Categories. The tentative date is Tuesday, 19 April. Venue TBA. Both André Breit and Geoff Byrne have expressed their availability and willingness to attend. Rob Berson spoke with Kent Brown re his continuing as the Group S Category Manager (liaison person) with the HSRCA. It was agreed that it was more efficient for Kent Brown to act as the principal point of contact. **Action: Kent Brown André Breit and Geoff Byrne**
- TeamApp – Kent Brown thanked Tom Walstab for all the work he had done in establishing the application. It was a great boon to the Association and enabled real-time messages, information and advice to be available to members on their smartphones.

Tom Walstab advised that about 25 members had signed up already. Members would be encouraged to join and provide driver profiles.

- Website – Kent Brown congratulated Hung Do on all the work he had done developing a new website for the Group S Racing Association. All Committee members concurred. Hung Do advised that all was going well but the Association needs to address bringing the Facebook and Twitter account back in-house. Currently it is still sitting with Hound (Peter Spratt and Dan Houlihan) who did all the initial work on a new website before Hung Do kindly stepped in to support the Association. Kent Brown to follow up with Peter Spratt and also the outstanding account for services from Hound. **Action: Kent Brown**
- Regalia – it was agreed that a limited selection of regalia was needed. Currently there was no stock apart from approximately 25 iron on badges for race suits and stickers provided to new/renewing members by the Secretary. Regalia items should include caps, T shirts (for wearing under race suits etc.) and a good quality jacket. A stock of caps and T shirts should be maintained but the more expensive jackets only by order. Tom Walstab agreed to coordinate. **Action: Tom Walstab**
- Goldfield's Cup presentation function on 11 March 2016 at the Phillip Island Classic. All arrangements were in hand thanks to the organisation by Alex Webster. The function was to be held in the GPS garages 11, 12 and 13. Those competitors occupying the garages had already agreed to move their cars out make space. Any expenditure would be reimbursed on presentation of invoices to the Treasurer. Kent Brown advised he would MC the function and in doing so would like to introduce the Committee to the gathering. Brian Weston had brought to the meeting all the necessary trophies. About 100 were expected to attend. **Action: Alex Webster and Kent Brown**

Other Business

- Hung Do suggested that the reasons for joining the Association should be reviewed and updated where necessary. Any changes approved by the Committee would then be uploaded to the Group S website. Committee members were asked to have a look at the current document and suggest any changes to Alex Webster and Hung Do who agreed to coordinate. **Action: All Committee Members to review and Alex Webster and Hung Do to finalise**

Close

Meeting closed at 10.10am

Kent Brown

André Breit

President

Secretary

