



Group S Racing Association Inc.

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Committee Meeting Minutes (2017.6.10) Saturday, 10 June 2017

Venue

Sydney Motor Sport Park – Sydney Classic Speed Festival

Meeting opened at 12.00pm

Attendees

- **Committee** – Alex Webster (President), Tom Walstab (Vice President), Geoff Byrne (Treasurer), **Invited** - Kent Brown, Colin Wilson-Brown, Brian Weston.
- **Apologies** - André Breit (Secretary), Ryan Curnick (Committee), Hung Do (Committee)

CHECK IF REQUIRED

Minutes of Extraordinary Meeting of 13 January 2017

Proposed for acceptance as true record

Moved: Tom Walstab Seconded: Alex Webster Carried

Business Arising from Minutes

Nil

Treasurer's Report – Geoff Byrne

- The Treasurer reported the current financial balance of the GSRA St George account as \$58,197.30 after the received funds from Bathurst entries.
- The Treasurer provided a list to the President to reconcile against those Bathurst entry forms received.
- The Treasurer noted that there were 4 unidentified payments of \$800. The President said he would follow up contacting those members who had not provided payment, and advise the Treasurer accordingly.
- Regarding the previous proposal of putting a balance into a rolling 3-month term deposit in order to generate interest, the Treasurer said that the existing St George account did not easily allow for this, and therefore it was not follow through.

- The Vice President then asked if an alternate bank could be found that allowed for EFT payments to be made, as the existing St George facility seemed antiquated and time consuming to manage with a cheque only facility.
- The Treasurer agreed to look into an alternate bank account, and provide feedback to the committee asap.
Action: Treasurer – banking arrangements/alternatives
Action: President – reconciliation of Bathurst entries and action unidentified payment and advise the Treasurer.

General Business

Class/Capacity review

- The President recognised the review that took place by the President and Hung Do at the start of 2017, acknowledging that the review and the approved revisions had been posted on the GSRA website.
- Proposed changes are to come into effect 1.1.2018.
- The President again reiterated that the suggested and approved changes would be reviewed before the 1.1.2018 with the comparison of Championship results in 2017 to ensure no adverse results are highlighted.

Newsletter / Social Media

- All committee present agreed that the reintroduction of a newsletter was a good idea, but hard to find articles written by members.
- It was agreed that the President would include a short summary of the race results in the half year member report.
- The President suggested Dominique Chaleyser as a possible member who may wish to take on a PR/Newsletter/Social Media co-ordinator role in an ex-officio position.
- The committee agreed that this the President should reach out to Ms Chaleyser, and should she be interest, approval be sought by the committee for her appointment to carry out these functions on behalf and with the approval of the GSRA Committee.
- **Action:** President

TeamApp

- The President acknowledged that TeamApp seemed to be adequately performing the function it was envisaged to be used for.
- The Vice President advised he would continue to be the main moderator.
- Members would be continually encouraged to join in Member communications, and provide driver profiles and details.

Website

- Alex Webster thanked Hung Do (in his absence) on all the work he had done in maintaining the website for the Group S Racing Association. All present Committee members concurred.
- The President advised that all Social Media is now controlled by GSRA Committee and appointed people, including the groupsracing@gmail.com email account.
- Hung Do had previously 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 are asked again 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

Regalia

- It was agreed that a limited selection of regalia was needed.
- The Vice President agreed to coordinate.
- The Vice President also said he would look into other items that could be created for the future.

Action: Tom Walstab

Other Business

Muscle Car Masters

- The President advised the committee once again that the Muscle Car Masters organisers had decided to drop Group S from the 2017 event.
- The event will have a 6-hour production car race (3 hours each day).
- The HQ category have also been dropped for the 2017 event.
- The President sought the consensus from the committee as to the proposed response to the MCM event organisers.
- The committee agreed for the President to respond to the MCM;
 - Acknowledging Group S is not included in 2017.
 - That the GSRA would like to be considered for the 2018 event.
 - The GSRA was disappointed by the lack of communication to the GSRA about the decision to remove Group S.
- The GSRA committee speculated that Muscle Car Masters may in fact come back closer to the date should entry numbers be down.
- The Committee agreed that should this occur, a separate discussion should be had if and when this occurs and determine the necessary GSRA position and action.

Bathurst 12 Hour

Following initial committee approval (via email) to investigate a possible inclusion of Group S in the Bathurst 12 Hour in February 2018, the President sought the committee's retrospective approval of;

- the contract between GSRA and V8TV (Supercars – promoters of the Bathurst 12 Hour) for Group S to be a support category in 2018.
- the detailed budget for the Bathurst 12 hour event.
- the identified financial risks and exposure for the GSRA.
- Miscellaneous items surrounding the organisation of the event.

Moved: Tom Walstab Seconded: Geoff Byrne Decision: Carried

Action: President to provide the committee updates as to all aspects of the event, entry numbers etc.

CAMS – including Bob Buck

A general item for discussion was the Group S Technical Officer; Bob Buck.

- The Treasurer noted that the TO is required and recognised that he has been very proactive and present at recent race meetings.
 - It was however also recognised that the timing of weighing of cars, the checking of camber, and his presence in the dummy grid is angering many competitors.
 - The Vice President gave commentary around his dealings with Bob Buck regarding Troy Ryan, and the events that transpired at and after the Mallala event.
 - Brian Weston also provided some commentary regarding the logbook history surrounding Troy's car.
 - The minutes recognise that Troy Ryan has been sanctioned by CAMS for his actions around verbal abuse towards Bob Buck.
 - The minutes also recognise that Troy Ryan's Sprite has had its CAMS logbook revoked due to running a 1275cc engine.
 - The President and the Vice President said they would continue to work with Bob Buck to advise him of the anger amongst the general Group S membership around the timing of his interactions with competitors, seeking his agreement to remove himself from these circumstances.
 - The Vice President also will seek to get Bob Buck to share his findings after each meeting so that the GSRA can understand and action accordingly any concerns raised in general or with specific members or cars.
- Action** – President and Vice President to continue to work closely with the membership.

Close - Meeting closed at 2pm



Alex Webster
President

André Breit
Secretary

Geoff Byrne
Treasurer