

## **Report from the QSCA Inc Executive meeting held Monday 15.09.2008 at Coolum**

Present: Paul Gannon, Pam Franz, Jim Cowley, Terese Lange

Meeting opened at 6.40pm

Paul advised that as we still do not have an agenda from Speedway Sedans it wouldn't be possible to discuss, however he had some items that he knew would be on the agenda and would like the QSCA Inc executive to discuss.

**EQUALISATION:** Pam will do up and email to Terese an invoice to go with the airline ticket. (The SSA require to sight a copy of the actual ticketing invoice before inclusion in equalization)

**Confidentiality Statements:** Paul spoke on the proposal that all attendees at any SSA convened meeting would be required to sign a confidentiality statement or not be able to attend the meeting.

This was discussed at length, with the executive of the QSCA Inc concerned that the SSA Inc had lost sight of the fact that this was a driver based organization and therefore what business takes place in the meeting is important to drivers, officials and clubs. The SSA Inc would be better served ensuring that once a meeting had been held a press release with pertinent issues in dot point was placed on their own website.

The agended items for any meetings should be originating from clubs, drivers, officials therefore it stands to reason that there will always be a need for responses following such meetings.

There needs to be transparency for meetings and the outcomes of such meetings. The SSA Inc have in place already a policy that covers any items discussed that need to remain 'in house', delegates attending these meetings have an understanding of that and if there is a problem then states need to be addressing where the problem evolves from.

**Rule Book:** Concern expressed at the length of time it is taking to gain a result from the NASR level of hearings, the SSA Inc need to regain control of their own appeals. Drivers, officials, clubs are now severely questioning the integrity of such appeals. When SSA Inc accepted the Australian Racing Rules it certainly had no indication that any appeals would be awaiting weeks and months for a result.

**National Titles:** Both Paul & Terese advised that they were not of the opinion that the majority of delegates had sought to have 1 team of people do all national titles, this would not only be a huge task but come at a personal expense for many and in fact become restrictive as to the pool of people available for use.

The SSA Inc should be using people from all states with the expertise to ensure that their titles proceed with success. This could also be a learning and development opportunity for the SSA Inc to ensure that they had adequate officials with the skills, knowledge and expertise that can be called upon for national titles, blue ribbon events etc.

**SSA Policy:** Paul advised that as part of his portfolio he had the role to update the policy, he expressed concern that the policy currently on the SSA website is not correct and contains many items that are either out of date or not been passed by the Board.

**QSCA Inc visit to Cairns:** At the end of September Bill Peall, Jim Cowley & Paul Gannon will be visiting Cairns whilst there they will be talking to club officials and drivers. Bill will assist by checking on cars for the meeting of compliance to specifications.

Jim will liaise with the club on the forthcoming State Modified Production title. During the visit a track questionnaire will be updated.

**State Titles:** Terese to send out submissions to all clubs for titles season 2009/2010 – to be returned to the title coordinator by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2008.

Paul will organize the trophies for season 2008-2009, Discussion will be held with Dave Stretton on the trophies for Cairns, the QSCA Inc. will advise of style, type and size of trophies and Cairns will be asked to organize and bill back to the QSCA Inc.

It was resolved to present sashes to the first 5 placegetters from this season, Terese to followup with Victoria to see if it is possible to have a maroon sash with gold fringing and writing for the first 5 placegetters.

**Super Sedan Drivers meeting:** Terese to liaise with Bill Peall to arrange suitable dates for meetings with Super Sedan drivers regarding the new specification book.

Suggestion – 1 meeting in the Caboolture area and 1 at Rockhampton. Bill to discuss with Cairns drivers when there at the end of the month.

**Safety Gear:** Suits must be badged with the minimum standard to be acceptable for competition.

A memo to all clubs advising that they need to remind their competitors that the acceptable standards are SFI 3.2 A/1 and for Super Sedans it is SFI 3.2 A/5 Any suit that does NOT carry this badging will be deemed unsuitable and the competitor will not be allowed to race in that suit. The QSCA Inc scrutineers and officials will be conducting spot checks at race meetings.

**Practice Sessions:** Memo to all clubs – All cars participating in a practice session MUST be currently registered and carry the necessary log book and decal. Drivers must be currently licenced and insured and be able to produce the necessary documentations.

A practice session is deemed to be a race meeting – cars must be checked prior to entering the racing arena.

Certificate of Currency: Memo to all clubs, their current Certificate of Currency must be forwarded to the QSCA Inc State office – PO Box 775 Hervey Bay Q 4655.

**Officials and Directors insurance:** Pam advised that she was still following up with Marsh regarding insurance to cover all officials and directors of the QSCA Inc as it was her understanding that there had been some changes to coverage over the past few years.

**Blue Cards/Officials Card:** Pam advised that she is now required to keep a register for audit purpose which has a copy of the positive notice letter supplied with Blue Cards when issued. Memo to all clubs requesting that they forward a copy of the letter on receipt to Pam, if individuals arrange their own Blue Card then a copy of the Positive Notice letter must still be forwarded to pam.

**Spreader Bars:** As per discussion at the State meeting the technical reps together with the QSCA Inc executive are to do a memo regarding spreader bars – Paul Gannon to follow up.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.10pm.