

## **Report from Committee of Management meeting held Cairns Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2009.**

Meeting opened at 9.10am

Present:	Paul Gannon	President
	Jim Cowley	Vice President
	Pam Franz	Treasurer
	Terese Lange	Secretary
	Bill Peall	SSA Technical
	Di McKeiver	Central Zone Rep
	Wes Beadman	Sth Zone Rep
	Allan Jennings	State Chief Steward

Tony Cornelissen was not in attendance at the Modified Production title in Cairns; however he had been consulted prior to the meeting on some of the issues to be raised.

Paul Gannon, President thanked everyone for giving up a few hours of Sunday morning, explaining that as a committee we need to take away the emotion from the subjects being discussed and make a considered and deliberated decision.

Terese advised that she would like to have the basis of the letter content decided and when written she would forward to everyone for approval prior to sending to Speedway Sedans Australia.

Item 1 – Request from CEO, Neil Sayer for states to contribute the sum of \$4,000.00 to assist in meeting the costs of the Todd Doyle appeal.

Lengthy discussion held on why the need of such request, Terese tabled the last financial report available from the SSA Board meeting held in April.

Questions to be asked of the SSA Inc – Does Associations & official's liability insurance cover the cost of appeal? Has a claim been lodged and/or rejected?

Where are the minutes of any board phone hookups, meetings etc where members of the board were advised of potential/possible costs for the association?

This appeal was conducted under the provisions of the ASRR, with the first level of appeal, Race Control Tribunal (RCT) being held in June 2008 in QLD, and paid for in full by the QSCA Inc. despite the appeal arising from a national title and requests to Speedway Sedans to meet the cost of the appeal.

At no stage was this state advised of potential/possible cost amounts involved – either to the board member or to the state office.

After much discussion and deliberation it was resolved unanimously that, the QSCA Inc has already borne a substantial cost in relation to this appeal, therefore this Committee of Management would not be willing to commit any further member funds in relation to appeal costs.

A letter to be written to Speedway Sedans Australia advising them of this decision.

The request by the CEO will be placed on the agenda for discussion at the August state meeting.

Once the report from this meeting is made available then it is to be placed on the QSCA Inc website and available to our members.

Item 2 – Discussion held of the confidence in the present leadership of Speedway Sedans Australia.

Many members of this CoM feel that instead of the CEO acting under guidance and direction from the Board, the CEO is acting alone and not consulting with the Board. In a true business sense a CEO works for the Board, in the case of SSSA it appears that the Board works for the CEO.

Members expressed concern at the manner in which minutes were often prepared and sent out, agendas for meeting often arriving at the last minute, unavailability of product from the national office because either the secretary is unavailable or not going into the office.

This is a paid position therefore it is realistic to expect that the level of service delivery would be higher.

This is a matter which should come under the direct control of a CEO.

After lengthy discussion regarding the lack of support and information being made directly available to states, to state offices it was resolved that a letter be written to SSA Inc stating the following: *“It was a unanimously agreed, that on behalf of the membership of the QSCA Inc, the Committee of Management, has no confidence or faith in the leadership of the current CEO of Speedway Sedans Australia.*

*Nor does it appear that the working operations and current structure of Speedway Sedans Australia are in the best interest of the organisation as a whole.”*

This item to be placed on the agenda of the next scheduled Board meeting to be held in August 2009.

Letters to be circulated to all state board members and state offices by email.

Succession Planning – A brief discussion was held on succession planning and how best we can ensure that we have sufficient people available to do a variety of roles within the organization.

Recommendation accepted that the role of the state chief steward become that of stewards advisor – a role to mentor stewards and assist them to be ready to handle titles and blue ribbon events should the need arise.

Pam to reword that section of the Policy/procedural manual and once done to be circulated to clubs.

Request from National Secretary for Super Sedan driver details – On her return home from Cairns Pam will forward an updated listing.

Paul tabled the Memo of Understanding in relation to the newly formed Australian Super Sedan Association.

After discussion, it was resolved to write to SSA and object to the outcome – there had been no process of consultation with the board prior to the signing of the memo. This appears another example of the CEO acting alone without due process of consultation. At no time were Board members consulted as to who should attend the meeting on behalf of the board. There is no transparency in the process.

Class Rationalisation:

Paul advised that he has had phone discussion with Kevin Theyer, who has been appointed by the Board to work within states to address the possibility of class rationalization.

Kevin wishes to come to QLD and hold a discussion meeting with all interested parties. Discussion on the idea was lengthy, with the committee resolving to assist where possible, in order that our own members get a clear and transparent viewpoint on what class rationalization could mean for them as competitors and for the state.

It was felt by all that if this meeting was to include more than just QSCA Registered classes the venue would need to be carefully considered, as the heart of 'other classes' is not necessarily the SE corner of QLD. Paul to discuss with Kevin Theyer.

The QSCA Inc will supply printed labels that the organizers can mail to drivers advising of meeting details. The QSCA Inc will not send out these details directly to our competitors.

Paul advised the meeting that he would be travelling to Adelaide on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June, for a meeting to discuss some sensitive issues in relation to suspension of a member.

The QSCA Inc CoM advised Paul, as the board member for QLD that the matter has gone on far too long, has been handled incorrectly from the beginning, the member under suspension should have been asked to appear before the Board and show cause as to why he should not be suspended or removed from the technical committee. This does not appear to have happened and as a result this organization could find themselves embroiled in another costly legal battle.

A quick resolution to this matter would be for the member to be reinstated to his position with a cautionary letter written to him, advising of the Boards expectations for his future conduct.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.50am.