

## MINUTES OF THE STATE MEETING HELD SATURDAY 7<sup>th</sup> February 2009 RSL MARYBOROUGH

President Paul Gannon declared the meeting open at 9.10am

Present:

Paul Gannon	QSCA Inc President
Jim Cowley	QSCA Inc Vice President
Terese Lange	QSCA Inc Secretary
Pam Franz	QSCA Inc Treasurer
Bill Peall	QSCA/SSA Tech Rep
Tony Cornelissen	QSCA Technical Rep
Dianne McKeiver	Central Zone Rep
Allan Jennings	QSCA State Chief Steward

Keith Harm	South Burnett	Delegate
Gail Ahlstrom	Bundaberg	Delegate
Bjorn Ahlstrom	Bundaberg	Observer
Graham Shallcross	Bundaberg	Delegate
Robin Wells	Bundaberg	Observer
Peter McKeiver	Rockhampton	Delegate
Julie Etherden	Rockhampton	Delegate
Darryl Etherden	Gladstone	Delegate
Judy Oates	Gladstone	Delegate
Martin Ritchie	Maryborough	Delegate
Paul Redman	Maryborough	Observer
Ryan Harris	Maryborough	Delegate
Gary Pagel	Gympie	Delegate
Doug Rigby	Gympie	Delegate
Mike Briese	Charlton	Delegate
Nely Cornelissen	Caboolture	Delegate
Trish Writer	Caboolture	Delegate
Selina English	Maryborough	Observer
Sarah Franz	Sunshine Coast	Delegate
Trevor Brown	Sunshine Coast	Observer
James Elliot	Sunshine Coast	Delegate
Darell Retschlag	4 cyl club	Delegate
Graham Dawson	4 cyl club	Delegate

Apologies: Ed Pearson, Wes Beadman, Rodney Midolo

Moved Dianne McKeiver Central Zone Rep  
That the apologies be accepted.

Seconded Caboolture

Carried

Minutes of August 2008 meeting

Moved Maryborough

Seconded Caboolture

That the minutes of the August 2008 meeting be accepted for discussion.

Page 2 – QSCA Junior Street Sedan title – as South Burnett are no running this season this title will now be held on 14<sup>th</sup> March at Mothar Mountain Speedway, Gympie.

A reminder was given that competitors need to provide a statement by supplier form if they have done so in the past 12 months.

Discussion held on engine sealing, in relation to the changes and cars going to the upcoming national titles. – Bill Peall gave an explanation as to a discussion he had had with the national technical director, Bill stated that he was of the understanding the cars competing from QLD were compliant.

A brief discussion was held on cars being owned by juniors, the QSCA Inc is seeking ongoing advice as to the practice of juniors having ownership of a race car and these cars being registered in the name of a junior.

Page 4 – Random checking of race gear – an undertaking was given that random checking of race gear would occur at race tracks and just not on title nights.

Moved

Maryborough

Seconded Rockhampton

That the minutes of the August 2008 state meeting as present be accepted  
CARRIED

Report from the Board meeting Speedway Sedans September 2008

Moved Maryborough

Seconded Sunshine Coast

That the report from the SSA Board September meeting be accepted for discussion.

Carried

*This report can only be accepted for discussion*

Paul Gannon congratulated Charlie Brown on his National Title win and made an acknowledgement of all the QLD competitors who had attended the title to represent their state.

A lengthy discussion took place on how the technical report was presented following a technical meeting. Paul explained that there were no minutes from this meeting, the national technical director attended the SSA Board meeting to present recommendations/findings/results of a technical meeting.

All delegates agreed that they would prefer to see some form of minutes come from a technical meeting, this would demonstrate to competitors that if they had an agenda item it was discussed and had an outcome.

Discussion held on Motion 5 Page 12 of the SSA Board minutes – regarding Technical appeals. This has been forwarded to the Racing Rules review committee.

Bill Peal gave a clarification as per page 14 item 12 on spreader bars.

Moved Allan Jennings State Chief Steward                      Seconded Caboolture  
That the minutes of the SSA September Board meeting be accepted as presented.  
CARRIED

Discussion held by delegates on fuel testing in Queensland. All agreed that this was necessary at our own venues. Testing of fuel should be done, with the samples being sent to Deakin University for analysis.

Committee of Management Reports:  
Moved Caboolture    Seconded Rockhampton

That the reports of Committee of Management meetings be accepted as presented.

Carried

Financial Report:  
Presented by treasurer Pam Franz

Fees 2009 – 2010  
Fees to remain as there are at present for state registered classes.  
National registered class fees to be as per any National fee increases. Pam explained that in previous years we had held fees, only to be passed an increase in fees by the national body.

Moved Pam Franz    Seconded Maryborough

That the financial report, with the fee structure proposal, be accepted as presented

Carried

Correspondence:  
Moved Terese Lange    Seconded Di McKeiver  
That the inward correspondence be received and the outward endorsed

Carried

President Paul Gannon advised the meeting of a contact that the QSCA Inc had received from the Esk Council seeking endorsement and verbal support to a new motor sport complex being proposed with the Esk Shire. The QSCA Inc had written a letter of support.

### **Agenda Items –**

Jim Cowley spoke on an agenda item he had proposed for discussion at this meeting regarding the age limit of street sedan vehicles. Jim explained that on reflection he would like to withdraw the item from discussion.

Paul Redman Maryborough spoke on the need to continue to improve the image within the sport.

V – Rated Tyres

Motion 1

Moved Jim Cowley

Seconded Maryborough

Maximum V Rated tyres be accepted in street sedans with a \$ value of \$180.00 inc GST as priced from a retail outlet.

Carried

### **Maryborough Agenda items:**

1. The Lifting points on the front and rear of all QSCA classes become mandatory for the commencement of the 09/10 racing season.

Following discussion the following motion was put to the vote.

Motion 2

Lifting Points

Moved Maryborough

Seconded Gympie

That lifting points on the front and rear of all QSCA classes become mandatory for the commencement of the 09/10 season.

Carried

In all QSCA classes, all drivers in there first 12 months of racing run 'L' plates.

After a great deal of open discussion the motion was put and lost.

### **Caboolture agenda items:**

Letter from Caboolture re rotary engines in street sedans – An open discussion with all delegates expressing the opinion that this was way outside of the specifications and intent of the class.

Letter from Daran Munro – with a number of questions

- A. Can suspension arms be fabricated – Answer Yes they can
- B. What is the interpretation of mounting points, does this mean where they are mounted to the body only – Answer – NO – Mounting points are either end.
- C. If suspension arms can be fabricated and using original mounting points. As, adjustable camber pins are allowed, can you then have longer or shorter than standard length suspension arms. – Yes they can be + or – 25mm maximum
- D. If you can fabricate suspension arms, is where a chapman strut [shockabsorber] is mounted to the lower suspension arm a suspension mounting point or a shock mounting point. If this is a shock mounting point is there any interpretation as to a distance from the original mounting point that can be used i.e. as per modified

production specifications 25 ml. Yes as per the minutes of the August meeting – Page 7

- E. When you allow adjustable camber pins, does this also allow adjustable camber / caster plates to commodore towers. Then is this a suspension mounting point or a shock mounting point, that is if you accept that a mc pherson strut is a shock. Yes to answer both of these questions.
- F. In place of a chapman strut can you then fit a threaded body shock using the threaded nut on the shock to support the spring, not using the top spring cap. When using the shock this way it cannot be a coil over unit. The writer of the letter to supply more detailed information on this question. The request to be in writing.

### **Title Allocations Season 09 -10**

Super Sedans – Rockhampton – May long weekend

Modified Productions – Gympie – Anzac weekend

Junior Sedans – Maryborough December 2009

Super Streets – TBA

Street Sedans – Gympie – Easter

Junior Street Sedans – Maryborough – Date TBA

4 Cyl Sedans – Maryborough – Date TBA

### **Sunshine Coast agenda items:**

Engine Balancing – A long lengthy and at times vocal discussion was held on this subject. With the first motion being lost.

Motion 4

Moved Allan Jennings State Chief Steward

Seconded Gympie

That is your street sedan engine is sealed by the QSCA Inc State technical officer then your engine is not required to be pulled down on or after a race meeting including state titles.

Carried

Motion 5

Moved Pam Franz Treasurer

Seconded Terese Lange Secretary

That owners/drivers are responsible for any travel costs of the QSCA State technical representative to seal engines

Carried

Performance variations:

If a part is available as an OEM Replacement part, sold through an Australian retail outlet, the OEM or replacement option for the model being used must meet specification in all componentry then it may be used.

Stewards meeting – Further information to follow

*Since this meeting a training session for all stewards (& other officials) will be held with an outside facilitator – items to be discussed are the rule book with specific emphasis on rule interpretations, effective decision making, infringement notices. These sessions will be videos to produce a training DVD for use by all clubs.*

One Way Communicator – The effective use of this method of communication to be incorporated into the training package.

**Bundaberg agenda items:**

The Bundaberg club asked that further consideration be given to ‘passengers being optional in the street sedan division.

This was discussed at length and all delegates felt the ruling should remain as it is for now.

A discussion then held on how best to help competitors with limited resources requiring both a SSA and State Licence.

Motion 6

Moved Pam Franz Treasurer                                      Seconded Allan Jennings State Chief Steward  
That the cost of a QSCA drivers licence to be included as part of the purchase of an SSA Inc Infringement Card.

For introduction from 2009 – 2010 season

Carried

Caboolture Abstained

Item 2 – Dividing Street Sedans into 2 classes

Discussion held and it was felt that to do this would be detrimental to the good fields of cars currently being presented to race at most race tracks.

It was also pointed out that there is a National class called Street Stocks that would fit some of our state classes if anyone wished to move away from Street Sedans.

General Business:

When a new specification book is drawn up the wording RHS will need to be changed.

Discussion on bar work & body work as per Motion 3 – August 2008 state meeting minutes – South Burnett sought clarification on barwork in street sedans.

General discussion on 2 night state titles, it was felt by most that with the use of transponders and the ability to retrieve and post overall points very quickly that we should look at incorporating an additional heat to be run on night 2.

Motion 7

Moved Maryborough

Seconded Gympie

That all 2 night Queensland state sedan titles, have 5 rounds of heats, with the extra heat being on the second night of the title. Effective season 2009-2010

Carried

Rockhampton Abstained

Gladstone Abstained

Charlton – Expressed disappointment with the numbers of QSCA Junior Street Sedans willing to travel to Charlton – some discussion as to what Charlton could do to see an improvement in numbers.

Caboolture – Concern expressed at the proficiency of safety crew/ambulance officers working at race tracks especially in regard to head and neck restraints. QSCA to investigate what training NASR may be able to offer.

Discussion held on helmet dates – Bill Peall to discuss with SSA Technical for guidance as many of the helmets being presented are in good condition and obviously new but the dates are rubbing off with wear and contact.

There being no further business, President Paul Gannon thanked all for their input and attendance, wishing them a safe drive home.

The meeting closed 5.35pm

Next meeting – RSL Maryborough

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2009