



QUEENSLAND SALOON CAR ASSOCIATION INC.
STATE MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 2011

*Held on Sunday, 11 September 2011 from 9:00am
 RSL, Mary Street, Gympie*

Meeting Opened 9:05am

1. President's Opening Address

The President welcomed all attendees to the meeting. The meeting was invited to stand and participate in one minute of silence in remembrance of the late Keith Harm.

2. Introduction of Delegates & Apologies

Chair:	Paul Gannon	President	
Minutes:	Dianne McKeiver	Secretary	
Attendance:	Jim Cowley	Vice-President	
	Pam Franz	Licensing Secretary/Treasurer	
	Allan Jennings	State Chief Steward	
	Bill Peall	State SSA Technical Representative	
	Tony Cornelissen	State QSCA Technical Representative	
	Ryan Harris	Central Zone Representative	
	Colin Clark	4 Cylinders	Delegate
	Gail Ahlstrom	Bundaberg	Delegate
	Graham Shallcross	Bundaberg	Delegate
	Paul Broughton	Brisbane	Delegate
	Nely Cornelissen	Caboolture	Delegate
	Patricia Writer	Caboolture	Delegate
	Jan Goring	Charlton	Delegate
	Alan Murphy	Charlton	Delegate
	Peter McKeiver	Coal Capital	Delegate
	Cyril Bates	East Coast	Delegate
	Ross Fraser	East Coast	Delegate
	Judy Oates	Gladstone	Delegate
	Selina English	Gympie	Delegate
	Gary Pagel	Gympie	Delegate
	Kaye Arthur	Maryborough	Delegate
	David Arthur	Maryborough	Delegate
	Julie Etherden	Rockhampton	Delegate
	Ashley Barron	South Burnett	Delegate
	Travis Barron	South Burnett	Delegate
	Sarah Franz	Sunshine Coast	Delegate
	Rodney Midolo	Sunshine Coast	Delegate
	Keith Baxter	Gympie	Observer
	Robin Wells	Gympie	Observer
	Rodney Cornelissen	Caboolture	Observer
	Terri-Anne Rowe	Caboolture	Observer
	Brendan McKeiver	Coal Capital	Observer
	Tanya Barron	South Burnett	Observer

Apologies

Klaus Weber	Northern Zone Representative
Wes Beadman	Southern Zone Representative
Ed Pearson	Southern Zone Steward
Graham Dawson	Sunshine Coast

MOTION: That the apologies be accepted.

Moved: Central Zone Rep Seconded: State QSCA Technical Rep Passed

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting (February 2011)

MOTION: That the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted for discussion.

Moved: Coal Capital Seconded: Caboolture Passed

3.1 Business Arising from the Previous Minutes

Motion 3: The Chair advised that this was a 'work in progress' for the future at national level, with a view to including fuel injection for Junior sedan specifications.

Item 14: A gift had been purchased for the former Secretary, Terese Lange.

Item 15: As State Title dates are being confirmed, they are being included on the QSCA website. The State Title for Street Sedans at Gympie has been scheduled for 10 & 11 March 2012; 4 Cylinder Sedans at Cairns has been scheduled for 30 June 2012; Junior Sedans at Kingaroy has been scheduled for 3 March 2012. The meeting was also advised that for the first State Production Sedan title, the host would be Gympie and this has been scheduled for 21 April 2012.

MOTION: That the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted as a true and correct record.

Moved: Caboolture Seconded: Rockhampton Passed

4. QSCA Committee of Management Meeting Minutes (April & July 2011)

MOTION: That the minutes of the Committee of Management Meetings be accepted for discussion.

Moved: Caboolture Seconded: Central Zone Rep Passed

4.1 Business Arising from the Previous Minutes (April 2011)

Item 4.3: Regarding the Sweet Modified Production Chassis. The meeting was advised that the issue with the main hoop had been resolved. The racecar concerned had still not been registered at this stage, pending the issue with the NASCAR bars which had been raised at the National Technical Meeting. Clarification 8 was read to the meeting from the Minutes of that meeting.

A number of delegates raised concerns about not receiving timely responses from national level. The Chair made a commitment to try and have a definitive answer concerning this issue within the next couple of days.

MOTION: That the issue concerning the NASCAR Bars be raised by the Queensland SSA Technical Representative at national level to seek clarification for the Modified Production Specifications.

Moved: Brisbane Seconded: Coal Capital Passed

5. Financial Report (including Committee of Management Reports)

The Financial Report and Committee of Management Reports were tabled for the year ended 30 June 2011. The Chair invited queries from the floor concerning the Committee of Management

Reports.

The Licencing Secretary/Treasurer spoke to the document. The meeting was advised that Queensland would be hosting two national titles for the coming season. This included the Junior Title at Mackay scheduled for 18 & 19 January 2013 and the Modified Production Title at Charlton on 29 & 30 March 2013.

Several delegates enquired about the call for submissions for such titles. The Licencing Secretary/Treasurer indicated that an email list had been provided to the national body to distribute the Invitation for Expressions of Interest, however a number of club delegates indicated that no such information was received.

It was also agreed that the 'seven day' deadline was not long enough. One club indicated that whilst they had received the information, it was all ready two or three days into the deadline period.

MOTION: That the Financial Report be adopted and the Committee of Management Reports be accepted.

Moved: Licencing Sec/Treasurer Seconded: Charlton Passed

6. Correspondence

The list of Incoming and Outgoing Correspondence was tabled. The Chair invited questions from the floor concerning any of the items.

Maryborough had indicated that a copy of the outgoing letter to the Yarrow Family (Item 050) was to have been sent to them, however it had not been received. The Secretary responded that she was unaware of this arrangement, but would send a copy to them.

MOTION: That the incoming correspondence be accepted and the outgoing correspondence be endorsed.

Moved: Caboolture Seconded: Brisbane Passed

7. Additional Agenda Item: Presentation by East Coast

The East Coast delegates were given the floor. They advised that their club would no longer exist after this financial year mostly due to low numbers of membership. Their remaining finances would be donated to the State for distribution and use towards sponsorship as specified. The meeting expressed disappointment at the news of their demise. The delegates were offered thanks through a round of acclamation.

The delegates were asked to submit their club's requested specifications in writing to the State.

8. Additional Agenda Item: State Title – Special Event

The President indicated that he would like to implement the 'Keith Harm Memorial Trophy' for Street Sedan State Titles. Three identical trophies would be ordered for presentation, one each for a State Title held at Gympie, Kingaroy and Maryborough.

MOTION 1: That the 'Keith Harm Memorial Trophy' be implemented as outlined.

Moved: Maryborough Seconded: South Burnett Passed

9. Additional Agenda Item: Photography & Juniors

The meeting was advised that this very serious issue had been brought to the attention of the State Executive. All clubs are advised that written permission must be obtained from a parent or guardian before a photograph can be taken of junior members.

At State level, a new statement would be added to nomination forms for Junior Titles and it was

highly recommended that clubs duplicate this by including such a statement on membership and/or nomination forms. Additionally it was advised that this issue includes photographs of Junior race cars and even people who may be innocently standing in the background.

The regular speedway photographers have been advised.

Meeting adjourned for Morning Tea Break: 10:30am

Meeting resumed: 10:35am

10. Elections for Awards

All nominations were read respectively.

Junior Driver of the Year

<i>Nomination received for:</i>	<i>From:</i>
Beau Laverty	Sunshine Coast
Jayden Peacock	Caboolture

It was noted at this point that there was one trophy allocated for a Junior at State Level (Junior Street Sedans) and one allocated for a Junior at National Level (Junior Sedans). This was an accidental omission from the information distributed to clubs. In future, this would be listed as two separate items.

MOTION 2: Due to the fact that one driver was predominantly a Junior Sedan driver and the other was predominantly a Junior Street Sedan driver that the trophies be awarded accordingly.

Moved: Coal Capital Seconded: Gladstone Passed

The Junior Street Sedan trophy was presented to the Sunshine Coast Club for Beau Laverty.

The Junior Sedan trophy was presented to the Caboolture Club for Jayden Peacock.

Queensland Driver of the Year

Election required.

<i>Nomination received for:</i>	<i>From:</i>	
Russell Cowley	Sunshine Coast	
Steve Cook	Caboolture	Elected as the recipient

Dedication Award

<i>Nomination received for:</i>	<i>From:</i>	
Roz Young	Coal Capital	Named as the recipient

Volunteer of the Year Award

<i>Nomination received for:</i>	<i>From:</i>
Jim Cowley	Sunshine Coast

It was noted at this point that under the current criteria for the award this nomination could not be accepted.

MOTION 3: That as there were no other nominations this award be presented to Keith Harm posthumously.

Moved: Maryborough Seconded: Gympie Passed

The Volunteer of the Year Award was presented to the South Burnett Club for Keith Harm.

SSA Driver of the Year

Election required.

<i>Nomination received for:</i>	<i>From:</i>	
Shannon Blackburn	Sunshine Coast	
Dennis Shallcross	Bundaberg	Elected as the recipient

Discussion followed concerning the previous system where the driver awards were awarded according to a specified points process.

MOTION 4: That nominations for these awards continue to be received as submissions by clubs.

Moved: Maryborough Seconded: Coal Capital Passed

Noted: South Burnett voted against the motion.

MOTION 5: That the criteria for the Volunteer of the Year and the Dedication Award be altered to exclude the line "Must not be a driver".

Moved: Sunshine Coast Seconded: Caboolture Passed

11. General Business / Agenda Items

11.1 Super Street Class in the Future / Notice of Motion 6 from February 2011 Meeting

The meeting engaged in constructive discussion about supporting the Super Street class. Promoting clubs indicated that very limited race meetings were being programmed with Super Street for this season, and that their future may well hinge on their attendance at these race meetings.

The following items were noted:

- Dual registered Street Sedans were sometimes the only reason that Super Street numbers were viable enough to program
- When programmed at northern centres (eg Rockhampton) that they failed to support the race meeting.
- Prior to the National Modified Production Title being held in Maryborough, this same problem existed within Modified Production.
- The fee for dual registration be dropped or reduced.
- The increase in registrations for Modified Production co-related to the drop in registrations for Super Street.
- Information being circulated concerning this issue indicated that the Super Street class would be dropped by the QSCA!

Discussion then moved to who the introduction of the Production Sedan class in Queensland would affect the Super Street Sedan class. It was noted that a Queensland Title was being held for Production Sedans, but a question was raised about what other meetings were going to be programmed to include Production Sedans and whether or not this class would continue to be supported if there were not enough cars registered. It was accepted that the introduction of a new class to Queensland would take some time before it became viable.

MOTION 6: That the Super Street Class will cease to be a recognised division by the QSCA for Season 2012/13 and beyond.

Moved: Maryborough Seconded: South Burnett Lost

MOTION 7: That all Super Street drivers be given a directive by the QSCA to participate in the class or lose it after this season.

Moved: Coal Capital

Seconded: Maryborough

Passed

ACTION: A letter to be sent to registered drivers and clubs containing the directive.

11.2 Junior Street Sedan Class in the Future / Notice of Motion 7 from February 2011 Meeting

The meeting engaged in constructive discussion supporting the Junior Street Sedan class. Promoting clubs indicated that limited race meetings were being programmed with Junior Street Sedans for this season.

The following items were noted:

- There didn't seem to be new juniors coming through to replace the juniors that are moving to the senior level.
- The two-year gap for the commencement age for juniors between state and national classes was identified as a problem.
- Having mandatory passengers was identified as a problem.
- Not being able to have a junior as a passenger in senior classes was identified as a problem.
- May be this was just a 'trough' and that we should wait for the next 'peak'.

The meeting agreed that the Junior Street Sedan class remain as it is for now.

11.3 Race Meeting Documentation

The Chair emphasised that the submission of Accident Reports and Steward's Race Meeting Reports were mandatory and that QSCA Officials had a duty to complete and submit these.

It was clarified that Promoters should be providing the proformas to the officials for completion.

ACTION: A letter be sent to officials as a reminder. This is to include information about the forms and where to find them.

Meeting adjourned for Lunch: 11:55am

Meeting resumed: 12:50pm

11.4 Additional Agenda Item: Practice Day Protocol

The Chair reiterated the information that was sent out via email regarding the processes required for Practice Days. The risk to people, clubs, the State, and the sport as a whole was too great to not remain vigilant! The Chair instructed that Clubs should not leave themselves 'open' by not following the correct processes and procedures.

11.5 Optional Passengers (Bundaberg & Maryborough)

The meeting engaged in discussion and the following items were noted:

- Weight should be substituted if a passenger was not used.
- Clubs would struggle financially due to potential reductions in memberships, and where applicable promotional income (gate takings etc).
- Leave Street and Super Street Sedans as they are and if drivers prefer to not have a passenger, a move to Production Sedans or Street Stocks should be considered.
- If passengers were optional, cars should maintain a passenger set-up.

MOTION 8: That passengers be optional from the 2012/13 season for QSCA Sedan Classes (Street Sedans, Super Street Sedans and Junior Street Sedans).

Moved: Bundaberg Seconded: Charlton Deadlocked

At this point the Chair used his deciding vote and exercised his practice of voting for the status quo. As passengers are currently mandatory, the motion was lost.

11.6 Fuel Tank Position (Gympie)

Gympie spoke to the motion.

MOTION 9: That the line "Fuel tank not to protrude under the bottom of original sub frame" be removed from the QSCA Street Sedan specifications. (p.26, fourth sentence of clause 34.8)

Moved: Gympie Seconded: South Burnett Passed

Effective immediately.

11.7 Pre-Registration Inspections (Maryborough)

Maryborough spoke to the motion.

The State Chief Steward provided information about his understanding of how this issue was raised after an incident in Western Australia. Advice on the issue had been sought and provided verbally during the conversation, but the advice would not be provided in writing. Further follow-up resulted in conflicting advice.

The process of not being able to daylight and race a car on the same day was reinforced and supported.

It was suggested that current practices of daylight inspections and scrutineering could remain in place until further information is advised.

It was also suggested that we consult a Solicitor about going against the current Australian Racing Rules & Regulations, as a possibility.

11.8 Post-title Machinery Inspections (Maryborough)

The current practice was for engines to be inspected, unless they had seals in place, until the first three place-getters were determined. It was noted that if Street and Super Street Sedan engines are sealed, that they can only be sealed by the State QSCA Technical Representative. QSCA By Law 13 was read to the meeting.

11.9 Production Class (Maryborough)

It was stated that the introduction of the national Production Class to Queensland was definitely not an attempt to loose the QSCA classes. The Production Class has existed at national level for quite some time and it was not a new class; it was just new to Queensland. Numbers in state-based classes were still strong and were encouraged.

11.10 State Title Contracts (Maryborough)

The meeting was advised that the items that were considered within the cost structure of QSCA State Title Contracts contained a number of 'fixed' and 'variable' costs. These are adjusted accordingly for a two-night event that is run over one night. A one-night meeting was not simply half the cost of a two-night meeting.

A question was raised concerning the trophies that were purchased for the Street Sedan Title that was not run due to the inclement weather conditions. The Licencing Secretary/Treasurer indicated that they were in her possession and that they would be used for the current season and that only the engraved plates would be changed. It was also noted that all titles for the last season ran at a 'loss', and there continues to be few applications submitted to host the titles each year.

Discussion followed concerning how meetings are promoted and advertised. A suggestion was raised that more consideration be given to the use of social network sites as an alternative to the expenses incurred for conventional advertising media.

Meeting Closed to conduct the Annual General Meeting: 2:00pm

Meeting Re-opened: 2:20pm

At this point, the Chair invited delegates to raise any other issues.

12. Other General Business

12.1 Communication Breakdowns (Sunshine Coast)

Using the previous night's race meeting at Gympie as an example, a concern was expressed about the occasional delay in time between the call via the receivers for a 'yellow' light and the use of the 'yellow' light. The situation for that night was explained but in an effort to assist with resolving the issue, it was suggested that the state body purchase some receivers for distribution for clubs for use by their officials on race nights.

MOTION 10: That the State body purchases some receivers for use at the regular tracks (Gympie, Kinago; Maryborough) and requests clubs to indicate whether or not they would like a receiver provided by the State for use by whoever operates the lights or a flag marshall.

Moved: Licencing Sec/Treasurer Seconded: Maryborough Passed

12.2 South Burnett Speedway (South Burnett)

The delegates from South Burnett encouraged competitors to participate in their race meetings that have been programmed.

12.3 Processing Documentation with Speedway Australia (Licencing Secretary/Treasurer)

The Licencing Secretary/Treasurer explained the process that has been adopted by Speedway Australia for distributing their Licence Cards to applicants. It seems that Speedway Australia was not recognising the fact that the QSCA issued Infringement Cards to their competitors and were returning cards to local clubs for issuing to their members. Speedway Australia's representative indicated that due to privacy issues, this would not change unless there was direction from the clubs to change this process. An alternative was offered that a motion from this meeting may suffice.

MOTION 11: That Speedway Australia alter their office processes and return all competitor cards for both Queensland-based ASCF and QSCA divisions (Street Sedans, Junior Street Sedans and Super Street Sedans) to the QSCA Licencing Secretary to enable Infringement Cards to be issued in a timely manner for the competitors.

Moved: Licencing Sec/Treasurer Seconded: South Burnett Passed

12.4 Name of the National Body (Vice-President)

It was noted that confusion is arising as a result of the name change from NASR to Speedway Australia (SA) and its new acronym. It was considered that the acronym of the national body Speedway Sedans Australia (SSA) was now too similar to SA.

MOTION 12: That Speedway Sedans Australia (SSA) revert to its former name of the Australian Saloon Car Federation (ASCF) to better distinguish it from Speedway Australia (SA).

Moved: Vice-President Seconded: 4-Cylinders Passed

At this point, the Vice-President congratulated the President on being appointed to his new role as the Chief Executive Office of Speedway Sedans Australia. There was a round of acclamation.

The items that were purchased in recognition of the service given by the former Secretary, Terese Lange, were displayed. The Chair indicated that he would find the time to present these to Terese in the near future. The items were a set of four engraved wine glasses and an engraved service tray.

The Chair then presented the annual Certificates of Appreciation.

13. Next Meeting

The date and venue of the next meeting will be confirmed and provided by the Committee of Management in the near future.

Meeting Closed: 2:40pm

MINUTES CONFIRMED:

Chair - Paul Gannon

Date