



SPEEDWAY SEDANS QUEENSLAND (QSCA Inc.)

STATE GENERAL MEETING MINUTES -

Saturday 3rd August, 2014 - Held at Geebung-Zillmere RSL Club Cnr Newman Road & Collings Street Geebung

1) Chairman Jim Cowley opened the meeting at 9:30am. Welcome to all.

2) **Attendance** – around table introductions.

Jim Cowley - <i>President</i>	Allan Jennings - <i>Vice-Pres./State Chief Steward/ CTAC Production Sedans</i>
Pam Franz – <i>Treasurer/ Licencing Secretary</i>	Kaye Arthur - <i>Central Zone Rep (Minutes)</i>
Bill Peall - <i>State SSA Technical</i>	Tony Cornelissen – <i>SSA Technical Assistant</i>
Patricia Writer - <i>Southern Zone Rep</i>	Klaus Weber – <i>Northern Zone Rep</i>
Nely Cornelissen – <i>Caboolture</i>	Kathy Smith - <i>Caboolture</i>
Ian Jones – <i>Lockyer Valley</i>	Sheree Jones – <i>Lockyer Valley</i>
David Stretton – <i>Cairns</i>	Donna O’Keeffe – <i>Super Sedan Assn</i>
Ashley Barron – <i>South Burnett</i>	Max Marshall – <i>South Burnett</i>
Shane Wicks – <i>South Burnett</i>	Rodney Midolo – <i>Sunshine Coast</i>
Gordon Midolo – <i>Sunshine Coast</i>	Graham Shallcross - <i>Bundaberg</i>
Terry Wenzel – <i>Bundaberg</i>	Selina English - <i>Gympie</i>
David Arthur – <i>Maryborough/ CTAC Street Stocks</i>	Alan Stewart - <i>Maryborough</i>
Julie Etherden – <i>Rockhampton</i>	Dianne McKeiver – <i>Coal Capital</i>

3) **Apologies:** Townsville, Charlton, Brisbane, Chris Elliot

MOTION: “That the apologies be accepted.”

Moved:	Gympie	Seconded:	Maryborough	Motion Carried
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4) **Minutes of Previous Meetings**

QSCA Inc. State Meeting Minutes – August 2013.

MOTION: “That the minutes of the QSCA Inc. State Meeting as read be accepted as a true and accurate account of the meeting held 3rd August 2013.”

Moved:	Southern Zone Rep	Seconded:	Rockhampton	Motion Carried
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Business Arising from QSCA Inc. State Meeting Minutes – August 2013.

a) *pg. 3 - 4.1.2* – Roof numbers Super Sedans only have exemption from having roof top plates- 75mm number to be displayed on side of car & on rooftop – clarification as supplied by Bill Peall - *State SSA Technical*

Noted by Patricia Writer that manual lap scorers will still have problems with this, not all tracks have transpondering at every meeting.

b) *pg. 3- 4.2.5* - Tyre cost limit for 4 Cylinder Sedans – no action has been taken at this point in time – remains as is – cost under \$180 and no racing tyres.

c) *pg. 4 - 4.3.2* - SSA has purchased channel 970 for Speedway use, though not all tracks are using this channel: - Rockhampton,

d) *pg. 5 – 8.2.1* Junior Sedans – Hold over to General Business

e) *pg. 6 -13.2* Townsville motor sport facility – at the showgrounds on a temporary basis until complex is built. Speedway Australia is happy with the fence – they are utilising the concrete barriers on the top with fencing that are used for the V8 Super Cars races (in exchange for the storage fees) with a defined exclusion zone. Ashley Barron commented re existing tracks have to “jump through hoops” to run the new clubs pop up and are allowed to run – Timber fences carry a spear damage risk, though the allowance of timber fencing is still in the current Track Operations Manual.

5) *pg. 7-13.7* - 4 Cylinder Title – Query as to when a National Title for 4 Cylinders would be on the cards – have to have minimum of 6 registered cars in 4 States – nothing definite yet – perhaps Queensland could put in to have the first National Title for 4 Cylinder Sedans....

4) Minutes of Previous Meetings – Cont.

Committee of Management Meeting Minutes – 30 November 2013, 2 March 2014, 28 June 2014.

MOTION: “That the minutes of the QSCA Inc. Committee of Management meetings held 30 November 2013, 2 March 2014 & 28 June 2014 as read be accepted.”

Moved:	Caboolture	Seconded:	Bundaberg	Motion Carried
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Business Arising from QSCA Inc. Committee of Management Meeting Minutes – 30 November 2013.

- a) *pg. 2 - 5.1* – Jim Cowley now stated he will be nominating for the position of President as he has had a change of mind.
- b) *pg. 4 – 11-* Accreditation - Allan Jennings *Vice-Pres./State Chief Steward* reported on the Speedway Australia Stewards Panel meeting; all classes represented, the National Stewards Accreditation proposed training would be far too long for people to gain accreditation and needs to be shortened. i.e. 20 meetings and 2 years as trainee to gain Assistant role. The training that Queensland offers is still relevant and will be ongoing.
The infringement notices issued by our officials were pulled apart and given no support from Speedway Australia. Allan Jennings proposed the we as a body suspend infringement cards only as Speedway Australia believe we have no right to suspend “Insurance” (Speedway Australia basically issues licences that come with “free Insurance”).
Comment from Pam Franz - encouraged all club officials to renew now as the issue of Red Cards is taking considerable time to go through, new photos to be supplied every three years for seniors, Sedan officials will still be registered to SSQ.
- c) Stewards Reports – Gatton club advised that they send their reports straight to Speedway Australia – requested that a copy to this State body would be appreciated.

Business Arising from QSCA Inc. Committee of Management Meeting Minutes – 2 March 2014.

- a) *pg. 2 - 4* – Pam Franz advised that all the State Titles now had confirmed dates - listed on the website.

Business Arising from Speedway Sedans Queensland (QSCA Inc.) Committee of Management Meeting Minutes – 28 June 2014.

Request to make font bigger for easier reading – noted.

- a) *pg. 1* Items as listed are on this meeting’s agenda
To date the \$1000-00 fine for Darren White has not been paid.
pg. 2 - 12c) Removal of passengers National Titles – discussion held – points noted :
 - NSW does not run passengers
 - Dianne McKeiver is going to write a letter to the National Body re their family situation re Brendan McKeiver as passenger and his being disadvantaged through this.
 - Rules say that passengers are optional – why have these rules been ignored and go against the spec book.
 - It would only take a small amount of process to accommodate passengers at National Titles as was seen in the running of the Production Sedan Title at Gympie.ACTION – this item to be put on the agenda to go to National Meeting and to be revisited then.
- b) *pg. 2 – 12f)* Letters of complaint re National Production Sedan Title – Jim Cowley advised that the letters written were brought up at the National Meeting, and that the input has not gone unnoticed.
- c) *pg. 2 – 12h)* SSA Social Media Policy – not adopted yet.
- d) *pg. 2 – 12i)* Roll Cage Drawing – Bill Peall advised that this is still a work in motion – has been ongoing for at least 2 years now.

Meeting adjourned for Morning tea Break 10:35 am – Meeting called back to order 11:00 am

- e) *pg. 2 – 12j)* Equalisation changes – Pam Franz explained fully now as she was unwell and could not attend the COM meeting. Accommodation should read travel.

4) Minutes of Previous Meetings – Cont.

f) *pg. 2 – 12j*) Equalisation changes Cont.

Options – Room hire to be paid by Speedway Sedans Australia; rotation of meetings around states, etc.
Pam Franz suggested that a decision be made by the Executive regarding this matter and all present were happy to adopt the decision.

f) *pg. 3 – 17*) Qld CTAC Representatives review – Held over to General Business.

g) *pg. 4 – 19*) Behaviour of our members at tracks – Klaus Weber advised that \$600 diesel went “missing” at the Moranbah meeting – discussions held – points noted:-

- There was security at the track, they obviously didn’t see it or were not there
- Security is the tracks individual responsibility not the SSQ
- Track take matter to police and then SSQ can be involved at the tracks requests
- General behaviour, moving other peoples things (even if it is a joke) rubbish left etc. – is there any policy & procedures in place and/or a code of conduct?
- Not just drivers and crews camp at the tracks, general public do as well.

5) Committee of Management Reports

MOTION: “That the Committee of Management reports as tabled be accepted.”

Moved:	Sunshine Coast	Seconded:	Northern Zone Rep	Motion Carried
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6) Presentation of Financial Reports.

Discussion held – points/ questions raised –

Q/ Gatton – costs of travel and accommodation for state titles vary from track to track.

Response – some people don’t claim expenses even when they are entitled to, distances travelled by and depending on the number of officials supplied from the local club as to how many officials have to be brought in to run the title. Many officials have dual jobs to keep numbers down.

Q/ Gympie – Take away the heat money paid at Titles, are we too cheap on the nomination fees?

Response – general discussion – no action/decision.

Q/ South Burnett – Title prize money is not enough is still “in the dark ages”

Response – State Body will look at restructure of prize money as per the Modified Sedan Title.

Q/ South Burnett – Restructure so that all competitors get a minimum guarantee amount – worked well with the Modified Sedans, puts the money “down the line” more.

Response – will be looked at for future titles.

Q/ Coal Capital – Set the nomination fee to the same amount as the minimum guarantee payout?

Response – general discussion – no action/decision.

Q/ Bundaberg – Why does it take so many officials to come to a National Title?

Response – A “package deal” is taken to undertake a National Title which includes officials as appointed by the National Body. Qld has the availability of more officials to support the National Title team whereas some other states do not.

MOTION: “That the Treasurer’s Report as tabled be accepted and endorsed.”

Moved:	Pam Franz - Treasurer	Seconded:	Coal Capital	Motion Carried
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7) Inward and Outward Correspondence as per tabled list.

Discussion held – points/ questions raised –

Q/ Re Rule 7.3.4 – no response received from Speedway Australia re this to date.

Q/ John Gore – whereabouts of confiscated gear from national Title

Response – by Bill Peall 2 people asked for gear to be sent back and this was done, the remainder was held for 3 months and then disposed of.

MOTION: “That the Inwards & Outwards Correspondence be accepted and actions endorsed.”

Moved:	Lockyer Valley	Seconded:	Sunshine Coast	Motion Carried
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8) Acceptance of Speedway Sedans Australia Board Meetings Minutes

Speedway Sedans Australia Inc. Board Meeting Minutes – 14, 15 & 16 September 2013 and 3, 4, & 5 May 2014.

MOTION: “That the minutes of the Speedway Sedans Australia Inc. Board Meetings held 14, 15 & 16 September 2013 and 3, 4, & 5 May 2014 as read be accepted for discussion.”

Moved:	Southern Zone Rep	Seconded:	Coal Capital	Motion Carried
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Business Arising from Speedway Sedans Australia Inc. Board Meeting Minutes – 14, 15 & 16 Sept 2013
Q/ CTAC chairperson /people at technical meetings ... Is it working?

Response by Bill Peall – from feedback and discussions and personal opinion =NO

a) *pg. 12 – MOTION 22* – Motion for trial period of Junior Sedans to be concluded and a final decision made – basically even though this has been passed as a motion it has not been implemented or actioned.

ACTION – to be taken back to the board for an answer to “why not?”

b) *pg. 16 - 15.1* Seat belts – Juniors 3inch belt is a recommendation only not mandatory.

c) *pg. 16 - 15.3* Blue Cards – Police check – Speedway Australia has implemented new Rule 5.1.13 – that any Official participating at Events involving Junior Drivers must satisfy any state laws and/or other requirements, where applicable, before officiating. In Qld covered by the holding of a Blue Card.

d) *pg. 17 - 15.4* One night licence applications – lists of issued One Night Licences by Speedway Australia are not available to Clubs as yet, but this is possibly going to happen at the next upgrade to the computer system at Speedway Australia. In the meantime competitors MUST bring the printed copy of their One Night Licence to the track and hand in at scrutineering.

e) *pg. 17 - 15.8* NSSS – looking at promotional and format changes, revamping of rounds etc.

f) *pg. 19 – MOTION 47* – Junior 1600 EFI “test Cars” – general discussion – no action/decisions.

Business Arising from Speedway Sedans Australia Inc. Board Meeting Minutes – 3, 4, & 5 May 2014.

a) *pg. 10 – MOTION 1* – Motion to have online manuals up and running by 1 July 2014. Pam Franz reported that the manuals are on-line but not have been updated yet – work in progress.

b) *pg. 14 – MOTION 13* Motion not allowing passengers in National Titles as of this season – The voting does not add up to a motion passed – if a member abstains from voting it is considered to be a vote in favour of the motion – therefore this motion should have been LOST.

ACTION – to be taken back to the board for a please explain.

c) *pg. 16* – Fuel testing procedures- still a work in progress.

9) Acceptance of SSA Stewards Meeting Report (July 2014)

Report not available – Allan Jennings gave a verbal overview of the report contents.

- Accreditation – what the Red Cards actually mean and “do”
- Social Media Policy – current policy has no jurisdiction to be able to suspend over Social Media issues – looking at adopting the Formula 500 Assn policy which allows the infringement card to be taken away.
- Explanation of substitute car rule

Meeting adjourned for Lunch Break 12:35 pm – Meeting called back to order 1:15pm

Presentation of gift to Dianne McKeiver previous Secretary QSCA in recognition of many years of service to the Committee of Management.

Meeting adjourned for the holding of the AGM 1:20pm – Meeting called back to order 1:30pm

10) Class Technical Advisory Committee Reports (CTAC)

Reports as tabled –

Q/ Why are some CTAC reps not at this meeting? Some had to be hounded to even get them to submit a report. Some CTAC reps do not seem to understand that they are responsible to the State Body. Jim Cowley has requested SSA to request all CTAC Reps to submit reports to State Body.

MOTION 1: “That CTAC representatives be required to submit written reports and attend SSQ State Meetings.”

Moved:	Southern Zone Rep	Seconded:	Caboolture	Motion Carried
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11) **Agenda Item** re Constitution - updating to reflect how our organisation operates. Pam Franz spoke on the importance of upgrading our constitution and submitting changes to the Office of Fair Trading, this will enable inclusion for the use of modern technology, emails etc. A full review of the constitution to be undertaken and then submit notices of motion and hold either a special general Meeting or if timely enough to the February 2015 meeting.

MOTION 2: “That the Committee of Management review the constitution and suggest changes to be brought up at the 6 monthly SSQ Meeting.”

Moved:	Southern Zone Rep	Seconded:	Caboolture	Motion Carried
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12) **Agenda item** – Caboolture Saloon Car Club - re E 85 fuel. Discussion

MOTION 3: “That E85 fuel be allowed to be used in all divisions.”

Moved:	State Tech	Seconded:	Caboolture	Motion Carried
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13) **Agenda Items** – Lockyer Valley Speedway Assn Inc.

- a) Junior training days similar to the Motorcycling Qld “Kick Start” program. Look at obtaining funding from Speedway Australia? No action/decisions
- b) 4 Cylinder Stewarding – tougher line? Discussion held

14) **Agenda Item** – Gympie Saloon Car Club Ltd –celebrations for drivers and crew/family after placing in a State or National Title - Discussion held.

ACTION – The cars to be quarantined off in a roped off area on the track with a Steward “standing guard” then let family, friends, crew etc. out to celebrate with the drivers near the podium area. A “practice run” at the Queensland State Titles to see how functions.

15) **Agenda Item** – Maryborough Sporting Car Club Ltd - Fuel testing procedures.

Response – this is now a work in progress at the national level.

16) **Late Agenda Item** – Smoking at Speedway complexes as per letter received. Discussions held.

If Clubs need to “police” this the cost of having security guards to do this just increases the entry cost at the gate. Procedures are in place from the Office of Fair Trading to cover this – designated smoking areas are to be clearly defined.

ACTION – encourage tracks to be more pro-active in the education of its patrons as to the smoking laws and designated areas for smokers possibly more signage with more announcements over the track PA during the race meeting.

17) **General Business – as held over**

a) Junior Sedans – this is in the hands of the Junior Sedan CTAC Committee and will then go onto the board and technical meetings.

b) Review of Tech roles – this will be covered with the review of the constitution.

25) Next Meeting – Date and Venue

Sunday 8th February 2015 at the Gatton Showgrounds (after the Saturday night Qld Junior Sedan Title)

Proposed times – 8am to 11 am

Meeting closed at 2:35 pm

Minutes confirmed by SSQ Executive 03/11/14

