



SPEEDWAY SEDANS QUEENSLAND (QSCA Inc.)

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT MEETING MINUTES

Saturday 28th June, 2014 at 311 Nash Road Tamaree

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

Due to an injury at home just prior to the meeting start Pam Franz was unable to attend as she was taken to hospital.

2) Committee Members present

Jim Cowley - <i>President</i>	Allan Jennings - <i>Vice-President / State Chief Steward</i>
Bill Peall - <i>State SSA Technical Rep</i>	Kaye Arthur - <i>Central Zone Rep (Minutes)</i>
Patricia Writer - <i>Southern Zone Rep</i>	Nely Cornelissen - <i>Observer</i>
Klaus Weber – <i>Northern Zone Rep (Arrived 12:00)</i>	

3) Apologies: Tony Cornelissen *State QSCA Technical Rep*, Pam Franz *Licensing Secretary/Treasurer/Acting Secretary*

4) Minutes of Previous Meeting (November 2013 and March 2014)

MOTION: "That the minutes of previous meetings November 2013 and March 2014 as read be accepted as a true and accurate account of the meetings held November 2013 and March 2014."

Moved:	Patricia Writer	Seconded:	Allan Jennings	Motion Carried
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Business Arising from Previous COM Minutes

a) Two year terms for Executive positions - Consideration to be given to making all Executive Positions 2 year tenure.

AGM NOTICE OF MOTION: "That all Executive positions of Speedway Sedans Queensland be two (2) year tenure on alternate years for President/Treasurer and then the next year for Vice President/ Secretary."

Moved:	Jim Cowley	Seconded:	Patricia Writer	Motion Carried
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b) Title Contracts – revamped to reflect change of name of organisation in the rebranding process, and adding the provision for titles to be held over one or two nights.

c) COM Shirts - held over due to the new logo in the rebranding process. Pam Franz will now be able to action the shirts order.

d) Functions of QSCA brochure – Kaye Arthur advised that it would be better to now have as a rebranding exercise as well, but the fundamentals of the SSQ remain the same. IE Qld branch of SSA, registration of cars, supply of officials, daylight & scrutineering of cars, State Titles, Liaison with the Australian speedway body SA, Specifications & changes to rule books, Engine sealing processes, issue of SSA Infringement cards. Each state body forms the "whole" SSA with the state branches handling the day to day issues and groundwork of our sport.

e) Rebranding- combine with brochure.

5) Committee of Management Reports

Patricia Writer - *Southern Zone Rep*- Verbal report

* Junior parents have been contacting regarding the trial Hyundai car. They state that it makes their current cars uncompetitive and unsaleable. Bill Peall advised that more than 1 trial car can be built and nothing will change regarding this until sorted by the Technical / CTAC Committees and it is in the best interests of the class moving forward. Trial car still cannot compete in state or national titles.

OUTCOME – Bill Peall will take back to the national body for a definite decision with Jim Cowley following up on next phone hook-up as well.

* Contact from Robbie White re fine and suspension for Darren White – 12months suspension to start from payment of \$1000 fine.

OUTCOME: Allan Jennings stated that the fine and suspension stands – as per the relevant rule.

Kaye Arthur - *Central Zone Rep* – Verbal Report

* As Zone Rep have not been contacted by anyone. Most people go straight to Pam Franz or Allan Jennings. The "chain of command" doesn't seem to have much impact at all.

OUTCOME: Committee members should endeavour to direct the enquiries to the appropriate person via the chain of command rather than just "fix stuff" as it comes to them because it's easier. Drivers etc. are never going to understand the concept if we as Committee don't do it correctly.

Bill Peall - *State SSA Technical Rep* – Verbal Report

* No minutes have been received from Technical meetings.

* The title co-ordinator job should be a position that can be applied for within the Committee or go back to the standing Secretary as in previous years.

5) Committee of Management Reports Con't

MOTION: "That the standing State Secretary be the Title Co-ordinator effective after the upcoming AGM."

Moved:	Bill Peall	Seconded:	Patricia Writer	Motion Carried
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Break for Morning Tea

Jim Cowley - President – Verbal Report

* Jim stated he has now decided to stand for re-election as President.

* Phone hook ups with National and State bodies.

Allan Jennings - Vice-President / State Chief Steward - Verbal report

* General discussion re stewarding – all seems OK

* Stewards meeting this weekend that both Allan and Jim will attend.

* A National Stewards panel to be formed by Speedway Australia – Qld needs to be part of it and have our say.

* Discussion regarding Red cards – the Stewards qualification is listed. What happens regarding stewarding other divisions (F500's, Wingless, AMCA's etc.) as we are all often asked to do. This will be taken to the Stewards meeting and clarified.

6) Inward and Outward Correspondence as per list. *Held over to await arrival of Pam Franz*

7) Stewards Reports – acknowledgement of receipt – various. *Held over to await arrival of Pam Franz*

8) Presentation of Financial Report & Proposed fee increase for 2014/15. *Held over to await arrival of Pam Franz*

9) 2013/14 Season Title review - *Held over to await arrival of Pam Franz*

10) Toowoomba Speedbowl 50 Lapper Open Slather race – cancelled due to technical issues with the license categories within the Sedan Division

11) 2014/15 Officials Registrations – changed to expiry date back to 30th June each year to be in line with Club Memberships and Red Cards expiry dates. ACCEPTED

12) Acceptance for discussion of SSA Board Meeting Minutes (May 2014) and Business Arising

a - Future direction of Junior Sedans – as previously discussed.

b - Electronic Specification Books – Bill Peall advised that these are meant to be finalised by 30/6/14.

c - Removal of Passengers from National Titles – implemented immediately by National – this is a National decision only and will not affect Qld State Titles or racing in Queensland. Jim advised that Qld voted against this motion.

d - CTAC Chairpersons attending Titles as scrutineers – discussion held – apparently National Technical expects this to happen. If the CTAC person is not a qualified scrutineer they should attend as an observer only.

e - No rest/lay days in Titles going forward – all agreed this is a good decision.

f - Qld Letters of complaint from Production Title – discussion held re attitude of National title team, Patricia Writer stated that it is just Rod Meekin's personality the way he acted. Bill Peall gave his thoughts on the fuel sample inferences that something underhanded was going on. Kaye Arthur stated that as National representatives, personalities aside, they should be expected to treat others with respect as they expect that respect to be given to them. No feedback has been given to the people who wrote letters of complaint.

g - Speedway Australia Rationalisation - *Held over to await arrival of Pam Franz*

h - SSA Social Media Policy to allow infringing of competitors – discussion held talk of adopting the F500's policy within this – that a competitors Infringement card can be suspended for breaches of the media policy but not their Speedway Australia Insurance card.

i - Roll Cage Drawing – Bill Peall advised that it is still wrong and a standardised version is being drawn up – work in progress.

j - SSA Meeting Equalisation changes – Jim Cowley offered an explanation of this item. National/Technical and Board meetings on who should pay the costs, i.e. – National pays for venue and meals, States would pay for accommodation & travel, and divided up - not always seen as equitable with some states not booking accommodation in a timely manner making the costs exponentially higher. All accommodation should be booked at least 21 days prior to meeting to allow for the best price to be obtained. Options regarding this are to be brought back for further discussion.

13) SSA Phone Hook Up Minutes/Reports – Copies of these are not presently available.

14) National Titles going forward – 2015/16 Super Sedans – Expressions of Interest will be called from Qld tracks/promoters

15) July 2014 Stewards Meeting – Agenda as attached – discussion on items listed held over to General Business for discussion.

16) Officials Training Qld – Townsville – date. Allan Jennings will advise a date when he is available – after further discussion plus the fact that Bill Peall has also been asked to head up north to help out it was decided to hold the training on the 16th August 2014 – Bill & Allan to attend race meeting at Cairns then have the training day on the Sunday and fly in the participants as needed from Townsville. ACCEPTED

17) Review of Qld CTAC Reps and QSCA/SSA Tech Roles – going forward what roles do we need?
Bill Peall advised that because of the changes within SSA he proposed the following: - Change the roll of Tony Cornelissen to SSA Assistant Technical and that the roles of Zone Stewards and Zone Scrutineers are no longer required. The CTAC roles to remain as is

AGM NOTICE OF MOTION: “That all the QSCA position held by Tony Cornelissen be changed to SSA Assistant Technical and the roles of Zone Stewards and Zone Scrutineers no longer be required. The CTAC roles to remain as they are currently”

Moved:	Bill Peall	Seconded:	Patricia Writer	Motion Carried
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Klaus Weber - *Northern Zone Rep* arrived 12:00 o'clock.

5) Committee of Management Reports – revisited

Klaus Weber - Northern Zone Rep - Verbal report

* Klaus advised that he has been approached to attend Northern race meetings to assist.

Advices received of non-attendance by Pam Franz due to injury and items held over were now revisited and discussed.

6) Inward and Outward Correspondence as per tabled list.

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

Moved:	Klaus Weber	Seconded:	Patricia Writer	Motion Carried
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7) Stewards Reports – acknowledgement of receipt as per tabled correspondence.

8) Presentation of Financial Report – as per tabled reports

MOTION: “That the financial statements, deposits and accounts paid are ratified.”

Moved:	Jim Cowley	Seconded:	Bill Peall	Motion Carried
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Proposed fee increase for 2014/15.

MOTION: “That there be no increase in fees for the 2014/2015 Season.”

Moved:	Patricia Writer	Seconded:	Bill Peall	Motion Carried- 3 for/1against
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9) 2013/14 Season Title review - *Held over as committee unsure of what was to be discussed.*

17) Agenda Item (Jim Cowley) – Street Stocks

a - Sealing of Computers Jim spoke on the scenario of having a “standard” computer to give to a competitor to blot in and run with on the night to ensure that the computers were indeed standard. Allan Jennings spoke on if the car then blew up because it had not been tuned to that specific computer we could find ourselves in “hot water”. Kaye Arthur spoke on software that will plug in from laptop to determine whether the sealed computer falls into the legal /standard parameters. Kaye Arthur to enquire regarding the costing of software.

b - Sealing of Engines – Jim spoke on getting rid of engine sealing for Street Stocks quoting the example “100 wrecker motors” sealed by some scrutineers. Also that there are too many people that can seal engines and are not held responsible for the accuracy of what they are sealing.

MOTION to be taken to the SSA that engine sealing for Street Stocks now longer be required.

18) Agenda Item (Kaye Arthur) – Continued harassment from Frank Packer – discussion held – Allan Jennings stated that it should be left alone as “once a bully knows they are getting a reaction they will continue to harass.”

Lunch break.

19) Agenda Item (Pam Franz – Klaus Weber spoke on Pams behalf) – Behaviour of our members at tracks – in particular Moranbah – fire under the shed awning, attempted break in to push car.

Discussion held – State body to draft a letter to all competitors stating that this sort of behaviour is unacceptable and that if any competitor is found to be doing these sorts of things than the car/driver/race team may be disqualified from the event. There may be fines and disqualifications as well. This is also to be reiterated at drivers briefing. The actions of a minority of people may affect many more if tracks then decide that there is no camping at the tracks or there are charges put in place to cover the possibility of vandalism and damage.

20) Agenda Item (PamFranz - Klaus Weber spoke on Pams behalf) – Realignment of the Zones from 2015/16 season – reason – more reasonable expectation for the Zone Rep to be able to service their tracks/clubs

Southern Zone to include Maryborough (NSW border to Maryborough) (Brisbane, Charlton, Roma, South Burnett, Caboolture, Sunshine Coast, Gympie, Lockyer Valley, Super Sedan Assn, Maryborough) - Central Zone to be north of Maryborough to Mackay (Bundaberg, Coal Capital, Gladstone, Rockhampton, Sugar City, Moranbah) - Northern Zone to be north of Mackay to Cairns (Townsville, Cairns, Mareeba)

MOTION: “That there be no realignment of the Zones.”

Moved:	Bill Peall	Seconded:	Patricia Writer	Motion Carried
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21) Agenda Item - media coverage update – live audio – live timing – website, Facebook group and Facebook page – satellite internet??

In Pam’s absence no decisions were made though a general discussion was held. Points raised were that the need for the media coverage is probably only required for State & National Titles and not required for general club shows. Satellite internet sounds like an expensive exercise – would have to look at costing before any further discussions.

22) Review and Finalisation of Agendas for General and Annual Meeting August 2014. All present read over the tabled Agendas for General & AGM meetings for August – ACCEPTED as tabled.

23) Late nomination not accepted from James Elliott. All agreed that this was the correct decision at this time. Allan Jennings asked that the constitution be checked for the ruling on a nominee for an Executive position is to have served in a Committee role before nomination being accepted for an Executive position.

24) General Business

* Patricia Writer – Whilst the CTAC has been in place it has not seemed to be any quicker in coming to a resolution or decisions on clarifications or changes. Jim Cowley & Bill Peall both expressed the opinion that the hold ups remain at the board level – rather than “rubber stamping” the decisions etc. they seem to continue to want to rework everything.

* Stewards Meeting – Agenda Items

#2 – Allan Jennings spoke on the National Stewards Committee to be implemented at National level with a panel of stewards representing each division. Queensland needs to be a part of it and be a big voice on there. Allan said he thinks in will work with infringements etc. but not for racing rules.

#4 – Duty of Care states that all competitors may be drug or alcohol tested. Does not differentiate between juniors or seniors.

#5 – One way communicator use – as per many previous discussions Queensland will continue to talk and communicate with drivers via the one-way communication system as stated in the rule book.

#6 – Substitute cars – a clarification is needed here.

#7 – Support for Stewards – what support?

#8 – Red Card - definition of officials is anyone who gives direction – pit marshals etc. should be included. Those officials who have not done any ‘real time’ work will not be getting their officials status renewed.

#9 – Transponder Operators – new people are needed to learn this job.

#12 – refers to the fact that there will be a representative from the NT for the first time is 10 years

25) Next Meeting – Date and Venue to be advised.

Meeting closed at 2:20pm.