

Report from the Committee of Management held Sunday 22nd June 2008 at Grevillea Gardens Gympie.

Meeting opened 9.20am

Present: Paul Gannon – President
Jim Cowley -Vice President
Terese Lange – State Secretary
Pam Franz – Treasurer
Allan Jennings – State Chief Steward
Wes Beadman – Sth Zone Rep
Bill Peall – SSA Technical Rep
Tony Cornelissen – QSCA Technical Rep

Apologies: Di McKeiver – Central Zone Rep

Paul opened the meeting by saying that the first thing he wanted to address was how the COM was working, and what, as a committee could be done to ensure that we worked as a strong group.

Paul then spoke of the appeals process that had recently taken place in QLD following the National Modified Production title and the subsequent issues that had arisen at national level since that time.

Paul explained that there had been some reference to phone calls to Deacon University and how they had been incorrectly attributed to a member of the management committee from QLD; this has later proved to be totally incorrect. Paul also advised that he had been part of a phone hookup on Thursday 19th June where some allegations had been made regarding the actions of person/persons in Queensland. Paul tabled his response to those allegations and asked if he had the support and endorsement of the COM to forward back to the CEO of SSA.

The committee not only supported Paul but asked that it be placed on official QSCA Letterhead by the secretary and be circulated to all Board members. The committee felt that the verbal innuendo against officials from Queensland had gone far enough and that the person making these unfounded allegations should be asked for a formal apology and if it was not forthcoming then his position of authority should be questioned. *Since the COM meeting Paul has had several discussions with the CEO of SSA Inc and a mediation meeting has been arranged to be held in Adelaide when the technical committee meet. Paul is of the belief that this meeting will go a long way to clearing the perceptions that it is Queensland officials who were/are at fault. Further action from the QSCA Inc will be held over until that time.*

The committee was concerned to be advised that when information arising from previous appeals ie the Junior appeal in WA was requested by the appellant, it firstly did not arrive and secondly an account for the supply of such information has been sent to the appellants concerned.

The secretary was instructed to write a letter to the SSA requesting that the matter of appeal costs be placed on the agenda for the September Board meeting. The QSCA have been advised that as the appeal from the National Modified Production title originated within Queensland, then the costs of the appeal have to be borne by QLD. It was felt that the SSA Board should make provision via their policy that when an appeal arises from a National title, all costs relating to the appeal should be an SSA expense.

States should only meet the expense of appeals arising from State or club run meetings.

Discussion held on Titles and the workload that comes with the number of titles within the state. Paul made the recommendation that Jim as Vice President, take over the role of title co ordinator. He will be the contact for clubs hosting titles, liaise with clubs/promotions, send out title contracts and nomination forms, he will also receipt and bank nomination fees.

Paul also asked that all committee be mindful when asked a question how they answer it and if it is within their capabilities. If it is a technical question we shouldn't just try and answer that question, we should be referring the person to either their club or zone technical representative. As an organization we should be encouraging the use of local club officials.

It was resolved that when a club sends correspondence to the state we would respond in acknowledging receipt of the letter, advising that it would be tabled at the next COM.

TEK Torque – Not all scrutineers have received their Tek Torque, Pam advised that she had sent an up to date listing to SSA. – A letter to SSA asking that all registered scrutineers be sent TEK Torque.

Pam advised that she had sent Jason Crowe, the SSA Media person, an amount of information and that the QLD page on the SSA Website was now close to being up to date.

Discussion held on officials applications – The QSCA does have the right to accept or refuse an application for any official – if the licencing secretary has a doubt she is to raise it with the executive and the state chief steward and where necessary the official concerned may be asked to 'show cause' as to why their licence should be renewed for that season.

Officials Education – A letter to be written to all clubs, making the offer of individual visits, with a view to the education of officials in the new rule book. Clubs would be asked to encourage member involvement be it from lap scorers, stewards, scrutineers and drivers, it is necessary that everyone has an understanding of the rule book to ensure that all competitors are given equal opportunity when competing.

There could be some individualised hands on training at the actual race meeting ie Lapscorers.

Terese to formulate a training record sheet, to be completed at the end of each training session. This will assist when doing a basic skills audit and planning for future training.

Allan will forward his completed driver exam to Pam to send out to licence holders.

Correspondence: Letter from BSSA re competitors arriving late on a regular basis. Whilst the Rule book isn't specific regarding any penalty that can be imposed on a driver who arrives late, all drivers need to be reminded that they must report to the chief steward on arrival if they have not attended the drivers briefing, the steward does have the option of imposing a penalty.

A letter to be written to Gavin Fletcher advising him that when he is late he must report to the chief steward and that his car must be scrutineered at all times prior to his racing.

A generic letter to be drawn up for inclusion with all officials applications reminding them that at all times, as an official of the QSCA, you need to be willing and prepared to answer questions from drivers arising from decisions made during a race.

August meeting – Terese tabled a draft agenda and made a recommendation that the meeting be brought to a 1 day meeting due to the lack of items on the agenda. This meeting will now be held on Saturday 2nd August, the AGM will be held that day also. All COM positions will not require any elections, the only vote that will need to go to a ballot will be that of Central Zone Steward where there are 2 nominees.

Moved Tony
That the Inward Correspondence be received and the Outward endorsed
Seconded Allan
CARRIED

Awards – discussion held on the QSCA Inc introducing Junior driver awards for both QSCA Junior Drivers and ASCF Junior drivers.

A letter to be sent to all clubs extending the time for nominations in these categories together with the criteria for the award.

Paul gave a brief overview on the press release from the ACCC.

Pam asked that it be noted that the QSCA were appreciative of the loan of transponders on 2 occasions from the SSA when the QSCA didn't have enough of our own to cover the nights racing.

Cairns: Bill advised that he had been approached by a competitor from Cairns with a view to him attending a race meeting there to check cars for compliance to the specifications. Bill to liaise with the local club president.

A letter to be written to QLD NASR, with a copy to NASR Aust, making the suggestion that the QSCA executive and their executive meet once again with a view to fostering and promoting the sport within our state. It is in the interest of the sport for the 2 groups to work together and as NASR QLD came to us on the last occasion we would be prepared to travel to meet them at a venue to be arranged.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 3.10pm.