



**QUEENSLAND SALOON CAR ASSOCIATION INC.
COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT MEETING NOTES
MARCH 2013**

***Scheduled for Saturday, 16 March 2013 from 9:30am
Residence of Allan Jennings***

Meeting Opened: 9:45am

1. Welcome by State President

2. Attendance/Apologies

Chair: Jim Cowley President

Minutes: Dianne McKeiver Secretary

Attendance: Allan Jennings Vice-President / State Chief Steward
Tony Cornelissen State QSCA Technical Representative
Pam Franz Licensing Secretary/Treasurer
Klaus Weber Northern Zone Representative
Ryan Harris Central Zone Representative
Travis Barron Southern Zone Representative

Apologies: Bill Peall State SSA Technical Representative

Observer: Nely Cornelissen

3. Minutes of the QSCA Committee of Management Meeting (October 2012)

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

Moved: Dianne McKeiver Secoded: Klaus Weber No objections

3.1 Business Arising:

3.1.1 Item 16: Roof Numbers

Super Sedans – to be sent to the SSA National Office as an agenda item for the SSA National Board meeting in May.

3.1.2 Item 15: Juniors

It was noted that whilst problems still exist, incidents seem to be fewer. Warnings have been conveyed to several groups, and improvements concerning behaviour have been observed.

3.1.3 Item 19: Cairns Representative

It was noted that no formal arrangements were finalised at this point.

4. Correspondence

MOTION: That the list of correspondence be accepted for discussion.

Moved: Jim Cowley Secoded: Allan Jennings No objections

4.1 Business Arising - Nil

5. Financial Report

MOTION: That the Financial Report be accepted for discussion.

Moved: Pam Franz Seconded: Travis Barron No objections

The Financial Report was tabled. Pam spoke to the documents.

5.1 Business Arising:

5.1.1 It was noted that the Scales Trailer was still currently registered in the name of Paul Gannon.

MOTION: Scale Trailer Registration to be updated from the current owner – Paul Gannon.

Moved: Pam Franz Seconded: Ryan Harris No objections

5.1.2 Discussions continued concerning the possible benefits to the QSCA if we were to accept other divisions under the QSCA umbrella (e.g. Stock Rods). There was a possibility that the current Super Street specifications could be broadened with a view to being more inclusive under these conditions – thereby ‘rationalising’ divisions.

The meeting supported the idea of promoting a call for Expressions of Interest for this idea and Ryan Harris was delegated with the role of making initial contact with Mac’s Speedway Promoter, Lyndsay Hawkings, to seek his input.

ACTION: Ryan Harris to draft a call for the Expressions of Interest.

5.1.3 The meeting was advised that there was a second ‘group’ of nostalgia/classic sedans. Mediation was conducted utilising the QSCA and some ‘middle ground’ has been gained with a view to formalising the combining to the two groups.

5.1.3 The current fees structures (including State Title Nomination Fees) was discussed and it was pleasing to note that the Treasurer supported ‘no changes’ for the second year in a row.

MOTION: That the fees structures for the 2013/2014 season remain unchanged but further consideration would be required pending information concerning any increase imposed by the SSA National Body.

Moved: Pam Franz Seconded: Ryan Harris No objections

6. Combining Divisions (Street Sedans / Production Sedans and Four Cylinder Sedans) to form a Junior Division with a Senior Passenger

A proposal was promoted and discussed concerning possible interest in cars that are already registered being dual registered (at no extra charge) for use in a junior division with the age threshold being dropped to 10 years. It was proposed that passengers be optional, but appropriately licenced senior competitors would be permitted. The division would be promoted as ‘Queensland Only’.

ACTION: A letter be sent to clubs seeking expressions on interest in participating in such a division.

Meeting adjourned for Morning Tea: 10:55am

Meeting resumed: 11:10am

7. Committee of Management Reports

President: There has been a good start to the season, apart from continuing weather conditions causing problems for some race meetings. The titles that have been attended have been pleasing and there seems to have been no major dramas. It has been many, many years since the mid-year conference was not held, and it leads us to wonder, as a result of no agenda items being submitted, are we actually doing good?

Vice-President: My role as State and National Steward has been really busy. The National Junior Sedan Title in Mackay was one of the better race meetings at that level in the last five or six years. The venue was good and there was less grief than usual. The State Junior Title held in Moranbah was a great meeting. The venue was excellent and the local club worked really hard to put on a great show. The power outage suffered was due to the rain, but they had a massive crowd. There has been a great deal of communication about the National Modified Sedan Title and some drivers trying to circumvent the criteria, which in my opinion, leaves a lot to be desired. These concerns have been conveyed to the SSA National CEO, but it is certain that the second part of that rule will never be changed. It seems that approval can be given to just about anyone and this issue was raised at the last conference. There are many competitors who don't read this rule properly and have asked to compete. Some of these people are not racing in the division for the division. The racing season has been good, except for weather conditions. Seems that speedway is more popular at the moment. There were more submissions received to host title meetings this year. More of us were getting out there and attending or participating at race meetings. We are going just about everywhere and very active and involved with the sport.

Southern Zone Representative: Have noticed that there has been a great increase of competitor numbers recently. We (CoM) are all racers and prepare race cars, and many of us are at nearly every race meeting. We are at the coal face – and have a vested interest in the sport and things are running pretty well.

State QSCA Technical Representative: Is keeping up with all the different classes.

Northern Zone Representative: Supports the comments so far. Things have gone off quite well, with only a few hitches. Feedback concerning the Queensland Junior Sedan Title has been positive with many people being happy that we finished the meeting.

State Licencing Secretary/Treasurer: The work continues year round with the licencing now based on 12 monthly periods which start at all different times during the year. It is a lot of constant work for the clubs and other people. This issue also causes challenges for club having to collect membership fees. Whilst registration fees fall due on 1 July, licencing can fall due at any time. Clubs are sending reminders to their own members about the requirement to have current membership, but as is common, many leave such issues to the 'last minute'. Everything else is working well and the new preferred payment method with EFT into bank accounts has been working well, in lieu of having to write cheques. The numbers of car registrations is pleasing.

State Secretary: The Central Queensland Junior Sedan Series was considered a good thing and went off well. There has been a great deal of positive feedback from people and it is proposed that this will be restaged for next season. It was noted that a Series Sponsor was gained at the 11th hour – which was greatly appreciated. This sponsor has given an indication that they would like to provide support for the series again next year.

8. Accident Reports – Noted

9. Steward's Race Meeting Reports – Noted

10. Queensland State Title Format

A number of factors will impact on the staging of Queensland Titles including a lack of long weekends and date clashes. The issue of moving some of the titles to a single night event was discussed. It was noted that there was a trend that only about 50% of all registered race cars would compete in their respective Queensland Titles. May be only Super Sedans and Modified Sedans would be considered to remain as a two-night race meeting. For other divisions, may be a one-night race meeting would work better.

Considering the above information, it was estimated that there would be a lesser number of nominations received for this year's Queensland Super Sedan Title scheduled for 4 & 5 May in Gympie – which would necessitate the reduction to a one-night race meeting on this occasion.

MOTION: That in light of the change to the long weekend/public holiday structure in Queensland and the extensive racing calendar that Super Sedans will undertake, the State Title race meeting be reduced to a one-night race meeting.

Moved: Pam Franz Seconded: Jim Cowley No objections

ACTION: That the State Licencing Secretary/Treasurer propose a new prize money structure and total cost for the Queensland State Super Sedan Title. First place to remain at \$2000. .

11. Title Allocations for 2013/2014

A compilation of Expressions of Interest for 2013/14 State Titles was provided, including information concerning the history of the events and the venues that hosted them for the previous ten years. A number of other factors were considered.

The allocations were made as follows:

<i>DIVISION</i>	<i>HOST VENUE</i>	<i>NOTES</i>
Super Sedans	South Burnett	Likely as a one night race meeting – date to be negotiated
Modified Sedans	Moranbah	Likely as a two night race meeting during June.
Junior Sedans	Rockhampton	One night race meeting – 1 March 2014
Production Sedans	South Burnett	Likely as a one night race meeting – date to be negotiated
Four Cylinder Sedans	Lockyer Valley	Likely as a one night race meeting – date to be negotiated
Street Sedans	Maryborough	One night race meeting format to be offered as an option – date to be negotiated

Meeting adjourned for Lunch: 12:50pm

Meeting resumed: 1:30pm

12. From the AGM Minutes (August 2012)

ITEM 9.1: Proposal to Add the Role of QSCA Media Officer

Further to discussions as the State Board Meeting, it was suggested that more thought be given to the role and that the Committee of Management should consider this for addition to the policies. It was added that publications outside the speedway fraternity should be considered. In the interim Ryan Harris offered to assist where possible over the next

twelve months. This was accepted by the meeting.

ACTION: QSCA Committee of Management to consider the role of QSCA Media Officer for addition to policy.

After discussion, it was concluded that the current arrangements seems to be meeting our requirements. Opportunities that arise from time to time could be dealt with on a case-by-case basis by the QSCA Committee of Management.

13. From the State Meeting Minutes (August 2012)

13.1 ITEM 5.1.1: Change Policy for Volunteer/Dedication Award.

MOTION: That the Volunteer/Dedication Awards be rescinded at that an Outstanding Contribution Award be introduced. The QSCA Committee of Management will consider individuals throughout Queensland who have made such contributions to speedway sedan racing during the preceding season. The name of the recipient will be announced during the August meeting.

Moved: Klaus Weber Seconded Allan Jennings No objections

13.2 ITEM 12.3.19: Restructure of State Awards being given at this meeting. Was or wasn't a motion passed that these drivers awards etc., were not going to be given out anymore?

Needs to be meaningful – at this stage anyone nominated for these awards is likely to be the recipient. Clubs are also encouraged to provide nominations. It was agreed that the QSCA COM should reconsider this issue.

MOTION: That the Driver Awards as listed in the bylaws be suspended until further notice.

Moved: Pam Franz Seconded: Ryan Harris No objections

At this point, a suggestion was made that the QSCA organise a Gala Dinner for 2014 to be held as part of the QSCA August meeting, or even as a stand-alone function. It was proposed that the Committee of Management could nominate or receive nominations for five finalists from each division to receive various awards. To encourage participation, it was suggested that the finalists be admitted to the function at no cost. The awards recipients would be selected by the QSCA Committee of Management. It was thought that this could be something similar to the Brownlow Medal or Dally M awards that are held for the football codes.

ACTION: A letter be sent to QSCA Affiliated Clubs to gain feedback about interest in this idea.

14. State Meeting / August 2013

The meeting was advised that the meeting venue has been booked and that the meeting will be held at the Geebung/Zillmere RSL on 3 August.

15. Stewarding / Issue of Infringement Notices

Allan Jennings as the State and National Stewards Advisor, identified a number of issues that had surfaced recently. It was explained that the issuing of Infringement Notices after the race meeting was to accommodate penalties under such circumstances involving people who had already left the venue, or for issues that had not been made known at the race meeting 'on the night'.

With reference to some of the Infringement Notices that had been issued this season, it was noted that the recipients had been told about what penalty they were going to receive, but then a different penalty was issued the day after the race meeting. Under these circumstances, the

penalties should have been issued at the race meeting.

It was noted that on some occasions, an appropriate level of investigation was not being conducted, or Infringements were not being applied correctly.

Further advice had been sought from Speedway Australia concerning a recent Infringement Notice, which was to involve a Tribunal Hearing. A response from Speedway Australia was sadly lacking.

ACTION: A letter be sent to Speedway Australia concerning the lack of response when enquiries were made concerning a recent Tribunal Hearing situation.

A problem was also identified by the State Secretary concerning the receipt of Infringement Notices. Notices to clubs would not be forwarded until a copy of the Infringement Notices were to hand. It was noted that it was important that this information be distributed to clubs in a timely manner, but the information needs to be accurate – reflecting the information provided on the Infringement Notice.

16. Officials Training and Accreditation

The meeting agreed that plans need to be progressed to conduct some more training sessions – possibly for June/July. Dates need to be scheduled as soon as possible for a few sessions to be held throughout the state. At this stage, the training materials will need to be reviewed to include information about Infringement Notices and Scrutineering.

17. Price of Tyres for Street Sedans and Four Cylinder Sedans

Currently there is a maximum price imposed on Street Sedan and Four Cylinder Sedan tyres. It was explained that there was no real recommended retail price for tyres, but selling prices could be gained from a number of suppliers in different areas of Queensland to gauge a suitable price limit. Once the price is approved, it would be approved throughout the state.

It seems that the cost of some of the commonly used tyres has increased to breach the current \$180 limit for Street Sedans and Four Cylinder Sedans.

ACTION: A letter be sent to Speedway Sedans Australia suggesting that the current cost limit imposed on Four Cylinder Sedans be increased from the current \$180 to \$200

MOTION: That the cost of tyres as indicated for QSCA Street Sedans be increased from the current \$180 to \$200.

Moved: Jim Cowley

Seconded: Allan Jennings

No objections

At this point, the issue of the two year limit on racing harnesses was raised. The meeting agreed that safety was always at the forefront of our concerns, but it seems that the two year limit was noted many years ago by the authorities and it defied explanation that this was only going to be enforced within our sport now.

ACTION: A letter be sent to Speedway Sedans Australia seeking the reasoning behind the proposed new enforcement of the two year limit for racing harnesses.

18. SSA / Wade Aunger

ACTION: A letter be sent to Speedway Sedans Australia seeking information about the performance of and the benefits that have been provided to the QSCA to date after the appointment of Wade Aunger. Furthermore raising the question about this initiative being a worthwhile investment because there is no evidence of this. The QSCA feels that these funds could be put to much better use (e.g. equipment, proper databasing/information systems, officials training etc.)

19. CTAC

The meeting noted that there has been next to nil communication from its appointed CTAC representatives or in fact from Speedway Sedans Australia concerning CTAC. No information has been provided to the QSCA and there seems to have been no recent interaction between the appointed CTAC representatives and the competitors. It seems that in Queensland, this has added no value to our sport, and is just not working!

ACTION: A letter be sent to Speedway Sedans Australia seeking information about the progress or otherwise of CTAC, further expressing our disappointment in the process.

20. Introduction of a Drivers Exam

ACTION: A letter be sent to Speedway Sedans Australia seeking the introduction of a Drivers Exam.

21. Hot Zones

Clarification was sought concerning the use of the term 'hot zone' at a speedway track. It was explained that at a certain time, officials could declare the race venue 'hot' and that safety conditions would apply, for example, enforcement of covered footwear.

Meeting Closed: 4:10pm

Minutes Confirmed by the QSCA Executive 5 April 2013