

Minutes of the Queensland Saloon Car Association Inc State meeting held
Chermside Bowls Club, Rode Road, Chermside Saturday 4th and
Sunday 5th August 2007

Meeting opened 9.05am

PRESENT:

Paul Gannon	QSCA Inc President
Jim Cowley	QSCA Vice President
Terese Lange	QSCA State Secretary
Pam Franz	QSCA Treasurer
Allan Jennings	QSCA State Chief Steward
Bill Peall	QSCA Technical Representative ASCF/SSA
Tony Cornelissen	QSCA Technical Rep
Dianne McKeiver	Central Zone Rep

Ed Pearson	Sunshine Coast	Delegate
James Elliott	Sunshine Coast	Delegate
Graham Dawson	4 Cyl Sedans	Delegate
Darrell Retschlag	4 Cyl Sedans	Delegate
Cryil Bates	East Coast	Delegate
Travis Barron	Sth Burnett	Delegate
Keith Harm	Sth Burnett	Delegate
PaulRedman	Maryborough	Delegate
Daryn Brims	Maryborough	Delegate
Peter McKeiver	Rockhampton	Delegate
Julie Etherden	Rockhampton	Delegate
Darryl Etherden	Gladstone	Delegate
Peter Booth	Gladstone	Delegate
Graham Shallcross	Bundaberg	Delegate
Cameron Klee	Gympie	Delegate
Nely Cornelissen	Caboolture	Delegate
Trish Writer	Caboolture	Delegate
Brian Missen	Charlton	Delegate
Allan Lendrum	Charlton	Delegate
Wesley Beadman	Brisbane	Delegate
Paul Broughton	Brisbane	Delegate
Barb Bycroft	Sugar City	Delegate
Ken Bycroft	Sugar City	Delegate
Ryan Harris	Maryborough	Observer
Gary Brown	Brisbane	Observer
Fran Foad	Sunshine Coast	Observer
Col Clarke	Sunshine Coast	Observer

President Paul Gannon welcomed all delegates saying it was pleasing to see so many clubs represented at this meeting.
He reminded clubs that they should have all been instructed by their clubs how to vote on the various proposals and asked that delegates continue to look at the bigger picture for the betterment of our sport.

Paul advised delegates of the local housekeeping issues – toilets, fire escapes, muster areas etc.

Minutes of the February 2007 meeting:

Moved Caboolture

Seconded Dianne McKeiver
Central Zone Rep

That the minutes of the February 2007 meeting be accepted as circulated.

CARRIED

Page 1 – need to add the year 2007

Page 3 – Junior Specification Book – Brisbane club delegates expressed concern that time had not been allowed for a meeting of drivers and interested parties prior to the book being accepted at the ASCF/SSA Inc Board meeting May 2007.

Moved Maryborough

Seconded Rockhampton

That a letter be written to the ASCF/SSA Inc Board asking that the Junior Sedan Specification book not be printed, that it revert to a draft to allow time for discussion and driver meetings.

The book could then be introduced from 01 July 2008.

CARRIED

Page 3 – Allan Jennings advised that the state had received a copy of the new Racing Rule Book and he has had an opportunity to look at it, there will be time to give an overview later in the meeting. Allan advised that the book is definitely something that is workable and he believes that once stewards are educated in the changes it will be widely accepted.

Moved Maryborough

Seconded Brisbane

That the minutes from the February meeting be accepted.

CARRIED

ASCF/SSA Inc May Board minutes:

Moved Maryborough
That the minutes of the ASCF/SSA Inc May Board meeting be accepted as circulated for discussion.

Seconded Rockhampton

CARRIED

Page 1 – Should read State Delegates not observers

Page 3 – Discussion on transponders – QSCA Inc has now gained extension experience in the mounting of transponders.

Delegates felt that a motion should be sent to the ASCF/SSA Inc recommending that they adopt the placement from QSCA experience.

Motion to follow later in the meeting

Transponder Training – The ASCF/SSA Inc have advised that they are intending to arrange training in using the transponder programme.

Terese advised that she has requested dates/times/cost etc – Beckie National Secretary will advise once to hand.

Clubs to be encouraged to send people to the training and once the information arrives it will be circulated to clubs.

Pam made the recommendation to clubs that they need to ensure they send people with reasonable computer skills or the training will be wasted.

Class Rationalisation – Paul advised that Western Australian Board member Kevin Theyer hold this portfolio and he has stated he will advise when he intends to travel to Queensland.

Technical meeting – concern expressed by delegates that there appears to be no reports or minutes coming from the technical meetings, the system is very much reliant on what the technical director reports back to the Board meeting. Delegates also wished to see technical meetings held concurrently with the National Board meetings.

MOTION 1

Moved Rockhampton

Seconded Maryborough

That the national technical meeting be held concurrently with the national board meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 2

Moved QSCA Inc Licencing Secretary

Seconded QSCA Inc Vice President

That there be a written report from all national technical meetings and this be circulated to all states as an independent report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion held on how national titles are now to be allocated, Paul explained the process.

A question as 'is there to be a change in title format' – Paul advised that this has not been considered at this point in time.

Delegates present felt that the new format is working well and certainly gives all drivers the chance to make the A Main from the C Main.

Strategic Planning meeting – Friday 7th September – Paul advised that there will be a meeting held and from there the new portfolios will be discussed.

Discussion held on Motion 11 in ASCF/SSA Board minutes – delegates expressed concern believing that it wasn't clear enough in the wording.

MOTION 3

Moved Caboolture

Seconded Charlton

RE: Motion 11 May – ASCF Board minutes- the wording should be changed to read 'reshelling of race cars to be taken as reshelled as the same model'

As it presently reads you could in theory reshell an old car as in a whole new body and not have to re register.

Reshelled cars still need to have a daylight inspection.

Moved Brisbane

Seconded Sunshine Coast

The the ASCF/SSA Inc May board minutes be accepted as circulated.

CARRIED

Committee of Management Reports:

April

Moved Maryborough

Seconded Rockhampton

That the April QSCA Inc Committee of Management report be accepted as circulated

CARRIED

Page 1 – Need to correct spelling of Tony's surname.- should read Cornelissen

July

Moved Rockhampton

Seconded Sunshine Coast

That the report of the July executive meeting be accepted as circulated.

CARRIED

Correspondence

Moved Bundaberg

Seconded Rockhampton

That the inward correspondence be received and the outward endorsed.

Letter from South QLD Nostalgia Speedway Sedans – Cyril Bates advised he has a draft copy of their specifications.

Discussion held on if they need to be a member of the Maryborough club or could they be members of any affiliated club. Meeting felt that this was a decision that the Nostalgia Speedway Sedans need to make, not one for the QSCA Inc to impose.

4 cyl cars – Pam & Jim have met with this club to discuss how they will be scrutineered, their specifications etc.

Dwarf Cars – All dwarf car drivers will hold log books and licences this coming season.

A general discussion was held on scrutineering and legal issues that could arise.

The QSCA Inc is in the process of updating the policy & procedural manual, there will be an inclusion for criteria/guidelines for Dwarf Cars, 4 Cyl cars added to these documents.

Voting on awards prior to lunch.

AWARD NOMINEES:

QSCA Driver Award Nominees:

Trent Humphreys
Rodney Midolo

ASCF Driver Award nominees:

Troy Ware

QSCA Volunteer Award Nominees:

Martin & Daniel Ritchie
Tony Cornelissen
Sarah Franz

QSCA Dedication Award Nominees:

Ryan Harris
Pam Franz

Winners:

QSCA Driver Award - Trent Humphries

ASCF Driver Award – Troy Ware

QSCA Volunteer Award: Tony Cornelissen

QSCA Dedication Award – Pam Franz

Certificates were presented to all nominees in recognition to their contribution to the sport.

COM AWARDS:

ASCF Juniors: Charlie Brown
QSCA Juniors: Brett Baxter
Street Sedans Div 11: Brett Baxter
Street Sedans Div 1: Craig Franz
Super Street Sedans: Rodney Midolo
Modified Production: Steve Price

President Paul Gannon advised clubs that they still need to be active in ensuring their drivers forward their points in on a regular basis. State Secretary requested that drivers don't leave it all until June when it then becomes a massive task.

MOTION 4 – Transponders

Moved QSCA Licencing Secretary

Seconded QSCA Vice President

That the following motion be taken to the ASCF/SSA Inc meeting as an agenda item:

That transponders be mounted in the front of race cars in the radiator support panel barwork area – in a position so as to get a clear view of the loop.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Agenda Items:

Proposed changes to QSCA Inc Committee of Management Structure –

Proposal

QSCA Management Committee to be made up as follows:

Unchanged - Executive – President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer

Unchanged - State Chief Steward, State QSCA Technical Rep and State ASCF Technical Rep

New - 1 Representative from each of the specifically registered state/nationally recognised divisions (Super Sedans, Modified Productions, Junior Sedans, Super Street Sedans, Street Sedans, Junior Street Sedans, Dwarf Cars, 4 Cylinder Sedans)

Following discussion President Paul Gannon advised that all voting would be by secret ballot:

Proposal LOST.

Proposed changes to QSCA Inc Technical Committee Structure:

Proposal.

That the QSCA Inc implement a technical committee to consist of 2 x State Technical Reps, 3 x Zone Technical Reps and 2 x representatives from each class. The Chairperson of this committee to be the QSCA Inc Vice President or his representative. This committee to meet on a quarterly basis to prepare recommendations/clarifications for state meetings.

The State & Zone technical representatives would still be elected as the process now in place. For season 2007/2008 the QSCA Inc Committee of Management to seek class representation from Expressions of Interest sought from interested persons by mailout to all registered owners/drivers by 30th August 2007 (As per the registered/licenced mailing list of 30 June 2007, held by the Licencing Secretary).

Expressions of Interest to be returned to the State Secretary no later than 15th September 2007. All applications to be reviewed and the successful candidates advised by 30 September 2007.

Discussion and explanation –

CARRIED

Proposed development of a QSCA Inc Stewards Committee:

Proposal.

That the QSCA Inc implement and develop a Stewards panel to consist of 1 x State Chief Steward , 3 registered stewards from each zone – one of who will be the elected zone steward. The Chairperson of this panel to be the QSCA President or his appointed representative.

The Committee of Management to seek Expressions of Interest from all registered Stewards by mailout by 30th August 2007 (As per the mailing list of Registered Stewards at 30th June 2007, held by the Licencing Secretary)

Expressions of Interest to be returned to the State Secretary no later than 15th September 2007. All applications to be reviewed and successful candidates to be advised by 30th September 2007.

Discussion and explanation – opportunity to mentor – could be used as a tribunal panel for hearings.

CARRIED

Discussion then held on how best to take advantage of these proposed changes
When should this committee meet etc

MOTION 5

Moved Caboolture

Seconded Rockhampton

That For the QSCA meeting in February 2008 that the Saturday be used for the technical and stewards meetings and the Sunday be used for the council meeting.

CARRIED

Agenda items

Maryborough & Sunshine Coast

Rear vision mirrors – We request to vote for the removal of rear view mirrors which will in turn allow the driver to concentrate on the cars in front and not what is behind. Stewards cannot police balking

Remove rear vision mirrors from all classes

Discussion

CARRIED

- Memo to be forwarded to all clubs to advise that rear vision mirrors to be removed from all QSCA classes.

Agenda Item 2 Sunshine Coast –

Infringements and tribunal findings to be made public on the QSCA website

CARRIED

Findings from tribunal hearings will be placed on the QSCA Inc website.

Agenda Item 3 Sunshine Coast –

Proposal to re-vitalise Club Race Meetings and State Titles

How it Would Work > Clubs program and hold normal Club Shows > standard tow/prizemoney being paid on the night. Points allocated towards the eventual State Title winner would be 12,11,10,9,8,7,6,5,4,3,2,1 in the heats and 24,22,20,18,16,14,12,10,8,6,4,2 in the Final. 10 Attendance Points per driver per night of competition (must have been scrutineered to be qualify for Attendance Points).

The Clubs would be responsible for forwarding to the State Office of the QSCA the Official results from these race meetings where points would be allocated, stored and maintained throughout the year. A progressive points tally could be placed on the QSCA website.

The State Title would still be awarded to a Host Club in the same manner as it is now – the State Title event would be a Blue Ribbon event – only difference is that drivers would start the Title event with an accumulated Points Score from Club Shows. The Title would still be held over 2 nights and the Points scored by the drivers on this occasion would then be added to the accumulated points to find the eventual winner. The winner would be known and announced on the night. The State Title would be

worth double the normal points allocation for a State Title in both heats and final. E.g. 72,56,46,34 etc.

When It Starts > Each year it would begin at the first race meeting held immediately after the State Title and then conclude at the next years State Title.

Clubs would need to apply to the QSCA Inc for meetings to be a point scoring sanctioned meeting, to avoid the section being programmed at two or more tracks on the same night. E.g. 2 or 3 sanctioned Club Shows per track per 12 months.

Lengthy discussion on the proposal – concerns as to what it may do to state title numbers if drivers felt they couldn't travel to club race meetings, what disadvantage would it place them in etc.

Vote by secret ballot

LOST

Gladstone asked the meeting to acknowledge the work and thought process put in by the Sunshine Coast members in presenting this proposal.

South Burnett made the recommendation that the QSCA Inc look at accepting the Sunshine Coast proposal as a series.

Maryborough Item 2

Rear boot spoilers – Our drivers request to vote for the acceptance of Boot Spoilers for Street Sedans Division 1 and Street Sedans Division 2. These spoilers are to enhance the looks not the performance (example – AU Falcon must have a AU OEM spoiler fitted as per Super Street fitting specifications)

MOTION 6

Moved Maryborough

Seconded Licencing Secretary

That for Street Sedans that the rear boot spoiler be allowed to the same specification as Modified Production using a lowline version only. A maximum height to be determined by the technical committee

CARRIED

Item 3

External bar work – We request to vote for the acceptance for all external bar work to be covered with plastic bumpers. This will also improve the visual display and reduce the amount of damage to fibreglass panels by external pipe

MOTION 7

Moved Rockhampton

Seconded Maryborough

That external barwork be covered with plastic bumpers.

CARRIED

Item 4

Cortina stud pattern – Our drivers request to vote for the acceptance of all Cortinas to use a 5 stud front hub and rear axle pattern with 14” wheels as per Super Streets specifications

LOST

MOTION 8

Moved Maryborough
That external barwork being covered by plastic bumpers to be phased in for existing cars by 01/01/08 and mandatory for new cars as of 04/08/07.

Seconded Pam Franz Licencing Secretary

CARRIED

Item 5

QSCA Officials – We request to vote for the acceptance that all QSCA Officials pay the entry fee at the gate for all Titles and that the QSCA Inc then reimburse each Official after the event. We are trying to make it easier for clubs to account for the cost of running a title

Executive of QSCA Inc have been working on this and from this season all appointed title officials will pay at the gate and make a claim back from the QSCA when they make a claim for travel expenses etc.

Resolved and accepted.

Item 6 – Maryborough/South Burnett

Title fees – We request that a discussion be held regarding Title fees. We feel that the “break even” point is getting harder to achieve with all the other associated costs. It only takes black clouds to turn excitement into heartbreak

State title fees – To be revised. The fees need a discount formula in the event of a shortened meeting due to rain or any other event out of control of the host club.

Lengthy and often emotional discussion on this subject.

This was then left to lie on the table overnight

Meeting adjourned 4.35pm

SUNDAY 5TH

Meeting re opened 9.15am

President Paul Gannon made the recommendation that instead of continuing to go around in circles that all clubs with concerns re title costs put forward a written submission to be dealt with at the next Committee of Management which would be held within the next few weeks.

The meeting was reminded that it is the duty of the QSCA COM to ensure the organization runs at a profit and titles are part of income to the QSCA Inc which this past year has allowed the purchase of transponders/laptops/software etc. All technology comes at a cost.

Item 7 Title trophies.

Title trophies – We request to vote that the size of Trophies be dramatically increased to show the true achievement of the driver

The COM will endeavour to arrange a photo of suitable trophies and circulate for approval prior to purchase. Delegates were reminded that a small budget has been allocated for trophies and if the size of the trophies is to dramatically increase so then will the costs.

TECHNCIAL:
ASCF

Discussion centred on the new Modified Production book where it would seem that items in the final draft that were accepted are now not in the printed book.

MOTION 9

Moved Rockhampton

Seconded Maryborough

That a technical meeting be convened at national level for the next ASCF/SSA National Board meeting and that the main agenda item be the Modified Production Specification book.

CARRIED

Motion 10

Moved Brisbane

Seconded Bundaberg

That the Modified Production Specification book 2007 be rejected and that the final draft as accepted at the technical meeting in May 2007 be prepared for print.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 11

Moved Dianne McKeiver Central Zone Rep

Seconded South Burnett

That voting at all ASCF/SSA Board meetings be by secret ballot

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bill Peall will liaise with Pam and between them they will do up a list of allowable changes for Modified Production so as drivers can have some idea what is permissible. These changes will be those passed and minuted since the previous specification book was printed.

Junior Sedan Specification Book – Delegates expressed great concern that the season is upon us and we still do not have a new specification book to work with – a strong recommendation to be taken to the ASCF/SSA Inc that this book be placed on hold for implementation July 2008.

All delegates felt that the ASCF/SSA Inc has lost a great deal of credibility due to the failure to deliver specification books in a timely and professional manner.

QSCA Divisions – Tony Cornelissen

Tony made the recommendation that the survey form as drawn up to be sent to all registered QSCA owners.

Following discussion a new survey form will be drawn up by the Committee of Management and forwarded to all registered owners.

A lengthy and robust discussion was then held on the direction of street and super street classes.

Promoting clubs felt that the QSCA Inc should not attempt to tell them what classes they can programme on any race night.

As this topic was becoming an emotive one President Paul Gannon assured promoting clubs that the QSCA Inc certainly had no intent of forcing clubs to programme any particular classes.

2 Promoting clubs advised that for this season they fully intended to trial running Division 1 & Division 2 Street Sedans together and sought assurance that there would be no interference from the QSCA Inc.

President Paul Gannon once again advised clubs that the QSCA Inc could not and would not be involved in telling any club what they could/should programme and that the QSCA would watch with interest to see how the trial went.

MOTION 12

Moved Tony Cornelissen QSCA Technical Rep Seconded Caboolture
That the QSCA Super Street rule on fuel (page 45 #7) be amended to include the following paragraph.

‘Fuel must be supplied by commercial outlet through multi volume network via bowser pump. Unleaded fuel to be supplied by Shell, Caltex, Mobil or B.P. only. EXCEPTION – AV GAS.

CARRIED.

RACING RULE BOOK – Allan Jennings

Allan advised that the QSCA Inc were fortunate to have received an advance copy of the new Racing Rules which was due to go to the printers within the week and be available close to the end of the month.

Allan gave a quick overview of the rules, stating that as he had attended a meeting of stewards in September 2006 where this book was originally presented he was pleased to see that very little had altered from the final draft at that meeting.

The new book comes with a penalty matrix which will be a very useful tool to all stewards on race night.

The rule pertaining to hitting the cone has now changed and the penalty for hitting the cone will be 'rear of the field'.

There will be no disputes committee hearing at the race track on the night, all hearings will be by tribunal set up within the state (QSCA will consider using the new stewards committee)

Allan stated that overall he felt the book would be accepted by stewards and that once the book was available in mass production he would look at holding some education training sessions.

Financial Report:

This had been held over from the previous day to allow people time to read the report. Paul congratulated Pam on once again producing a document easy to read and well laid out.

The QSCA Inc would like to formally thank the Super Sedan Association on the loan of equipment during this past season (transponders & One Way Communicator)

Pam advised that despite having purchased almost \$40,000 worth of technology and equipment the QSCA Inc was still in a sound and viable position. Pam tabled bank statement up to the end of July inviting any delegate to inspect if they wished.

Moved Pam Franz

Seconded Rockhampton

That the financial report as presented be accepted.

CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Roof Numbers: Discussion held on the need for roof numbers – decision – roof numbers will still be mandatory for Club and state title meetings as not all tracks have provision for the use of transponders.

One Way Communicators: Lengthy discussion held with a recommendation to clubs to encourage their drivers to purchase their one radio/earpiece.

Paul Broughton advised that it is their clubs intention to trial the use of one way communicators in the ASCF Junior sedan class at Archerfield this season.

As state chief steward Allan Jennings advised that he certainly recommends the use of the communicators and feels that once drivers are used to them they will also accept the benefits of better communication.

The meeting adjourned at 12.45pm to hold the AGM
Meeting reopened 1.25pm
Division 2 Sub Committee report presented by Jim Cowley –Scanned document

Division 11 Sub Committee Report – August 2007

After much discussion and deliberation it was decided on the following:

- To encourage Clubs to offer drivers in Division 11 the opportunity to have a try in Division 1 without fear of penalty.
- To encourage Clubs to program the Feature races where possible so that the Division 11 Feature is run before the Division 1 Feature enabling the first 3 placegetters from Division 11 to start from the rear of the Division 1 Feature – as per the criteria.
- Drivers who will no longer be eligible to hold a Division 11 Licence are:
- Aaron Broadbridge (winner of the Division 11 Title 2006)
David Kent (moved to Division 1 successfully during 2006/07)
Bjorn Ahlstrom (competed outside the criteria)

Gary Harris, Ashley Ekins, Matt Rigby and Mick Budgen

We have acted cautiously with the above movements – over the past few seasons a number of drivers have been moved from Division 11 based on their performance in that Division and have not coped with the move and have been allowed to compete again in Division 11. Although a number of people have been moved each year the numbers in Division 1 have not changed greatly and this is a concern to us as to why these people have then dropped out of the sport.

Drivers changing to QSCA divisions from Fender Benders etc at Rockhampton.
A decision was reached that:

All persons having raced in an Outlaw/Open Division will be issued with a Division 1 Licence and will be assessed when he/she is seen racing as to the need or otherwise to race in a different division. This specifically applies to competitors from the Fender Bender division at Rockhampton

Next meeting: 2nd & 3rd February 2008
Technical & Stewards 2nd February/Council 3rd February 2008
VENUE: RSL Maryborough
Meeting closed 2.05pm

QSCA Inc State Meeting August 2007

