MINUTES OF THE STATE MEETING QUEENSLAND SALOON CAR ASSOCIATION INC 3rd FEBRUARY 2007 RSL CLUB MARYBOROUGH.

Meeting opened 9.06am PRESENT:

Paul Gannon State President
Jim Cowley Vice President
Terese Lange State Secretary
Pam Franz Treasurer

Bill Peall ASCF Tech Rep
Allan Jennings State Chief Steward
Tony Cornellissen QSCA Tech Rep
Di McKeiver Central Zone Rep

Ross Fraser **East Coast** Delegate Cyril Bates East Coast Delegate Nely Cornelissen Caboolture Delegate Rod Cornelissen Caboolture Observer Trish Writer Caboolture Delegate Keith Harm Sth Burnett Delegate Travis Barron Sth Burnett Delegate Graham Shallcross Bundaberg Delegate Carol Shallcross Bundaberg Delegate Peter McKeiver Rockhampton Delegate Julie Etherden Rockhampton Delegate Darryl Etherden Delegate Rockhampton Selina English Gympie Observer Debbie Ferguson Brisbane Delegate Paul Broughton Brisbane Delegate Daryn Brims Maryborough Delegate Paul Redman Maryborough Delegate Warrern Smith Gympie Delegate Gympie Cameron Klee Delegate Fran Foad **Sunshine Coast** Delegate **Sunshine Coast** Graham Dawson Delegate

President Paul Gannon welcomed delegates to the meeting, reminding all that we were there for the betterment of the sport not for individual gains.

Terese Lange briefly advised of housekeeping of the RSL venue – exits/toilets etc

Minutes of August 2006 meeting:

Moved Maryborough

Seconded Caboolture

That the minutes of the August 2006 meeting be accepted as circulated.

CARRIED

Business arising from minutes:

Page 3 – One night licences – These are only available from the State Licencing Secretary.

There is still a requirement to have a medical for a NASR One night licence. A one night NASR licence still requires time for the paperwork to be processed (allow a minimum of 7 working days).

Titles: Dwarf Cars – Title has been negotiated to be held in June 2007 at Maryborough.

Paul advised delegates that a recommendation had been made to the ASCF/SSA for Maryborough to host the 2007/2008 National Modified Production title. This is expected to be ratified at the Board meeting to be held in May.

Page 6 - The use of controlled computers – Street Sednas – More investigation needs to be done before any recommendations can be made. To be followed up by Tony Cornelissen and Jim Cowley.

Page 8 – Grand Parades – Clubs may need to discuss with their own insurance companies, then a decision made at club level to ensure that the club is covered in any event.

Recommendation that the Grand Parade not be listed as an event on the programme.

Moved Maryborough

Seconded Rockhampton

That the minutes of the August council meeting be accepted.

CARRRIED

ASCF/SSA Board minutes:

President Paul Gannon advised that these minutes can only be accepted.

Moved Caboolture Seconded Rockhampton That the minutes of the ASCF/SSA Board meeting – August 2006 be accepted as circulated.

CARRIED

Business arising from ASCF/SSA Meeting:

Clubs advised that they have not been receiving any minutes or reports from the ASCF/SSA, individuals advised that they had not received Tech Talk. QSCA Inc to follow up as to why clubs are not being sent the minutes.

Bill Peall gave an overview of the technical meeting, advising that once we had received the draft of the modified production book a meeting of drivers would be convened. The secretary has requested electronic copies of the draft specification book. – At the time of writing these minutes the states still do NOT have a copy of the draft specifications

Prior to the junior book being discussed a meeting would be convened of interested parties.

Allan Jennings gave an overview of the stewards meeting, advising that stewards had worked through the draft of a new rule book, this book is being compiled with the idea to have a national rule book suitable for all divisions of speedway.

Committee of Management Reports:

Moved Maryborough Seconded Bundaberg
That the reports from the September and November meetings be accepted as circulated.

CARRIED

Page 2 – November meeting – Paul Broughton advised that to his knowledge the ASCF/SSA had purchased a bubble tester and that it would be used in all the NSSS rounds.

Page 3 – Blue Cards – advice is that it is preferable that Blue cards be on display, if not on display then you must produce your card on request.

Should you need to speak with a junior it is strongly recommended that you have another person with you whilst the conversation is taking place.

Committee of Management members reports:

Reports from Paul Gannon, Tony Cornellissen, Diane McKeiver, Bill Peall and Allan Jennings.

Moved Rockhampton Seconded Maryborough That the reports from COM members be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Treasurer Pam Franz presented her report showing a viable balance in the investment account, Pam explained that the cost of transponders had substantially reduced the investment account however it was a good investment moving the QSCA Inc into a more technical age of progress.

President Paul Gannon congratulated Pam on the clear presentation of her report.

The treasurer advised that she would pre empt a small increase in fees for season 2007 – 2008 to cover the cost of specification and rule books. As each driver registers a race car and applies for a licence they are given a copy of the class specification book and a rule book. This will ensure that drivers are kept up to date with relevant information.

MOVED Pam Franz

SECONDED Jim Cowley

That the financial report as presented be accepted.

CARRIED

TITLE ALLOCATIONS:

SUPER SEDANS	GYMPIE	3 rd & 4 th May 2008
MODIFIED PRODUCTION		7 th & 8 th June 2008
SUPER STREET SEDANS	ROCKHAMPTON	25 TH & 26 th April 2008
STREET SEDANS DIV 1 & 2	ROCKHAMPTON	26 TH & 27 TH January 2008
ASCF JUNIOR SEDANS	MARYBOROUGH	TBA
QSCA JUNIOR STREET SEDANS ROCKHAMPTON TBA		
DWARF CARS & 4 CYL SEDAN – No applicants clubs to advise within 30 days		

NATIONAL TITLE – EASTER 2008 – MARYBOROUGH – 20/21/22/23 March 2008 – more details as they come to hand as to scrutineering days, Calcutta etc.

Rockhampton asked how the national title is allocated and who makes the decision. A general discussion was then held. The president Paul Gannon advised that in previous years the executive discussed applications for National titles and made a recommendation to the ASCF/SSSA Board.

MOTION 1

MOVED ROCKHAMPTON

SECONDED GLADSTONE

That title allocations for both National and State titles be allocated by the full Committee of Management members.

CARRIED – Gympie abstained

Review of titles held to date:

All involved advised that the task of organizing titles to date had been huge and at times difficult given the number of titles held between late December and this meeting (4 state titles and a national title)

It was felt by all that Maryborough did an excellent job in hosting the National Junior title. Visitors to the complex spoke highly of the venue and surrounding area. Most parents were very happy to see the change of date as it meant that competitors did not need to miss any of the new school year and families could plan a holiday.

QSCA ASCF Junior Sedan Title – Kingaroy

South Burnett club are to be congratulated on hosting this title, a huge effort however a week following the national title saw large numbers of competitors compete.

QSCA Junior Street Sedan Title - Maryborough

Although numbers were a little down on past years this was still a successful event.

Street Sedan Div 1 & Div 2 – Kingaroy

Scrutineers had some issue with socks presented for inspection as it would appear that socks are not labeled as wool and it is difficult to be sure just what the fibre is. – To be passed to the ASCF/SSA Technical meeting

Discussion held on the who provides the inserts for title programmes, State Secretary advised that she was able to copy off sufficient insert for programmes and in fact had done so at the QSCA Junior Sedan title, at the other titles the host club had advised they would run off sufficient copies to insert into programmes.

The procedure has been that once scrutineering time has closed the draw is done, the inserts are then copied.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Letter from South Burnett:

Item 1 - Cars competing in the state title fully except that their engine will be pulled down & inspected after the completion of the meeting. Especially when facilities are provided by the host club. If an owner does not want their car pulled down & inspected they should make provisions for their engine to be sealed before competing. We feel that it is a shambles when cars are

allowed to go home and not be pulled down when the facilities are provided by the host clubs.

Delegates discussed at length the need to continue to be diligent and continue to check motors throughout the season not just at tile events.

MOTION 2 – MOVED Bill Peall

SECONDED East Coast

That for Street Sedans, at a title event any engine that is not sealed is to be checked at the conclusion of the event, while any engine that is sealed will be checked within 14 days of the event.

CARRIED

Item 2 & 3 – Medallions for competitors – cost of titles Club delegates felt that they would still wish to see the competitors given participant medallions for titles.

A general discussion centred on the cost of titles and how or even if they could be contained. Treasurer Pam Franz advised the breakdown of cost and how it was administered.

The QSCA Inc will revert to presenting each title competitor with a participants medallion.

The QSCA Inc looks at title cost as an overall figure, so as not to disadvantage any club from applying to host a title. Tow money varies dependent on where the title is held, some venues offer reasonably priced accommodation other towns are much dearer. Where possible officials car pool and/or share accommodation. The QSCA Inc aims to ensure that annually titles do not run at a loss.

Letter from Sunshine Coast:

Item 1 – The Sunshine Coast club would like to see the reintroduction of a separate technical meeting.

Delegates discussed the need for a separate meeting as many felt that with rising costs it was becoming increasingly difficult to send several delegates to a meeting.

Many club delegates felt that they would like to participate in both the Council and the Technical meetings

Following discussion it was resolved that a separate technical agenda would be drawn up for the next meeting with the Saturday afternoon being set aside to deal with matters on that agenda.

Item 2 – The Sunshine Coast club is concerned at the manner in which some officials speak to competitors. They would like to see an action plan drawn up by the QSCA Inc Committee of Management – Referred to the next COM.

Maryborough raised the matter of mirrors in QSCA classes
MOVED Gympie Seconded Maryborough
That mirrors not be allowed in any QSCA Inc class

LOST

A general discussion was held on the ever increasing violence within our sport – delegates felt that officials need to be responsible and take action on race nights.

Concern expressed at the image it is presenting to the paying spectator.

Bill Peall raised the issue of the use of roof numbers when using transponders – as a scrutineer on the infield it was difficult to be certain just which competitor the steward was referring to if roof numbers were not used, particually when there could be several cars with the one race number on the car.

It was also confusing for spectators.

MOTION 4 MOVED Pam Franz

SECONDED Jim Cowley

All cars will be required to continue to use a roof number at all race meetings

Reason – Manual lapscoring is still carried out, stewards and infield officials use roof number for identification.

CARRIED.

Jackets/Shirts – Title Holders:

Pam advised that she had organized a new supplier and would be liaising with that supplier to provide jackets to those who had not received their original jackets.

Maryborough delegates advised that their next meeting would be commencing at 4.00pm in order to get through the programme that has been scheduled.

Scrutineering will commence at 2.00pm.

Super Street Sedan Tyres: Discussion held on changing back to radial tyres, delegates felt that this is a decision that needs to be made with some imput from drivers. Clubs to go back to their drivers and discuss at club level.

Agenda item for the next meeting. – Super Street Sedan tyres

Brisbane delegates asked could the QSCA Inc confirm that there would be no driver passes provided at the forthcoming National Modified Production title at Avalon.

President Paul Gannon advised that to the best of his knowledge passes would not be available and that the QSCA Inc would be following this up at the Board meeting in May.

Maryborough delegates advised that if it was now becoming a trend that passes were not being provided at all National titles then they would ask the QSCA Inc discuss the withdrawal of their pass provision in their title submission.

TEK TORQUE: - Delegates felt that more consideration needs to be given as to where transponders are mounted, cars that attended the National Junior title with a large portion of metal in the car bodywork found that the transponders did not work as successfully as those with fiberglass panels. The technical committee needs to come up with a solution, then a recommendation for mounting transponders to suit all classes.

Discussion held on One Way Communicators – Many felt that the use of one way communicators should be commenced in all classes within our state, particularly as the use of this form of communication will now become mandatory at national titles.

Agenda item for next meeting – One way communicators – to be made mandatory – official to driver for season 07/08

There being no further business the meeting closed at 5.20pm

Next Meeting 4 & 5 August 2007 Venue: Chermside Bowls Club