

# Circuit Excel Association of South Australia



## 2019 CEASA AGM

The 2019 Annual General Meeting for the Circuit Excel Association of SA is scheduled to take place on Monday the 25th November, upstairs, at the Coopers Alehouse - Gepps Cross.

The meeting will commence at 7:30pm, but members and visitors are welcome to join the committee and the club for a meal prior from 6pm.

When	25-11-2019 at 7:30 PM
Location:	Coopers Alehouse Gepps Cross, 560 Main N Rd, Blair Athol SA 5084, Australia
Chairperson	Nathan Green
Minute taker	Ashleigh Bennett
Present	Santo Arabia , Ashleigh Bennett (Secretary), Leon Bondarenko (State Council Delegate), Shane Chancellor , Paul Falco (CEMC Delegate), Nathan Green (President, State Council Alternate), Graham Hewett , Riley Matheson , Michael Nowickyj , Shayne Nowickyj , Wayne Pannowitch (Treasurer), Nick Scaife (Promotions & Sponsorship Coordinator), Fred Severin , Isaac Sparks , Scott Stephenson , Jayden Wanzek , Justin Wanzek , Andrew Young (CEMC Delegate, Vice President), James Zeitz
Apologies	Martyn Butler , Michael Clemente , Jarrod Currie , Graham Hinks , Asher Johnston , Darren Mattiske , Danny Maul , Dean Maul-Dunn , Mitchell McGarry , David Shaw , Gil Slade , Gregory Stuut , Simon Wills (Promotions & Sponsorship Coordinator)

## Minutes

### 1. Open Meeting

Meeting opened at 7:44pm, President Nathan Green in chair.

### 2. Minutes of previous AGM

Accepted. Moved by James Zeitz, Seconded by Leon Bondarenko

### **3. Actions from previous AGM**

None.

### **4. President's/CAMS State Council & MRP Report**

Wow, what a year! Its hard to believe the State Series and Nationals are over.

2019 has been an awesome year for Circuit Excel, with a strong state series featuring record numbers and a bunch of great new competitors. Around the country we've seen Excels return to Bathurst and have their first moment in the spotlight with Supercars at Winton continuing to raise the profile of our category.

The growth of the Category continues to be strong, but not without its growing pains. With the excitement of opportunities, the category is at a pivotal stage where the core goals and strategy need attention to ensure we pursue the right opportunities and hopefully not make the mistakes of some other categories before us.

Obviously focusing on the negatives and being overcautious can be an issue too which re-iterates why we need to set clear direction and objectives for the category.

At a State level, for me, Grass roots to State Level Circuit racing is key focus, as without these foundations, the category will be doomed to fail. Seizing high profile opportunities to showcase our budget class or to get opportunities to experience events or tacks like Bathurst will continue to be explored

Obviously a massive congratulations to Asher Johnson for securing the SA championship after working tirelessly for the last 3 years to get it back. Asher (and crew) have really stepped up their game over the last few years to take it to the ERA crew who have dominated that last few seasons. Along with Asher and Mikey, the depth of field has grown with some outstanding performances from The Benfords, Errigo and newcomer Stibbs. The young guns are getting close to the podium with Oliver, Johnson, Wanzek and Jericho regularly gracing the top 10!

Thanks to Misch's Mechanical for coming on board to sponsor 2019 Excel Nationals at The Bend, the weekend was well run and a huge success. A massive thanks goes to Lisa Totani along with Simon Wills who pulled it all together. In particular, Lisa did an awesome job keeping it all together and keeping everyone informed over the weekend.

It is noted that the results are still provisional awaiting the outcome of a post-race investigation. Fred Severin and the technical team did a super job of keeping the cars in check and of course Scotty ensured the driving standards were monitored and investigated as he has in our state series. We look forward to post event debrief and feedback to our fiends in the west preparing for nationals at Barbagello in 2020.

CAMS Update:

Final reminder that log booked cars at Speed Events must utilise HANS devices (as they would at a race meeting). This is noteworthy when sharing a vehicle with a friend or family at s print or regularity from 1st January.

The September State Council meeting welcomed CAMS CEO Eugene Arocca to sit in and comment.

Mainly observing, he made a few comments sharing some themes. Throughout he highlighted the challenges Motorsport faces when the administration doesn't own the sport, the grounds, etc. compared to more traditional ball sports. It was also highlighted the importance to engage with youth early, and in meaningful ways to maintain, let alone grow the sport. A takeaway for myself is we all need to look around and foster enthusiasm in both participation and administration of our sport ... when I look around the room I am one of the youngest, which is a worry for the future.

CAMS is looking to make digital improvements to current systems, improve efficiencies and E'sport opportunities. CAMS commitment to growing the base in the sport is reflected in significant investment investments in Ricciardo's Racers and Dare to be Different Programmes.

A role we (Circuit Excel) have to play is in the ongoing support and development of young drivers, officials, support crew, etc. The Tarmac Junior Development program (and similar Club based initiative) is already delivering engagement with youth at a fraction of the cost to CAMS "Ricciardo's Racers" program. A working Group will be established to convene the facilitators of junior development programs (Scouts SA, SDCC , Tarmac JDP, etc.) will look at the opportunities and strengths of each program, and identify gaps to develop a framework/stepping stone to feed into various disciplines including our own. First of these workshops is now scheduled for Wed 4th December.

The Sporting Car Club Circuit Racing Series Awards night is open to all categories. All are welcome to the 2019 CAMS SCCSA State Motor Racing Championships Awards Night on Thursday 12th December at 51 King William Rd, Unley. The night starts at 7:30pm and includes a drink and supper. \$20 per person and bookings are essential by the 10th of December.

The renamed "Motorsport Australia" State Awards will be Saturday 8th February, at Sferas on the Park, Modbury with tickets on sale soon.

CEASA is still entertaining the idea of a dedicated awards function, in addition to those already associated with the CAMS series. If the club were to run something, we're thinking January to get geared up for a new championship season.

The final draft of the Sporting Car Club State Championship (Draft) has been submitted to CAMS with the dates listed below for Circuit racing series.

Round 1: 28/03/2020 Mallala Motorsport Park

Enduro: 04/04/2020 (still looking for other category) Mallala Motorsport Park

Round 2: 16/05/2020 The Bend Motorsport Park  
Round 3: 01/08/2020 - 02/08/2020 Round 3 Mallala Motorsport Park  
Round 4: 17/10/2020 - 18/10/2020 The Bend Motorsport Park  
Round 5: 14/11/2020 Mallala Motorsport Park

Other events of interest include some regularities:

Peter Hall Memorial 6 Hour (3 May)

12 Hour Regularity (2 day event with a 5 hour then 7 hour regularity) (15-16 Aug)

The excel Enduro is a placeholder at this stage with ongoing discussions on how to make the event viable and affordable as a standalone event. There are still options for The Bend being considered so encourage all to join the conversation.

The 2020 Nationals will be October 16-18 at Barbagello in WA. The clash with the state series is unfortunate but driven by other factors.

In the lead up to nationals, WA Excel are again hosting an enduro inviting guest drivers to fly in and co-drive with the locals making a fantastic lead up to nationals. Look out for details. The 100km Enduro invitational is Calendared for 10-12th July in 2020.

The Bathurst opportunity is close to being finalised with Excels hopefully returning to the Mountain over the Easter weekend in 2020. We hope to have confirmation in coming days.

In January The Bend are hosting a round of the Asia LeMans series in January. We have been approached to compete in a support category which Simon has been discussing with a number of competitors. For more info, or to express interest, contact Simon directly. The event would also be another great opportunity to complete your trackside activity (licence requirement) to get off your P's. To volunteer, get in touch with Janelle, or reply to this newsletter and we can forward your contact details.

## **5. Secretary's Report**

Concluding as of the 2019 AGM, the Association has 87 club members, consisting of 67 individual memberships, 2 associate memberships, and 18 family memberships grouped across 7 families.

2020 memberships will be opened for subscription within the next 48 hours (fee's are to be set later in the meeting), and they will again can be paid for online through the club's TidyHQ portal. Current members will receive automated warnings in late December, which will include a link to re-subscribe for 2020. A reminder you don't need a PayPal account to purchase the membership, the system only uses PayPal as the payment gateway. Happy to receive thoughts and feedback on the system, which is also being used to manage club meetings (agenda's, minutes's, attendance), and was also used to sell new club shirts earlier in the year (thank you to Simon for the design and sourcing of such).

Car number allocations will be renewed along with membership renewals. Any 2019 member will have their number reserved for the next 12 months, and re-secured on renewal. Any car numbers allocated to 2018 members who have not since renewed will become available for next year. After some early teething issues, the new car number allocation system appears to have simplified the process for new drivers to pick a number, although managing numbers used by one off interstate competitors or non-members has been an issue which the club will further consider solutions for.

Last AGM, the club voted to approve a \$5 levy on memberships, with proceeds to be donated to the South Australian Motor Racing Officials Association (SAMROA) with the hopeful aim of it being used to help encourage attendance at our state rounds. With a total of 72 paid subscriptions, we have raised \$360. The club will now approach SAMROA for their feedback on how the money can be used. Last month, long time club member and competitor Josh Hoare passed away, at the bequest of his family, the club set up a GoFundMe page for people to donate money to go towards young driver development in lieu of flowers and gifts. As of earlier this afternoon, a total of \$1628 has been donated. The club will consult with the Hoare family in due time with regards to how they would like to see the funds used.

## **6. Treasurer's Report**

Wayne reported there was approximately \$23,000 in the Circuit Excel SA bank account, and had a list of transactions available for inspection if requested.

Wayne also asked that to speed up payments, if the club could replace the current dual signature cheque book with a single signature cheque book service, to remove the delay in seeking a second signatory on all cheques from another CEASA office bearer.

As a result, President Nathan Green put forward a motion to allow the club to authorise a single signature chequebook, to which Secretary Ashleigh Bennett seconded the motion. A poll conducted amongst those present returned a majority vote in favour of the motion, with none in the negative, and the motion was passed.

## **7. CEMC Delegate Report**

CEMC began 2019 with the process of the Regulations review and grey area removal. This continued on from 2018 with taking input from the membership and collating it into one document that was distributed to all members. This then became the key document that we worked from with the CEMC Conference at the CAMS office in July. As already mentioned and passed on the conference in Melbourne had some great outcomes and a lot was gained from working together as a group in a face to face context.

Also part of the conference was input from the membership via the document titled 3E Excel Suspension Discussion Paper Voting Form. Here CEMC sought input from the membership for suspension details including areas such as spring rates and roll bars. Now that the 2020 Regulations have been approved by the AMRC and distributed to the membership we can advise that from the input from the nationwide membership that Circuit Excel will be going to a one make suspension package. Currently CEMC is developing a Tender process and document. CEMC will be asking the membership for final input into what is required for a one make suspension package.

CEMC is still working with Shane Biekoff from Queensland to produce an Excel Technical Guide. This will act as a guidance document for Engine Sealers and Eligibility Officers to try and achieve commonality across all states. The Excel Technical Guide will also contain the approved parts list. It is planned that in 2020 there will be an Engine Sealers Conference.

CEMC in June decided to allow the Presidents working group to continue the process started by CEMC into the development of an Associated Incorporation for Circuit Excel. Unfortunately this process did not progress much further than when handed over.

CEMC has been approached by Ian Sherrin to be involved in an event between 6-8 March 2020 at Eastern Creek. This will be as part of a Production car event. CEMC needs to gauge support for this event if Circuit Excel is going to participate. The

2020 Excel Nationals have been announced for Western Australia on October 16 to 18 at Barbagello.

This has been my last year as SA CEMC Delegate having been in the role since 2015. I would like to acknowledge the Chairs of CEMC in Darren Mattiske and David Shaw, thank you for your contribution to the National Technical Body. From an SA perspective we can be proud of the input we have made at the National Technical level. Much of the documentation that is now common place was developed by SA. SA has played an integral part of the roll out and organisation of the 2018 and 2019 Federal Tyres Circuit Excel Bathurst Challenge. All the required documentation for these events was developed in SA and now can be utilised at state level events. We can be proud of the input that SA has made at the National level, this is not possible without an active local membership so many thanks for your inputs on many topics.

CEMC is also asking for nominations for the Chair position for 2020. Nominations will be tabled at the December CEMC meeting and a new chair will be elected for 2020. Please notify the CEMC Delegate with your nomination if you are interested in taking on this role.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all CEASA members for allowing me the opportunity to act as the SA CEMC Delegate over the last 5 years. I ask that you support the incoming delegate in the same way that you have supported me. Please continue to be a proactive membership and keep up the feedback and input to the new Delegate.

All the best and look forward to 2020.

## **8. Eligibility Officer's Report**

Fred stated that overall he was satisfied with the compliance of the majority of the cars at the recent Circuit Excel Nationals, but noted the lack of detailed engine checks was due to the Excel pit location being located on a dry and dusty grassed area, making it unsuitable for stripping down engines due to the risk of foreign debris entry into engine's.

Discussion was held regarding a technical infringement ruling and appeal on the Circuit Excel National's winning car, and whilst no official results have yet been published, the next placed competitor advised members present that a final ruling has been made that the winner car was found to be ineligible and has been stripped off it's win.

President Nathan Green also added to the Circuit Excel National's discussion with an acknowledgement to SAFE Fire Electrical (<https://www.safefire.com.au/>) for provided extinguishers for loan to competitors in the Excel pit area.

Discussion than moved onto new safety requirements for 2020, with the need for an FIA compliant rain light which must be mounted on a solid location on the rear of the vehicle, and a front windscreen demister or fan to be fitted to all vehicles.

## **9. DSO Report**

Scott reported that he was happy with driving standards at both the recent final state round, and the Circuit Excel Nationals, with only a couple of minor incidents to be dealt with.



## **10. Promotions Report**

This year I feel was successful in terms of raising the profile and appearance of the category.

With having a good boost in revenue, we could afford to have a few items available to help raise the look of us at events and give us a bit more of a professional look.

All the competitors were fantastic in running their decals and I had no issues where all drivers had the correct decals on their cars at all times from qualifying onwards at every event.

I will still be involved and happy to help out how I can, just the workload at the moment is too high to handle, so I am just stepping back to more assist others how I can for now.

Below is a break down of the revenue generated for 2019.

Many thanks, Simon Wills.

Wynn's (Primary Category Sponsor): \$5000

Burson Auto Parts: 3x bottles of oil per event for give away

U Pull It: \$1000

Round 1: GH Haulage \$800

Round 2: S&J Automotive Pro Bono (as thanks for securing Wynn's)

Round 3: (RPMT) Flowrite and others \$800

Round 4: Next Generation Turf \$800

Round 5: Yardstick Landscapes \$800

## **11. General Correspondance**

President Nathan Green advised the Circuit Excel has been approached by Ian Sherrin to be involved in an event between 6-8 March 2020 at Eastern Creek. This will be as part of a Production car event.

## **12. Election of Office Bearers**

President: Nathan Green - Moved by Shane Chancellor, Seconded by Nick Scaife

Vice President: Andrew Young - Moved by Fred Severin, Seconded by Misch Nowickyj

Secretary: Ashleigh Bennett - Moved by Wayne Pannowitch, Seconded by Nick Scaife

Treasurer: Wayne Pannowitch - Moved by Nathan Green, Seconded by Graham Hewitt

Competition Secretary: Scott Stephenson - Moved by Wayne Pannowitch, Seconded by Nick Scaife

Promotions Co-ordinator: Nick Scaife - Moved by Scott Stephenson, Seconded by Misch Nowickyj

CEMC Delegate: Paul Falco - Moved by Andrew Young, Seconded by Leon Bondarenko

Driving Standards Observer: Scott Stephenson - Moved by Misch Nowickyj, Seconded by Wayne Pannowitch

Eligibility Officer: Fred Severin - Moved by Paul Falco, Seconded by Nick Scaife

CAMS Delegate: Leon Bondarenko - Moved by Misch Nowickyj, Seconded by Shane Chancellor (alternate Nathan Green)

Technical Sub-Committee nominee's: Paul Falco, David Shaw, Andrew Young, Scott Stephenson, Misch Nowickyj

## **13. Constitutional Matters**

A large re-write of the Association's constitution is nearly ready to be distributed as a draft for member feedback, and eventual vote to replace the current constitution at a later General Meeting. A new constitution has been written to make it comply with the requirements for becoming an incorporated association; to put in place well defined structures and process on how the association operates; and to better reflect how the association has evolved since it's inception.

## **14. Membership & Fee's**

After some discussion, it was decided to keep membership fee's at thier current level - \$50 for an individual (General) and \$80 for a family, including the \$5 levy to be donated to the South Australian Motor Racing Officials Association.

## **15. Other Business**

Nil

## **16. Meeting Closed**

Closed 9:35pm

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*End of minutes.*