

Circuit Excel Association of South Australia



Circuit Excel SA August General Meeting

Club meeting Monday 26th August, at Coopers Alehouse, 560 Main N Rd, Blair Athol SA 5084 (Corner of Grand Junction & Main North).

We have arranged a social catchup from 6PM for members to meet, order off the bistro menu and chat. The meeting will kick off at 7:30PM

When 26-08-2019 at 7:30 PM

Location: Coopers Alehouse, Cnr Main North Rd, Grand Junction Rd

Chairperson Nathan Green

Minute taker Ashleigh Bennett

Present James Benford , Ashleigh Bennett (Secretary), Shane Chancellor , Matt Dellamalva , Paul Falco , Nathan Green (President, State Council Delegate), Andrew Hobby , Darren Mattiske , Mitchell McGarry , Michael Nowickyj , Shayne Nowickyj , Wayne Pannowitch (Treasurer), Nick Scaife , Fred Severin , Gil Slade , Isaac Sparks , Jayden Wanzek , Justin Wanzek , Andrew Young (CEMC Delegate), James Zeitz

Apologies Santo Arabia , Leon Bondarenko (Vice President), Martyn Butler , Michael Clemente , Graham Hewett , RICHARD HOPKINS , Asher Johnston , Greg McCrackan , Steve Oliver , Shaun Pannowitch , john reynolds , David Shaw , Scott Stephenson , Simon Wills (Promotions & Sponsorship Coordinator), Robert Zoanetti

Minutes

1. Open Meeting

Meeting Opened at 7:40pm

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting (July 2019)

Moved by Nick Scaife, Seconded by Michael Nowickyj.

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3. President's Report

Round 3 was another cracker Ryan Pannowitch Memorial Trophy, congratulations again to Asher, Willsy, Susan and the team who make this highlight of our championship series happen every year. Also cheers to Leon who stepped up as MC for the event.

Everyone is busy, obviously preparing, competing and volunteering along with our real jobs, life and of course family. Despite this we do our best to checkin with existing members and potential competitors alike, whether that be locally or around the traps and chat with peers interstate to monitor the health of the category across borders.

The face to face meeting of the CEMC was by all accounts very successful with consensus reached on an unprecedented number of technical items. The value of face to face discussion has been realized and will continue in the future. Its envisaged that similar catchups would be held annually to ensure agreement and understanding of the direction of the category. To support this, the presidents recently had a phone hookup to again discuss a national "Incorporated Association". The intent is to integrate the CEMC (not currently an incorporated association) into this new group. The cost of establishment are minimal, but would likely extend to building budget to cover costs of face to face meetings on an annual basis to facilitate ongoing development including regulations, Sealers seminar or other strategic discussions as opportunities emerge. A constitution adapted from similar organisations is being circulated with state committees for review and comment and welcome input from anyone with experience in this space.

Nathan Green asked the room if there would be any objection by members present with the notion of increasing CEASA membership costs (perhaps by \$20), as a sort of levy, to go towards funding a budget for a national association and CEMC - none were received. Paul Falco suggested the money from the Federal Tyres rebate scheme could be used to fund the budget in lieu of increasing membership fee's.

We also discussed how things were going in each state. WA are seeing strong growth all round and are looking forward to hosting Nationals in late 2020, along with their enduro which will be similar to their event this year, making a great opportunity for interstaters to get some FLY IN seat time prior Nationals mid-late October.

QLD reported positive feedback from some motorsport families introducing their kids (and grandkids) to racing via Circuit Excel. Both Morris and the Johnson family were very complimentary of the category which has been reported in some motorsport media too

Closer to home I had an exciting conversation with a hardened racer from up North who's been lobbying to get a few excels up and running in the NT, anticipating that many on the fringes will build a car and a class locally once they see or experience a few on track. The intent would be to highlight how accessible Circuit Racing is to those from outside the sport or karters, dirt track racers and the like. There may be some opportunities to work with NAMSC or other groups in the Northern Territory to help them along, with potential options to either combine a grid at a local meeting (such as on the back of Improved Production), or as supports to the V8 Supercar event, or the 2022 Improved Production Nationals.

4. Secretary's Report

- 83 Active Members, 2 new since previous meeting, comprising 61 General Members, 2 Associate Members, and 18 Family Memberships (comprising 7 separate families with 11 linked family members)

5. Treasurer's Report

Wayne reported the club has approximately \$30,000 in the bank, after Wynn's paid-in approximately half of the sponsorship agreement, and SA CEMC Delegate Andrew Young and SA member and CEMC Chairperson David Shaw were paid out to reimburse travel expenses to attend a CEMC face-to-face conference with other state delegates in Melbourne during July.

John McGarry asked whether the club should be setting some objectives, aims or intentions to which funds should be used.

6. CEMC Delegate Report

As per the emails sent by David Shaw and I, the Regulations that were compiled from members feedback were discussed and voted on by the CEMC Delegates at the July conference, and have been through a final edit process before submission to the AMRC. We asked to club committees to read through the draft Regulations to make sure that we had the wording correct to meet the intent of what was decided at the conference. This process also acted as a quality system check to make sure that others could understand the agreed outcomes / intents of the conference.

As has already been stated unfortunately some of the supposed details of the draft regulation were reported on social media. This is extremely disappointing and was agreed with the guidance from CAMS at the conference that we cannot announce anything until the Regulations are approved by the AMRC. At the end of the day we are an advisory body to the AMRC who will have the final say and give approval for the 2020 regulations.

The 2020 Nationals were voted on and I am happy to inform you that that will be in Perth at Barbagallo Wanneroo Raceway. At this stage the tentative dates are October 17th/18th or 24th/25th, but which one won't be confirmed until after SuperCars release their dates. It will essentially be after the Bathurst 1000. CEMC is also looking at making an approved equivalent parts lists for items for items such as valves, springs, lifters and head bolts. The reason for this is that many of the equivalent parts are considerably cheaper than the OEM parts so the intent behind the approved list is to save competitors costs.

CEMC has decided to allow the Presidents working group to continue the process of the development of an Associated Incorporation for Circuit Excel started by CEMC. It is felt that at this point in time CEMC really needs to concentrate on technical issues. CEMC has requested that the Presidents group keep CEMC up to date with the process and documentation at the monthly CEMC meetings.

Andrew Young also reported that the CEMC are awaiting further news on if Circuit Excel will be invited back as a support category to the Bathurst 6 Hour for 2020, noting the Australian Racing Group has purchased the rights to the event, and as such, the categories featured over the Easter weekend event may change to reflect thier business interests, but also noted that the rights to a new 5th event as Bathurst has not been awarded (with ARG one of two parties in contention), which could also affect what runs and when at Bathurst.

7. Eligibility Officer's Report

Fred Severin reported all cars were weighed after qualifying.

Some cars were weighed after one set of heats on Saturday and Sunday and the first 10 were weighed after the preliminary final.

After the 2nd lot of heats on Saturday the first 3 cars from each heat had the front and rear anti-roll bar maximum diameter checked.

After the final the first 3 cars were checked to ensure they had an open diff.

Over the weekend all cars were checked to ensure the brake lights were operating, that some safety signage was in place and were displaying a CAMS sticker.

David Shaw has also recorded the suspension systems fitted to each vehicle to update club info.

8. DSO Report

Round 3 of the Circuit Excel SA series went very well overall in terms of driving standards. Drivers were being watched closely, specifically for kerb hopping and racing room.

It was great to see most drivers adhering to the kerb rules and it was noticeable that drivers were making a serious effort to stay off them and that was greatly appreciated from myself and the Clerk of Course. That being said, there were a number of drivers receiving bad sportsmanship flags and black flags. There were 11 Bad sportsmanship flags given over the whole weekend and 6 Black flags given.

There were some drivers that ignored the black flag for a number of laps. Drivers that ignored the flags were penalised post-race. Watching for flags is hugely important, so please be sure to know where the flag points are and a quick glance going into the corner is all that you need to check for a flag.

There were very few incidents involving contact, with only 3 drivers being penalised for small touches. The penalties given for these were two 10 second penalties and a 30 second penalty with a \$500 fine. There were another 5 investigations over the weekend which were all resolved without penalties. I want to remind everyone that if you have a problem with any drivers on track, please come and see me with your footage and we can discuss the issue.

Well done to all competitors for your performances on the weekend. The driving standards were great and hopefully we can keep that up going into Round 4 at The Bend. Finally, if any competitors have a suggestion on some aspects of driving standards that you believe needs to be focused on, please get in touch with me and we can discuss it and I can watch for it at the next race meeting.

Scott Stephenson – 0413 246 018

9. Promotion's Report

In Simon Wills absence, Nathan Green gave an update on how many expressions of interests (EOI) have been submitted for the 2019 Nationals being hosted by SA, breaking down numbers by state, and level of commitment. Noted a cut-off date for EOI submissions has not been set, nor when entries will be opened.

10. General Correspondence & Business

Nathan Green reported there are currently 34 entries for Round 4, with a small number from interstate.

Reported recent CAMS State Council meetings have begun discussing the 2020 state calendar, and with most other categories running low numbers, the Sporting Car Club of SA are considering returning to a 4 round series to reduce costs to competitors, but are looking at a stand alone non-championship 5th event, which could be used to hold an endurance format event for Circuit Excel, but this event will be either at Mallala or on the west circuit at The Bend. Nathan Green asked for feedback from the room with regards to the number of rounds, with nearly all present showing preference for a 4 round series with a stand-alone endurance event.

Nathan Green noted there are other opportunities to have an endurance event outside of Sporting Car Club run race meetings, outlining some of the options, including an event run by The Bend themselves. Asked members present if they would be happy to run at a AASA permit event, with most members indicated they would. Martyn Sparks advised his company could provide the trackside medical service if required. John McGarry suggested an endurance event could be combined with the Victorian run event at Winton to create an endurance championship.

11. Set Date for next meeting and Close

Closed 9:24pm

End of minutes.

Summary of matters arising are tabled on the following page.

Minutes of Circuit Excel SA August General Meeting on 26-08-2019

Summary of Attachments

Attachments

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