

# Circuit Excel Association of South Australia



## 1st Quarter General Meeting

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Members are welcome to join for a meal and drink before the meeting from 6pm, please contact the Hotel to book a table.

When 11-02-2019 at 7:30 PM

Location: Elephant & Castle Hotel, 179 West Terrace, Adelaide SA 5000, Australia

Chairperson Nathan Green

Minute taker Ashleigh Bennett

Present Ashleigh Bennett (Secretary), Paul Falco , Nathan Green (President, State Council Delegate), RICHARD HOPKINS , Joel Johnson , Darren Mattiske , Mitchell McGarry , Michael Nowickyj , Shayne Nowickyj , Shaun Pannowitch , Wayne Pannowitch (Treasurer), David Shaw , Jason Thiele , Jayden Wanzek , Justin Wanzek , Simon Wills (Promotions & Sponsorship Coordinator), Andrew Young (CEMC Delegate), Thomas Young

## Minutes

### 1. Open Meeting

Opened at 7:34pm

Apologies: James Benford, Thomas Benford, Graham Hewitt, Danny Clemente, Fred Severin, Martyn Butler, Santo Arabia, Jay Donald

Guests: Lisa Totani, Scott Tiller

### 2. Minutes of Previous Meeting (July 2018)

Accepted, moved by Justin Wanzek, seconded by David Shaw

### 3. President's Report

Welcome new members, existing members and guests.

Welcome fresh committee, fresh ideas and fresh membership portal 😊

Good work in the off season discussing events and progressing technical

regulation reviews as the CEMC progresses rationalisation of regulations.  
Locally our relationship remains strong with SCC and CAMS at a state level.

#### Sporting Car Club state series:

Overall round 1 numbers are quite low, albeit Excels are strong despite a number of notable absentees. CEASA had requested more palatable schedule for Excels (not first or last) but Excels retained an extra race instead as we have the strongest field. Have requested at least 1 twilight per year (although unlikely in 2019). As overall numbers are down, All stakeholders are asked to support promotion of the discipline of circuit racing in general.

Mixed Qualifying – Raised issue of mixed cars with Excels at a round which was due to an OLT - SCC events will look to avoid in future.

Practice Days: Nathan spoke to Guy who will look to (continue) grouping excels were possible. Group sizes for Friday are approx. 24, so strong numbers and pre-booking would assist their planning. Its noted that Car was removed from the practice entry form but may be returned in the future to assist with planning.

#### CAMS & MRP report

State council have met once in 2019. Series regulations ratified from previous out of session endorsement of Motor Race Panel (MRP) after last meeting in 2018. Discussion regarding compulsory use of HANS in log booked cars in speed events raised, MRP asked to quantify impact to non racers (will seek feedback from speed event competitors & car owners). MRP meeting on Tuesday (tomorrow) - table any amendments, role changes or notes SA require – TBA.

#### CAMS awards:

Congratulations to Asher for being awarded SA Racing car driver for an unprecedented 3 years in a row. Congrats to Michael for being awarded 1st in SA championship along with being awarded the CAMS rising star award in Victoria. In SA the CAMS rising star was awarded to Excel Graduate Max Vidau who continues to support a number of members who support him in his career. Obvious congrats to those who defended the CAMS Club Challenge awarded to CEASA (Dave, Danny & Nathan) who will be looking to defend the title again.

#### Officials:

SAMROA celebrated 40 years

Also celebrated 12 new members in 2018. We need to do our best to celebrate more. While this is considered to be a big milestone, we should continue to support more growth in officials base considering the massive increase in resources required with new tracks and a packed SA calendar.

CEASA have incorporated \$5 levy into 2019 membership fee and should think about most effective way to utilise (best bang for buck???)

#### Eligibility Officers (EO) Report

Discussed in EO report below

#### Tarmac Junior Development Program (JDP)

Nathan sent correspondence to Tarmac JDP requesting feedback of how CEASA could support their club and strengthen ties – Nil formal response.

#### **4. Secretary's Report**

60 Members have currently renewed for 2019, 47 individual and 13 family members. Currently still waiting on a few more to renew, or to be added into the system, likely will settle at mid-sixties. Down a bit on 2018, but that is due to a few family memberships going back to a single individual membership, and a few Victorian's not renewing.

Implementation of our new membership and club management software-as-a-service, TidyHQ, is now complete. A few adjustments as to how we subscribe members into the system have been made as we learnt what works and what doesn't in terms of getting people to sign up and complete payment. We hope most found the process straight forward, if people have or do experience any issues, please report them to me. Longer term, TidyHQ will not just simplify the management of membership list, but make it faster for us to send group emails, provide finance tracking and reporting tools, meeting management, and allow us to sell tickets to club run events.

Club has also launched a spreadsheet on our website listing race numbers that have been allocated, are on hold, or are available, to make it easier for new competitors to pick a number.

All committee members now have full club email accounts, which are listed on our website.

Club has implemented a new membership agreement, outlining member behaviour, and our privacy policy, and indemnification policy. The agreement, known as our waiver, needs to be agreed to when joining or renewing as a member through TidyHQ.

#### **5. Treasurer's Report**

Bank account balance unchanged as of AGM, at \$21,000

## 6. CEMC Delegate Report

The CEMC (The National Technical Body) is currently addressing a review of the regulations and a removal of grey areas. We have already received feedback from CEASA members and that is really appreciated. CEMC is now wrapping up this process so this will be your last chance to have a say to review of the regulations and contribute to the grey area removal. Please be mindful that our goal is to have one set of regulations, currently we are governed by 3E General Touring Cars and of course by GROUP 3E – CIRCUIT EXCEL. CEMC is also looking at a publishing a draft set of national sporting regulations to cover the category and create consistency between states.

### New Replacement Piston codes

The original codes supplied to us by Bursons being 4P1211-STD (Standard Sizing) and 4P1211-050 (.5 Oversize) are now incorrect, these code now refer to Nason flat top pistons with valve relief. These are not legal in Circuit Excel.

The new and correct codes are 4P1464-STD (Standard Sizing) and 4P1464-050 (.5 Oversize) for the required Domed Top pistons. Nason the piston manufacturer has updated their catalogue but the issue came with the new codes not being passed onto suppliers.

### Partial seal Engines / Wrecker Engines

Our interstate colleagues are looking at issues arising from Partial seal Engines / Wrecker Engines. Queensland has already developed a policy for Partial seal Engines / Wrecker Engines . Do we need to do this at a local level? Do we need to include this into an overall Sporting regulations document that covers Circuit Excel across the country?

### Feedback

At end of the day I am your mouth piece at the National Level, please pass on your feedback on issues via email.

### Engine Rebuilding Sub-Group

David Shaw has begun planning to create a sub-group to investigate and document which engines based on build date or engine codes have the best casting, and also try to create a national standard for agreed engine re-build modifications so all state sealers have a common agreement on what is acceptable and what isn't etc.

### High-Vis Low Light (i.e.: rain) rear light

Are to be mandated for all categories by CAMS in 2020. Nathan Green advised members to wait for further information before looking to purchase and fit.

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

David Shaw advised he will be at Mallala on Friday for Round 1 practice, if anyone needs a wrecker engine sealed. David also advised he has some pictures of a head reconditioning which was failed as illegal for interstate, for members to look at and share their thoughts.

Nathan Green thanked David Shaw for his commitment to the role the last couple of seasons, who is now standing down to come race. Reported that Fred Severin has agreed to act as our EO. Fred is a highly experienced scrutineer, having served various other forms of CAMS motorsport, and has already some experience with Circuit Excel. Nathan asked for his nomination to be moved.

David Shaw nominated, Andrew Young seconded.

Will go to MRP/State Council for ratification. Should be in place by Round 1.

Nathan Green moved a motion to cover his costs to attend events (fuel, food etc), Paul Falco seconded.

## **8. Promotions Co-ordinator Report**

Nationals

We have pushed down the path of the Nationals being held at the Shannons Nationals Round November 15-17 November. Liam Curkpatrick who used to run the Shannon's Nationals, and still runs categories there, is currently working on locking in the prices and race schedule for us with them. Its getting close to being a done deal.

This was realistically the best and only round we could chase due to clashes, professionalism etc.

We expect the entry price to be comparable to a State round there, although there will be Live Timing and Live Streaming of our Sessions included in this price. We are also entertaining Liam to manage and run the event for us. It is \$5k for this, where we will be handing over to an experienced person to save us any hassle, potential issues, scheduling problems on the fly etc. We will help him source an event sponsor to cover his costs, so its a strong proposition for us. Short discussion Nationals event, clarified competitors wont need a national spec roll cage or licence.

CEASA Sponsors/Supporters

Negotiations and establishing relations for major series sponsors continue. A push for a new major sponsor may not get over the line. People can continue with Stillwell window banner, or for anyone without a banner yet, they can get a JDP banner off Darren Mattiske.

Federal are back on board the same as last year but with a \$5 increase in per tyre price. The rebate is the same as last season (\$10 per tyre), and will be directed back to the club.

GH Haulage are on board as the Round Sponsor for Round 1. Graham is a great supporter of ours, so please support him how we can. He will be racing for the first time Round 1, so please make him feel welcome!

You Pull It have indicated that the same deal will be in place for the year, though yet to confirm this.

Bursons have also indicated that they will support us with product again this season. This will be confirmed at what level this week as well.

We still have minor supporters packages available, and Round sponsors. If you want to support a round or fill a minor position, or know of anyone who would like to be involved, email Simon at [promotions@circuitexcelsa.com.au](mailto:promotions@circuitexcelsa.com.au) and he will send out some information etc.

Simon will have the decals to be placed onto the cars from Friday morning onwards. We want to get these onto our cars asap, so he will be walking around and handing them out to as many as possible. If you have been missed or want to get them asap, go to Ashers garage and Simon will be there or at least be able to be directed to Simon.

#### Social Media

'Meet The Driver' seems to be received well. Simon has sent out about a dozen questionnaires, and will endeavour to get more out to everyone else shortly. Simon will ramp it up a bit more after this coming race meeting as his time has been focussed more on other areas. If there is anything a competitor can give us to push on there, it is welcomed also.

#### Prize Giving after Mallala

We are planning to hold the Round 1 Prize Giving at the Mallala Hotel to have a more social feel to it all this year. We will keep you posted on the time, but it will be around 60mins after the final race. Along with Trophies for 1st-3rd, and the Masters Cup, there will be some random door prizes as well.

It would be great if we can have a bunch of us there to support this, and enjoy some banter from the event.

#### Season Prize Giving

For the first time, we are planning to have a End of Season Prize Giving night. At the moment January 2020 is proposed as the likely time slot, moving away from Xmas and gearing up for the season ahead. Rather than handing out small amounts of prize money at each round, we are going to pool up the money in helping out in venue costs, prizes etc for this event. We want it to be a really fun, exciting event. There will be a small cost per competitor to attend, but we plan to have good music, events, MC, food etc. If you have anything to help with input or organising feel free to contact simon at [promotions@circuitexcelsa.com.au](mailto:promotions@circuitexcelsa.com.au)

#### Masters Cup

As put on Social Media, entrants 45 years old and over by Jan 1st 2019 are eligible. Winner of each round will receive a trophy. This will be the highest points scorer from the overall round points. At the Season Prize Giving Night, there will be a Prize or Prizes on offer for the Seasons highest scorers. Please if you don't want to be included in this, email Simon at [promotions@circuitexcelsa.com.au](mailto:promotions@circuitexcelsa.com.au). Simon will come around to competitors at Mallala to confirm your age and entry into the Masters Cup. If you haven't seen him, go to Asher Johnston's garage prior to lunch on Saturday to make sure you confirm your position.

#### Photographer

We have obtained the photography services of Dennis Allen for Round 1. Dennis also sells photos from the weekend at a low rate, so if you are interested in getting a package for Round 1, contact Simon at

promotions@circuitexcelsa.com.au to register your interest and Simon will have Dennis find you over the weekend to organise. He will be gathering various images for Simon to be able to utilise for Social Media, Promotional Material etc and it turn start gathering a photo bank for the Series. Simon will also be shooting some pics and maybe simple iPhone video in the pits during the weekend.

If you do not want any images used of yourself/your car in CEASA material and media, please email Simon at promotions@circuitexcelsa.com.au

#### Tyre Rebate

The deal with SA Motorsport Tyres continues into this Season. The Tyre cost as pointed out at the AGM has increased \$5 per Tyre. SAMT supply the Tyres @ \$120 inc get per tyre, with \$145 inc gst fitted at track, (includes old tyre disposal \$5). A \$10 per tyre rebate will go back to CEASA at the completion of the 2019 season. SAMT will provide no charge track support at State Race Meetings for Emergency Tyre Work including Tyre rotating. Part of this deal to CEASA, SAMT will provide 2x Federal Decals to be placed on all Excels during the 2019 State Season. Simon will supply these at Round 1 along with the other series decals. Cotton Tyres will deliver to others Tyre Shops free of freight charge in SA Metro if required. We ask all competitors to order through SA Motorsport Tyres and not other avenues, as we all benefit from this arrangement.

#### SAMT BBQ at Track

Mark Povey will be providing a BBQ lunchtime Saturday for all Excel competitors. This is a great time for us to socialise with each other and show support to Mark as well.

### **9. General Correspondence**

The Bend has contacted the CEASA, with a couple of proposed dates for thier new "Club Days" as discussed at the AGM (for \$5000, club gets 4x 30 minute track sessions, speed or race, on the West circuit). First date in May clashes with Peter Hall 6 Hour memorial, second in August with a state round. Some internal discussion in the committee regarding looking to using one of these events to hold an enduro. Ashleigh Bennett to discuss options with The Bend.

### **10. General & Other Business**

David Shaw has been talking to MSCA about Excel only grid/session at their Sprint events. MSCA are happy to accommodate if they get 15 excels entered. CEASA will promote via social media.

Paul Falco & David Shaw raised a benefit of MSCA events - practice race like starts, and if a driver is on a speed licence, an MSCA events signed into a licence activity book will allow a driver to upgrade to a race licence.

Tarmac JDP - still after driver trainers, dates Aug 18, Sep 22, Oct ?, with final date to be at either a Modern Regularity or Sprint event. Driver trainers must be over 18, need some track experience (activities on licence), and posses a basic ability to coach, instruct and give feedback.

## **11. Set Date for next meeting and Close**

Closed 8:37pm

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*End of minutes.*