

Circuit Excel Association of South Australia



Circuit Excel SA June General Meeting

Meeting commences 7:30pm.

Members and visitors are welcome to contact the hotel to make arrangements for a meal prior to the meeting.

When	17-06-2019 at 7:30 PM
Location:	Maid Of Auckland Hotel, 926 South Rd, Edwardstown SA 5039, Australia
Chairperson	Nathan Green
Minute taker	Ashleigh Bennett
Present	Santo Arabia , Ashleigh Bennett (Secretary), Shane Chancellor , Jay Donald , Paul Falco , Nathan Green (President, State Council Delegate), Asher Johnston , Darren Mattiske , Mitchell McGarry , Wayne Pannowitch (Treasurer), Nick Scaife , Fred Severin , David Shaw , Gil Slade , Isaac Sparks , Isaac Sparks , Scott Stephenson , Gregory Stuut , Justin Wanzek , Simon Wills (Promotions & Sponsorship Coordinator), Andrew Young (CEMC Delegate), Thomas Young , James Zeitz
Apologies	James Benford , Leon Bondarenko (Vice President), Martyn Butler , Michael Clemente , Adam Currie , Jarrod Currie , Graham Hewett , RICHARD HOPKINS , Andrew Jericho , Michael Nowickyj , Shayne Nowickyj , John Reynolds

Minutes

1. Open Meeting

Meeting Opened at 7:30pm.

Commenced with introduction of committee member, new members and visitors, including Adam - attending on behalf of Brad Day - who will be performing filming at Round 2 to provide promotional footage for the club (Brad Day was responsible for promotion films for the Adelaide Motorsport Festival).

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting (May 2019)

Moved by Gil Slade, Seconded by Justin Wanzek.

Decision

Accepted

3. President's Report

We continue to experience exciting times for Circuit Excel with circa 45 entries for our state series (a local record) and a great profile boost on the back of a very successful Supercars support gig at Winton Motor Raceway. We would like to thank our Victorian counterparts for not only brokering the deal, but inviting all states to put on a show. The racing looked great on TV, showcasing how competitive the category is, particularly on a technical circuit like Winton.

From here the discussions I have had with those on the committee and with Presidents from our interstate friends, we are all keeping our ear to the ground to secure similar opportunities in the future. Some tracks that may be able to accommodate include Symmons Plains, Hidden Valley, Winton (again) and maybe even The Bend.

In talking to The Bend, while Supercars support categories are committed for this years OTR Super Sprint, they are far from saying no for 2020. It was suggested we submit an expression of interest for the Asia LeMans series round calendared for 10 – 12 January 2020, on the GT Circuit. A show of hands was conducted to gauge interest, with approximately a third of the room (7 - 8 members) potentially interested in running at such an event.

Circuit Excel Presidents Discussion Group:

Outside of normal business, the Presidents from each state have been encouraging further interaction to discuss issues current or emerging. We've had a couple of catch ups this year, recently focusing on 3 key areas:

- Winton feedback – which was positive on the whole and re-iterated the need to focus on these unique marquee opportunities in the future.
- Push for national body (CEMC) becoming an incorporated association
- Establish a national sealers forum (face to face meeting)

State Championship – Upcoming Events

- Round 2 - The Bend are happy for us to convene in the lobby/welcome centre for presentations and refreshments after our races have finished. Suggested we can use their backdrop/mini podium inside. Round is also Ben Rebbeck Memorial & National round for Formula Vee.
- Round 3 - Ryan Pannowitch trophy - Simon Wills & Asher Johnston again are the event organizers, running same format as previous years, with news and updates to come soon. Round is also the Michael Rook Memorial Trophy for Improved Production, and a round of the ECB Mini challenge.
- Round 4 - HQ Nationals (note: Historic Touring cars now instead running at OTR)

Super Sprint)

- Round 5 – suspect the round will be under subscribed if significant numbers of SA competitors opt to sit the round out in preference for Circuit Excel Nationals the following weekend. Discussing ideas to incentivise entrants to compete in both events by possible discounted entries, or other measures (we may be able to find storage, accommodation or other regional activities to engage interstate competitors to stay for the week).

Sporting Car Club (SCC) Competition Committee:

- Have requested Circuit Excel prefer to not be first or last on the program (allows our interstate competitors to get going) for Round 2, and suggested Circuit Excel be allocated garages and open area on south side of paddock (to keep category together for a community feel).
- I have expressed interest with the SCC for a Endurance format event, which they have an interest in hosting, provided a program can be filled with other suitable categories. It was initially suggested that we have a single day “picnic” meeting at Mallala, inviting other categories to host a non championship round in parallel. Initial feedback provided was that to entice interstate competitors, The Bend would be preferred, provided costs could be managed. Costings have been requested to confirm viability. A show of hands was conducted to gauge whether there still was interest in an endurance event here in SA - approximately half the room (12 - 13) showing interest.
- The early discussion of 2020 series calendar has commenced, baseline proposal is for a similar 2020 calendar, with rd 1, 3 & 5 at Mallala; 2 & 4 at The Bend. Some categories have provided feedback that 5 rounds may not be sustainable.

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- Scott Stephenson, who has stepped back from racing for the immediate time, has volunteered to be our categories Driving Standards Officer (DSO). Motion was moved to make it an official position and to notify CAMS and SCC, moved by Simon Wills, seconded by Justin Wanzek. Noted unanimous support in the room for Scott taking on the role.
- Camera's in cars – We have again requested that camera's be compulsory in cars, regardless we highly recommend the use of in car camera's. Note extract from Round 1 Further Regulations:
24) VISION RECORDING EQUIPMENT Cameras on vehicles cannot be used unless prior permission is received from the Chief Scrutineer and checked for secure mounting. In all cases there must be a minimum of a secondary restraint system installed, which must be able to prevent the camera falling off in the event of the primary restraint system failing. Where cameras are used, they must be recording at all times while the vehicle is on the racing surface during all sessions and competitors will make recordings available to the Officials and the Organisers if requested to do so. Other Photography is restricted to Public Areas with the exception of Accredited Media. No aerial Photography by “drone” or other similar device is permitted unless the user can present evidence of authorisation issued by CAMS to the Clerk of Course. Live Streaming is prohibited any time the car is on the racing surface.
- Facebook Live Streams have been well received – club is looking to buy an external mic and potentially stand/mount to improve quality – obviously we don't want to restrict the impromptu opportunities that present themselves.

Club Direction/Objectives:

- Feedback requested to help club define what is its prime function? What do members want of our club?
- From some committee discussion some key points include - focus on providing an avenue for members to give input on technical regulations of the series (and maintain parity and low costs) – currently key reason we exist (noting that we don't currently run our own events in SA). Be approachable and transparent to members to seek advice or clarification. Maintain and promote community feel within our category locally. Maintain low cost and parity within the category (paraphrased from constitution).
- Immediate aims for the club are to establish an endurance event for 2020, and hold more social events – such as a presentation night for the 2019 season.

CAMS Delegate report:

- Log book Approved Scrutineers list is being reviewed as scrutineers update their details and resume with CAMS office.
- Discussed listing of CAMS clubs to be better kept up to date.
- With the advent of SMASA (Street Machine Association of SA) becoming CAMS affiliated it was discussed that member clubs present with SMASA members to educate and promote involvement. First session penciled in for 15th July.
- Some discussion around requirements presenting your CAMS logbook at a AASA event – its noted AASA will accept the logbook, but CAMS wont accept any entries, which confuses scrutineers, etc.
- CAMS awards penciled in for 8th February. Venue TBC.
- Congratulations Kristen Bailey (former CEASA president) for being appointed Deputy Chair of the Women's Commission (Initial focus – looking to bring more women into motor sport, and encourage those who are currently participating – Competitors and officials. Proposed that clubs look at promoting a female ambassador to connect with potential members at a club level).
- Decision paper regarding age of track side officials is under review. Identifies differences between driving from 14 VS being first on scene at 16.
- Early discussions regarding the name of CAMS – should we consider a change to something simpler like Motorsport Australia or similar?
- Note: there is a survey currently being circulated to random CAMS members
- A formal thank you was noted for Dave Shaw and Paul Bonnet who helped rescue a car post recent event at Mallala.

4. Secretary's Report

- 78 Active Members (3 non-financial), comprising 57 General Members, 2 Associate Members, and 19 Family Memberships (comprising 7 separate families with 12 juniors amongst them)
- Club has awarded free Associate Memberships to Fred Severin (in recognition of Fred volunteering his time to be our new Eligibility Officer), and Lisa Totani (in recognition of Lisa volunteering her time to help run the Circuit Excel Nationals later in the year)..
- Committee considering writing a regular newsletter to keep members better updated of club happenings on a more social level, such as reports covering member experiences at interstate events, or news or updates on club or member activities. Only constraint is committee members finding spare time to manage another task.
- Club will be working with the Treasurer to provide him the tools and training to produce financial reports through the club's new administrative software package (TidyHQ).
- Simon Wills has been busy producing and printing new club promotional material, such as polo shirts for committee members and other key roles to wear at official events, and flags and banners to advertise our sponsors. Look for them at Round 2!
- With a push happening to make the Circuit Excel Management Committee an incorporated association, the club believes CEASA should focus on achieving the same, but it may require an update of the constitution for the club to fulfill the necessary requirements to do so.

5. Treasurer's Report

Wayne gave an update on recent transactions, and reported the club has approximately \$23,000 in the bank.

6. CEMC Delegate Report

Suspension

There will be a Suspension Review Voting Form sent out for all members to supply their thoughts and feedback. We seek the feedback from the membership.

Regulations Convention.

CEMC is planning a Regulations convention in July at CAMS Headquarters in Victoria. SA will be sending over two delegates. Goal is to finalize the Regulations from 2020 and finish the grey area removal process.

Sealers Convention

This will take place later in the year once CEMC has sorted out the 2020 Regulations. The goal is to get at least one sealer from each state to attend. We want to get the sealers all having the same interpretation of the regulations.

Associated Incorporation

CEMC has decided that they will work with the Presidents Group into the investigation of an Associated Incorporation. Shane Biekoff has developed a draft document for a Circuit Excel Associated Incorporation with the main goal to remove liability from State committee members that take on volunteer portfolios.

3E Production Rules

Jamie Augustine National Category Technical Regulation Manager has communicated to CEMC that the 3E Production Rules have no bearing over the Circuit Excel Regulations and there are no hierarchy of rules with Circuit Excel or 3E Production Rules either.

Technical Queries

All technical queries are now to be sent to each State Delegate by members. If the Delegate cannot answer the query it will be forwarded on to Jamie Augustine National Category Technical Regulation Manager. Please do not contact David Shaw, David has been taking too many phone calls as a volunteer and CEMC Chair. We need to utilize the paid professionals within CAMS.

Nationals Series

The proposed Nationals Series as put up by MRF was not given the go ahead by all states. In the end the majority of states voted not to allow MRF to conduct a feasibility study into a National Series for Excels. There has been talk of a National Series with AASA via AMRS.

Bursons Cards

Any new member or existing members that do not have a Bursons club card please get one from Andrew Young. This card gives discount to club members.

Sealers Engine Building.

We had discussion at the last CEMC meeting and we agreed that Sealers cannot build an engine and sign off on the build as the Sealer. They must get an independent to inspect the engine.

7. Eligibility Officer's Report

Nathan Green announced and introduced Fred Severin as our new Eligibility Officer. Fred advised due to a prior commitment, he will be unable to attend Round 2. Outgoing Eligibility Officer David Shaw, advised he will be attending Round 2 as a scrutineer due to his car not yet being ready, and offered to act as Eligibility Officer once again. Motion moved by Nathan Green, and seconded by Paul Falco.

Fred noted there has been some discussion from CAMS regarding the eligibility of driver aids which interface with the vehicle, or could be used for data logging, with approximately 50% of cars found to be in breach at a recent Victorian round. More information on what is eligible or not will be published soon.

David Shaw also queried whether any competitors had noted a performance drop in recent batches of the Federal RSR control tyre due to a change in wear rate. A number of members present confirmed as such. Gil Slade opened up a discussion regarding if tyre buffing should be allowed in the rules, due to the benefit in tyre life and performance for a small financial outlay, and noted tyre buffing was currently hard to police. Nathan Green asked for a show of support for the proposal - 1 was against it, approximately 4-5 supported it, and approximately 10 members indicated they were unsure.

Talks then progressed on if competitors at this years Circuit Excel Nationals should be supplied a set of marked tyres at the commencement of the event on which they must run, in a bid to circumvent competitors buffing tyres.

8. Promotion's Report

Simon Wills advised he has stock of sponsor door and window decals on hand for those competing at Round 2. Also informed that most sponsors have again re-signed to support the Ryan Pannowitch Memorial Trophy event for Round 3, with the event format expected to be same as previous two years, and official launch coming soon.

Simon also asked members to tag Wynn's Aus & NZ in thier facebook to help generate click through for our new series sponsor.

Simon finished by advising an expression of interest for the 2019 Circuit Excel Nationals will be opening soon. Discussion covered the possibility of an over subscribed entry list, and the committee indicated in such a scenario, it would prioritise entries towards those who have strong results in the category, with interstate entries taking priority over local entries (unlike Bathurst, where each state is given a quota to fill and is given freedom to choose who to invite in that state).

Nathan Green noted there has been some queries as to how Circuit Excel SA handles Bathurst selections, and discussed the current process, displaying graphs and metrics from the 2018 selection, and advised the club will likely review the process and advise members more at a later date.

9. General Correspondence & Business

Darrin Mattiske advised he currently has 9 kids lined up for the 2019 Tarmac Junior Development Program, and will be looking for driver trainers soon - please check website for dates. Advised he recently held a Sausage Sizzle fundraiser and had his Circuit Excel car (currently mid build) on display. Nathan Green noted himself, David Shaw and Danny Maul will be entering the upcoming CAMS Club Challenge as a JDP team in the hope to win the JDP some prize money.

Paul Falco advised the Nissan Datsun Car Club is hosting a night with Jim Richards on August 20th, at a cost of \$75 for a sit down dinner.

Gil Slade advised he will be entering Tim Slade as his driver for Round 2.

10. Set Date for next meeting and Close

Monday 22nd July, at The Calendonian Hotel (thanks to Nick Scaife).

End of minutes.

Summary of matters arising are tabled on the following page.

Minutes of Circuit Excel SA June General Meeting on 17-06-2019

Summary of Matters Arising

Decisions

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