



CIRCUIT EXCEL ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

3rd Quarter 2018 General Meeting – Minutes

Monday 23rd July

1. Meeting Opened 7:00pm at Stillwell Hyundai - Nailsworth. Nathan Green in Chair.

Present: Nathan Green, , Andrew Young, Wayne Pannowitch, Leon Bondarenko, James Benford, Asher Johnston, Shaun Pannowitch, Martyn Butler, Lisa Totani, Tony Gagliardo, , Richard Hopkins, David Shaw, Jason Thiele; Scott Tiller; Greg Stuu; Phil

Apologies: Kym Armstrong, Kane Armstrong, Ash Bennet, Jay Donald, Graham Hewitt, Michael Clemente, Danny Clemente, Shane Chancellor, Gil Slade.
2. Minutes of previous GM (May 2018): Accepted – moved by David Shaw, seconded by Martyn Butler
3. President's Report.
 - Nathan welcomed everyone, special welcome to new members.
 - Thankyou to Stillwell Hyundai for their ongoing support, and hosting the meeting tonight.
 - Noted successful round 2, inaugural event at The Bend, and thanked all those involved from officials to those from the Sporting Car Club for hosting the event. Inaugural event at The Bend was successful. Program was well managed by SCC. Feedback passed on to officials and SCC via SAMROA and Naomi.
 - Feedback from Grant (Stillwell) – enjoyed the event and witnessed plenty of good racing;
 - Static display by Stillwell Hyundai trackside well received
 - Promotions:
 - i. Stillwell continue to support
 - ii. U-Pull-It confirmed as a financial supporter. Included in the part season deal is \$200 U-Pull-it vouchers per round. Discussing extending deals for members such as discounts or sales, etc.
 - iii. Round sponsors for Round 4 & 5 not locked in, Nathan will follow up with Goolwa Vehicle Sales and SVC to confirm their respective interests.

- iv. Note: we had some interest from other prospective sponsors after Round 2 which is encouraging
- v. Still looking for additional sponsors, particularly small prizes.
- Nathan announced that CEASA are engaging the services of VATtrack Media to produce a video package of Round 3. The “flavour” of the video is currently being discussed. Essentially looking to summarise
 - i. Highlights of the event
 - ii. The atmosphere of the category as a whole
 - iii. Stories from competitors – what brought them to the series, why they like the series?
- CAMS report:
 - i. State Council elected Bob Piper (Austin 7 club) to the Elected Director Vacancy 2018-2020 after the voluntary resignation of Michael Clements
 - ii. State Council Congratulated CEASA on winning Cams Club Challenge for second year running !
- Steady growth with 4 notable car sales, 3 represent growth with New competitors (new to circuit racing). Any growth of the sport without detracting from existing categories is welcomed. We actively avoid promotion to other categories.

4. Secretary’s Report.

The club's web hosting account with NetVirtue, previously owned by Darren Mattiske, has been transferred to an account under my name (I already had an account I set up to test a development version of our current website). The account is billed annually at \$23.40 next due on the 4th of August. The domain name for our club (circuitexcelsa.com.au) and the CEMC (austcemc.org) however still remain with Darren (also NetVirtue), as to transfer them requires an ABN or ACN. Darren has expressed his desire for these services to be migrated away from him so he doesn't have to be responsible for them.

Ash recommends the club should make it a priority of concern to become an Incorporated Association, and hence be eligible for an ACN, to be able to legally claim the club's domain name (also need to consider securing the CEMC domain – SA happy to secure in the absence of a national financials organisation)

Note: Wayne has submitted and ABN application – monitor progress

Ash is hoping to begin testing membership plugins late next month, as I am currently part way through developing a web-based application for calculating championship points utilising Natsoft files, which will be available on our club's website between Rounds 3 and 4.

Correspondence:

- Darren also forwarded the JDP's guidelines for interacting with children, he thought it might be useful for the club to leverage or utilise parts of, if the committee or members feel a similar guidelines are needed for the club.

5. Treasurer’s Report:

- ABN application submitted

- New memberships (3-4 in recent weeks)
- Currently have 69 members

6. Eligibility Officer's Report:

- Dave Shaw noted that no scales were utilised at Round 2 (the bend) however scales were available on hand
- Discussion around ECU mounting for possible ECU ballot – several members had suggestions on alternate mounting methods for ease of removal and changeover
- Engine sealing – any vehicles need sealing?

7. CEMC Delegate Report:

- Controlled Suspension: We have finished the process of having the suppliers present their information and vision of going to a one make. Next step put together an information paper that will be sent out to all members. Then call for a vote by the members to go one make or stay status quo.
- Rules Review: First goal is to remove so called grey areas and multiple interpretations. Currently we fall under two lots of regs, Circuit Excel and 3E General Touring Cars. The end goal is to have a one stop shop where all regs pertaining to Circuit Excel are in one document. We have called for feedback from members, SA not much feedback from members.
- Tyre Tender: All states are in agreement that Federal is the best option at this point in time so why change. David approached CAMS about this and if we really need to go to Tender. CAMS advised we only have to go to Tender if we are going to change specifications e.g. width or profile. Vote was taken to invite Andrew James from Exclusive Tyres to talk to us about a nation wide formalised agreement with Federal. Common outcomes being benefits back to all clubs, same price and access across the board.
 - i. David discussed some of his ideas for inclusion in a Federal deal – ie: free tyres to JDP, etc.
 - ii. Nathan reiterated that the optimal commercial outcome for all parties be sought
- Out of production parts: We are currently looking at parts such as pistons, fuel injectors and the third gear fork that are no longer available in production or getting harder to source. We have an option for the injectors. Waiting for an equivalent aftermarket piston to arrive. Looking at getting the third gear fork manufactured in Qld.
- Member – Nietz (Warren) advised that he has contacts/capability to reverse engineer, improve and manufacture batches of forks – Andrew to follow up

- Competition committee : CEMC would like to a separate competition committee setup that focuses only the set up of Nationals and works with all states to promote their boutique racing meeting e.g. RPMT. This then leaves CEMC sole focus on technical and regulations.
- Andrew also advised the Queensland delegate asked if multiple spring options be allowed in the technical regulations. Feedback from members were that no more changes be made to suspension regulations, and instead any changes be incorporated into the next control suspension tender and regulation change process.
 - i. Much discussion regarding multiple spring rates as SA competitors understand its explicit in the regulations that the springs remain as per the supplied package. This should be re-iterated at other CAMS events.
- Andrew Young discussed how the CEMC was exploring sourcing and adding to the technical regulations, aftermarket parts which are currently unable to be sourced, including pistons and 3rd to 4th gear selector forks. Discussed how an initial batch of pistons sourced through Burson Auto Parts were actually for ED/EC motors (with flat top piston head), but Burson's have indicated they have sourced a batch of pistons with the crown dome head, which will cost \$175 per set (not including rings).

8. Promotions Committee Report:

- Covered in the President's report.

9. Competition Secretary Report:

- Ashleigh is working on a bit of code to calculate round points, extracting the results from the published PDF's on natsoft. This is in a trial phase but will be a handy widget for anyone wanting to semi automate results from Natsoft.
- Update points to be published shortly
- Inaugural event at The Bend was successful. Program was well managed by SCC. Feedback passed on to officials and SCC via SAMROA and Naomi.
 - i. On track performance – on the whole was good. Not too many incidents, especially considering the new circuit. We do need to continue to monitor excessive blocking and divebombing activities as drivers continue to learn lines at new track.
 - ii. Considering options for Driver Standards Advisor or Competitor liaison to manage communication with the tower on the day.
- Feedback:
 - i. Note that practice days at The Bend & Mallala now have online booking processes. There are still numerous opportunities to get on track.
 - ii. its been noted that costs have increased, will continue to monitor.
 - iii. Noted the additional cost to hire garage on the Friday is a nuisance. This has been a turning point for some competitors choosing not to practice on the Friday (marginal decision).
 - iv. Numerous members disappointed with the increase in Mallala costs with no perceived benefit in facilities or operations.
- Round 3 RPMT
 - New drivers – Nominate Buddies: (role- guide them through signon, fomrup, visiting tower, general trackside direction)
 1. Kain Armstrong: John/Mitch McGarry
 2. Ryan Bell: Nathan Green
 3. Nick Scaife: Martyn Butler
- Ryan Pannowitch memorial trophy – summary of format and prizes by Asher
- Round 4: Nathan advised that the track format is likely to be changed from West to International – voted by competition committee. Will remain a 2 day event with Friday practice – very similar to Round 2
- Round 5: Mallala – remains 1 day event. Awaiting confirmation of format (day VS twilight. Nathan invited feedback from members of their preference of a compact 1 day event or a twilight. Unanimous support for a twilight event.
 - i. At least 1 twilight event per year would be a great feature of the calendar

- 2019 calendar: Speculative dates discussed. Looking similar to 2018.
- AMRS - 2019 draft calendar announced- round at The Bend early in the season

Proposed dates for 2019 AMRS:

Round 1	Winton Raceway	March 9th & 10th
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Round 3	Morgan Park	June 1st & 2nd
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Round 5	SMP	September 7th & 8th
Round 6	Wakefield Park	October 26th & 27th
Round 7	Winton Raceway	November 16th & 17 th

- CEASA to make decision of if/when/how to host Circuit Excel Nationals in 2019.

Consider following options:

- Stand alone event
- "Sporting Car Club (Round 2)"
- "Sporting Car Club (Round 4)"
- "Australian Motor Racing Series"
- "Shannon's Nationals"

Discussion

- Limited appetite from membership and committee to run a standalone event as the club has limited volunteer resources (majority are competitors)
- Limited support for hosting in conjunctions with AMRS round 2 as its too close to Bathurst event.
- Committee to discuss with promoters and other states to optimise outcomes

Upcoming events summary

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10. Other Business:

- Tarmac JDP need trainer drivers on 12/08 at AIR, 23/09 at AIR, 14/10 at AIR and the last day maybe 18/11 at Mallala or another date yet to be confirmed
 - Numerous members registered their interest with David Shaw
- CEASA has passed on nominations for Bathurst 2019, with those successful to receive confirmation from the organising committee in coming weeks. Nathan and Andrew continue to work with organisers to secure additional spot(s) for SA members (who are currently on the reserves list).
- Jamboree – 15000 kids

- 800 kids going through. Requesting CEASA drivers with cars; 5th-10th January.
- Seeking EOI – Richard Bailey will send out EOI

11. Next meeting scheduled for Monday 29th of October at Tafe SA

12. Meeting Closed at 10:00PM.

Circuit excel meeting notes.(Nathans private notes)

SPONSORSHIP/PROMOTION

Flowrite confirmed as round sponsors for Round 3 (RPMT) plus many other heat sponsors – well done to Asher and the team for pulling it all together, creating Australia's Richest Excel race

Stillwell:

Attendance at Rd2 was well received, Grant enjoyed watching the racing and talking to the drivers.

Display – well received by Stillwell

Continue to explore opportunities for more merchandise

U-Pull-It – Confirmed as tier 3 sponsor

Credit (vouchers) to be used as prizes for future rounds along with cash injection

SA Motorsport Tyres / Federal – Ongoing – continue to support

Sales monitored (circa 100 tyres – approx. \$1K injection. Forecast 2K for the club (rebate)

COMMUNICATION

Email communication – is it effective?

Do members believe they are receiving regular updates?

Whats your main source of CEASA information?

Email accounts have been established with mailbox and outgoing email for President and Secretary roles

COMPETITION

AMRS

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Round 3: RPMT (Ryan Pannowitch Memorial Trophy)
 Well done to Asher and the team – Update?

Round 4: The Bend (West Circuit) 2 day event

Round 5: Mallala – 1 day event – awaiting confirmation if it's a day only or twilight race meeting. Do CEASA have a preference?

General:

-Championship points – when will the round 2 results (and running champ standings) be posted?

Feedback for Promoter:

Entry Fees – its been noted that costs have increased, will continue to monitor.

Noted the additional cost to hire garage on the Friday is a nuisance. This has been a turning point for some competitors choosing not to practice on the Friday (marginal decision)

Note: 30 plus strong field is sustainable for excels. While IPRA had a strong field at The Bend, it is clear it was a novelty as there are 12 (15 incl SS) for this round. Suspect due to Major events like Clipsal & Nationals detracting from regular series

2019 Calendar

Competition committee voted for 3 Mallala + 2 Bend rounds

Round 4 preference to run International circuit again.

Proposed “Club championship”

17-Feb-19	17-Feb-19	SA State Championship
06-Apr-19	07-Apr-19	AMRS Round 2
18-Apr-19	21-Apr-19	Bathurst 6Hr
02-Jun-19	03-Jun-19	SA State Championship
04-Aug-19	05-Aug-19	SA State Championship
20-Oct-19	21-Aug-19	SA State Championship
17-Nov-19	17-Nov-19	SA State Championship

Considerations:

State Championship

Nationals @ SCC round could affect eligibility for State Championship

Could have 4 round CAMS State Championship

6 round Club Championship

CEASA meeting agenda CEMC delegate report

Next Meeting

Monday 9th October?

Monday 29th October (AGM)

Monday 19th November (AGM) post round 5