

Speedway Sedans Australia Inc

Board Meeting

Old Adelaide Inn, Adelaide, SA
3rd & 4th May 2014

Minutes

1. **Open Meeting – 8.30am**

Greg Lynd opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending

2. **Introduction of Board Members**

Greg Lynd - CEO
Rod Meakins – VSCF
Michele Harris – NTSCI
Geoff Green – WASCF
Jim Cowley – QSCA
Garry Gale – TSCF (acting Board Member)
Bill Miller – Speedway Australia SA
Alan Edwards – SSA of NSW

3. **Introduction of Delegates and Attendees**

Di Lauder – VSCF
Allan Smallwood – WASCF
Moss Buchanon – Speedway Australia SA – Saturday only
John Gore – SSA of NSW
Beckie Jones - Secretary

4. **Apologies**

Allan Jennings – Chief Steward
Jason Crowe - Media

Motion to accept the apologies
Moved WASCF 2nd VSCF CARRIED

5. **Presidents Opening Address**

It gives me some deal of pleasure in presenting this report to this the 2014 May SSA National Board meeting.

In the period since our last meeting, apart from the day to day functioning of the organisation in which a number of small alterations in streamlining what will be a more ethical approach. It is with no secret that a superior amount of time has been provided in dealing with a number of dysfunctional mechanisms within the organisation.

Financials - Financially the SSA continues to hold a level of sustainability. Whilst we must maintain a firm grip on this and be mindful of what States individually require to operate, work in areas that can be seen as requiring certain changes and address them accordingly going forward. A number of these items will addressed through this Board meeting. Sharee will join us shortly to present our full Financial Report.

Titles- Possibly one of the most testing years for titles in SSA History! With the roll out of the online nominations, logistically challenging and without any doubt the timing obviously over the past three weeks. With that said, it does show that when activated we do have the resources capable of delivering, not necessary the perfect scenario five very successful National Titles. I must thank Michele, Beckie and Di for the continual work they do to pull the Road shows together. To the states, clubs,

tracks and individuals for the huge effort, resources and financial assistance in getting behind the respective National Titles.

Media- Jason Crowe in the middle of the Media Centre tirelessly delivers across all facets and avenues currently available, so to speak. Hourly, daily and weekly the message and any relevant info is broadcasted at every opportunity. I suggest to those who haven't made the effort of late to take a look! Please do and see what can be delivered in some cases at 3am on any given morning.

Bill has continued to lock in the certain Magazine adverts which in turn have delivered in some cases a reverse effect, a number of interesting and supportive stories covering our National Classes. It is too early at this stage to see the desired outcomes across the television packages as they are yet to be broadcasted.

With so many options now available and another avenue trialled yet again at Murray Bridge throughout the Super Sedan Title in the form of Live Streaming, I truly believe that with a combined effort and a number of practical decisions made heading into next year's titles we can actually showcase our brand across all National Titles. At the moment it feels like to much a hit and miss, so a clear and precise direction as a whole going forward would be a fair better result, I feel!

Stewards – Our Stewards committee over the last period have been reasonably quiet, with limited issue's being discussed. Rod and Alan will deliver their reports and advise of any further discussion points prior to heading to the National Stewards Committee Meeting shadowed for June/ July.

Speedway Australia – An Update will be tabled by Bill Miller during the course of the weekend and it is pleasing to see that the Chairperson of Speedway Australia, Wendy Turner along with Shane Collins will be joining us to enlighten us on the movements going forward at Speedway Australia.

Technical- Technical is like time it never stands still. It is this area of our organisation that is constantly under the spotlight and must continue to have a large portion of our resources embedded deep into it going forward.

Attention to detail! Has now become a major focus point and systematically the mechanisms that have been established are starting to get results.

A total of fifty five positions are now directly involved with the Technical Portfolio within the association across seven committees, a far cry from the eight individuals as one committee that were expected to do it all in the past. The inclusions of the CTAC Chairpersons to the National Technical Meeting can only be seen as a terrific step forward in streamlining a number of processes from the past.

We must give credit where credit is due, to those individuals who have put their hand up and aligned, grasped and are delivering the required outcomes to date as part of the entire technical team. To those who for one reason or another have lost their way overtime' we need to pull them back in, align them, listen to their concerns, communicate with them, educate and most of all be supportive to eliminate all the misrepresentations, the inability and of course the lack of credibility.

In closing – With all that said I feel a number of inroads have been travelled and a good feeling of difference is starting to appear and be grounded within. I do struggle to come to terms with issues that continually raise their heads, with the age of this organisation you would of thought that in the period of then to now it would have been a mere formality through time covering those procedures inherited and aligning with what is expected of the SSA. Forty five odd plus years and I am suggesting that what was needed back then is most likely still needed today, so why has it taken so long? As time as evolved and we seek to find the perfect recipe to get it right, there must come a time when a number of formulas, actions and personnel agendas need to be extinguished. Surely it is not about having a badge and a gun and saying I am simply in control, but more about working together, having the ability to lean on the next person and simply hanging your hat on someone else's hook. So if anyone questions change and are not prepared to let go on a number of forecasted improvements for the fear of losing control, I suggest you ask yourself, if what you do is entirely for the right reasons?

Thank you sincerely to all who have contributed and continue to work towards a lot better outcomes within Speedway Sedans Australia.

Comments: None

6. **Board Member Reports**

SSA of NSW

May I commence by thanking all our Club and State officials for their continued hard work during yet another long season.

Your efforts do not go unnoticed and on behalf of all competitors thank you for the time you devote to your sport.

Our State Titles with one exception have been run and the following is a rundown of the final results.

Super Sedan--- Dubbo City Speedway--- November 2013

1st Darren Kane

2nd. Matt Pascoe

3rd. Matt Williams

Modified Sedan--- Nowra Speedway---March 2014

1st Bryan Galley

2nd. Jake Mills

3rd. John Murphy

National 4 Cylinder--- Grafton Speedway---April 2014

1st. Trent Dhu

2nd. Brock Armstrong

3rd. Andrew Butcher-Plim

Production Sedan---Leeton Raceway---

This title scheduled to be run on the 12th of April was postponed due to bad weather and has been rescheduled for the 31st May.

NSW has a problem obtaining MYLAPS operators and usually has to bring someone from interstate. Pam Franz from Queensland, and Cheryl Corbett from Victoria, have been very helpful throughout the season and I thank them for their assistance at our venues.

For the 4 cylinders at Grafton a transponder operator was not available so we had to rely on lap scorers to do this title the old fashion way.

For Modifieds at Nowra we did employ someone from another division in the south of NSW but as he was self trained, he could do the actual system for racing, but could not upload results as he had not been taught. An internet connection on the night was also a problem.

During the offseason we intend to have a school on MYLAPS and have people from each of our affiliated clubs attend. We do have the equipment, and venue to facilitate this.

In closing I would like to thank the NSW clubs and their members for allowing me to serve them for another season.

Comments: None

Speedway SA

With the racing season drawing to a close, it has been a successful one for South Australia. Whilst the car count in some sections has been down, the quality of cars and drivers have been of a high standard. The Junior Sedan division ran a 6 round series around the state with 21 cars competing at all rounds. Just over 20 sponsors gave out \$7500 worth of prizes to all drivers that competed in the series. Street Stocks also ran a very successful 5 round series with 46 cars competing and an average of 30 cars at each round. Super Sedans once again ran the JD Series over 5 rounds.

The State Titles were run successfully with the Super Sedan Title having the largest car count of 35 nominations, due to the Australian Title being run the following weekend. Congratulations to all the winners and placegetters.

The Australian Super Sedan Title at Murray Bridge proved to be one of the highlights of the season with a few outstanding performances from some of the younger drivers, with Ryan Alexander, coming from the Junior Sedan section, starting on pole position in his first Australian Title. Congratulations to Kodee Brown on an awesome drive. During the second night the junior sedan drivers were involved in the "buddy system" where they were teamed up with drivers from around Australia, which proved to be very successful and should be looked at again for future titles.

This weekend our state tracks and clubs are having a meeting to plan the upcoming season.

Comments: None

TSCF

It gives me much pleasure to present to the Board of Speedway Sedans Australia, my report on behalf of the Tasmanian Saloon Cars Federation.

The season just passed has provided the TSCF with many highlights and achievements which is summarized below.

ADMINISTRATION

The TSCF were thrilled that our President Mr Greg Lynd, as at September 2013, was successful in our nomination as CEO SSA. The downside of this appointment was of course, it left big shoes to fill in finding a replacement President. Jordy Howe (Vice President), stepped up in an interim capacity until the position is declared vacant at our coming August AGM. Other executive members stepped up to cover Greg's absence and leadership, and season 13/14 was approached with vigor and optimism. From a personal perspective however, I thank Greg for the "Blueprint for success" that he left us, ensuring we, the TSCF, are heading firmly in the right direction, and for always being there as my "sounding board" and mentor.

FINANCE

The TSCF currently sit in a sound & solid financial position. One of our stated objectives is to inject funds back into our divisions in a manner that will promote growth and security with the Sedan ranks in our State.

OFFICIALS

TSCF are very mindful of the small, but very dedicated, diligent group of officials that we have, who as one, are totally committed to Sedan racing in Tasmania. I'm sure we share a consistent problem with all states however, in that, more officials would not be a burden.

TITLES

The pinnacle of our season was without doubt, the hosting of the Australian Street Stock Title at Carrick. From a TSCF standpoint, this event was a spectacular success. We thank SSA for the privilege and the trust to appoint this event to Tasmania. We also acknowledge Mr. Keith Blair (Carrick

promoter) and his team, for their efforts over the lead up to, and the running of the event. They did Tasmania proud.

State Titles proved to be very successful, for both the TSCF & host tracks alike. All divisions were hotly contested, and each event was run professionally in the manner that is both expected and fitting for a Blue Ribbon event. The TSCF are totally committed to ensuring that State Titles remain a standout event on our Speedway calendar, capitalizing, where possible, on mainland visitors staying on from other high profile meetings.

CONCERNS

Concern is shared by the TSCF, Clubs, Zones and drivers of the stagnating, or slowly dwindling car numbers in our Super Sedan & Modified Sedan divisions. It is hoped that with the Australian Super Sedan Title being allocated to Latrobe this coming season, we may see a resurrection of car numbers, but we would be foolish to ignore the plight of car numbers in these divisions. From an overall perspective however, car numbers are pleasing, with Street Stocks being the flag bearers of Sedan racing in Tasmania. Junior Sedans continue to grow at a pleasing rate.

WORK IN PROGRESS

An education day has been flagged for our Scrutineers, being driven by Noel Russell, with assistance from a group of experienced Officials and Technically minded volunteers.

To continue to drive for the creation of a functional and operational Speedway Tasmania.

An overhaul and upgrade of existing methods & procedures within the administrative areas of TSCF, member Zones & Clubs. This will assist in us being much more proactive to problem areas and issues, and identify resolutions required to ensure the long term growth and health of Speedway Sedan racing in Tasmania.

SUMMARY

Putting aside the inevitable day to day hiccups that occur in Speedway and life, I could not have scripted a better season just completed for the TSCF.

Comments: None

VSCF

It has been a very busy racing season in Victoria. All our titles have been run and won with no national titles in our state. It has been the state titles and features that have had the VSCF Committee running all over our state. Congratulations to all our state title winners which included various competitors from other states who joined the Victorian drivers during these titles. A special thanks has to go out to all those who assisted with the titles and events. Without the help of all these Volunteers, these events would not be so successful.

There are several new members on the VSCF Committee and they have settled into their various roles well and are a fresh and welcome part of our team. We have also recently purchased new committee apparel so the members of the VSCF are easily recognisable when they attend race meetings in an official capacity.

I would also like to thank the VSCF committee especially Di for all the time and effort they have put in to make the VSCF the committee what it is today. Without the dedication that the Committee has Victoria would not be as strong and successful that it is.

I would like to raise the current issues being the use of social media within our sport, mainly Facebook. But as all the other states are more than likely to be facing the same problems, it would be best to work through these issues together. Regretfully we had to suspend a junior driver at the recent Victorian Title for this very issue, even after all competitors and crew were specifically informed that the penalties would be harsh for a breach of the social media policy.

We found it tiresome and a lot of pressure to hold so many titles within a close period of time. April was a very busy month with the Street Stock, Juniors, Modified Sedans and Super Sedan State Titles all

being held in April. Our team worked hard to make these events a success and I would like to thank them and all of the clubs involved in making them the success that they were. Also congratulations to all placegetters.

Regretfully we had to cancel our Production sedan State Title due to lack of interest which was really disappointing for the VSCF and the host club. Hopefully any issues are sorted and we will not have the same problems next season.

I also had the pleasure of attending two National Titles. Street Stocks in Tasmania and Production Sedans in Queensland. Both of these titles ran well from both perspectives, as a spectator on the hill in Tasmania for the Street Stocks and as an official in Queensland for the Production Sedans. Unfortunately I was unable to attend any other National Titles this season.

I think that we have learnt a valuable lesson in that 2 National Titles on the same weekend is not ideal and should be avoided, as I for one would have liked to have attended both. There are 50 weekends in each year for 5 National Titles.

The indication from our competitors is that we should get our spec books online ASAP. This is a valuable tool and we should be using it to the best of its ability.

We are working well with Speedway Australia. I believe that we have a couple of items on our agenda to improve this.

Speedway Victoria are again working well with the red card system. This system is vastly improved, although some people are still obtaining red cards (for other divisions) that have not been appropriately accredited. This is annoying for us and our officials who do the right thing.

The VSCF work well with other bodies in the state. This allows all of our officials to save time for the same purposes (accreditation meetings, training days, etc)

On my Board portfolio

Alan and I often discuss what is going on around the country. We are constantly in touch with the other state stewards and their main problem is Social Media.

We have also had an issue this season with the interpretation on the substitute car rule. There are different ideas on how the rule is read. I have emailed those concerned and have put a recommendation to the board for perusal and clarification.

Once again, thank you to my wife Di, the VSCF Secretary Di Lauder, Chief, Beckie and the board members for their support throughout the season.

Comments: None

NTSCI

The NTSCI held their annual general meeting over the weekend of the Northern Territory Street Stock and Junior Sedan titles. It was good to see some new blood fill the positions. Rod Berry continued on as President. Colin Fry Vice President, Angela Menzies secretary / treasurer, Brett Edwards state steward and Grant Harris State Technical director. The new committee is at present attempting to change its name, to show support for our national body and let everyone know exactly what we are about.

Both the Northern Territory Street Stock and Junior Sedan Titles were held in Alice Springs on the 9th of November 2013. The Street Stock title was won by Anthony Beare from Donald Irving and Justin Brumfield. The Junior Sedan title saw Queensland's Brenton Atto winning from Jack Gardiner and Cameron Pearson.

The 2014 Northern Territory Street Stock and Junior Sedan titles will be held in Darwin on the 19th July 2014.

Street stock numbers have declined throughout the Territory but Junior Sedan numbers have increased. In saying this the Northern Season is just about to commence with Tennant holding it first meeting this weekend, Katherine have already hosted their practise meeting and Darwin to kick off in May also.

Comments: Name change will be Speedway Sedans Australia Northern Territory

QSCA

As you may have noticed by now, the Queensland Saloon Car Association is in the process of a name change. In keeping up with changing times and more modern vehicles we have decided that our new name will be Speedway Sedans Queensland. We are going through the process of re-branding now and soon all of our paperwork will reflect this great change for us.

As we are here at this meeting, the inaugural Queensland Street Stock title is being held in Kingaroy. At present we have 13 Street Stocks registered in Queensland and the title has attracted 22 competitors, many from interstate. I would have loved to be there to be part of this amazing step forward in speedway in Queensland, but can only hope it all goes well and is well run and as successful as all Queensland title meetings are.

I would like to congratulate all of our winners and place getters in the Queensland State titles that have been held this season and wish all the best for the two remaining titles yet to be contested. Darren Kane took out the Super Sedan title, Patrick Brennan won the Junior Sedan title, Tim Weir was the winner of the 4 Cylinder title and Tim Atkin won the recently held Production Sedan title. We have yet to congratulate winners of the Street Stock title, being held this weekend and Modified Sedans title being held in June.

Queensland would also like to congratulate Aidan Raymont for finishing 2nd in the Australian Modified Sedan title this season. Also congratulations to the junior drivers who cleaned up at the Australian Junior Sedan title, Michael Learoyd 1st, Patrick Brennan 3rd and Brandon Atto 4th. And congratulations to Darren Kane for a well fought 3rd in this seasons Australian Super Sedan title.

We are very happy with the number of registered cars we have in Queensland, all national classes, and we hope to increase numbers with the popularity of Production sedans and Street Stocks on the rise. Currently we have

- 13 Street Stock
- 48 Four Cylinder
- 67 Production Sedan
- 110 Modified Sedans
- 60 Junior sedans
- 53 Super Sedans

As you know, Gympie hosted the National Production title over the Anzac weekend 2014. I would like to offer a special thank you to Alan Jennings and Selena English on the wonderful job they did organising and promoting this speedway meeting. I would also like to mention the band of Speedway Sedan Queensland (QSCA) workers and volunteers who put in a great deal of time and effort to help make this one of the most successful National titles I have seen.

From the practice and Calcutta, through to the winners presentation it was well run by the Gympie speedway club. We were very happy to see nine drivers travel from out of state, and I would like to thank them for making the effort to be there. Congratulations to Tim Atkin, Kristian Walker and Mick Hamon, the first three place getters in this title.

The only sour note to the weekend was the negative feedback we, Speedway Sedans Queensland, received about the attitude and conduct of the officials brought in by the ASCF. Reports of arrogant comments to drivers, mistreatment of Queensland scrutineers, and secret meetings to change rules, all left a bad taste for most competitors and Queensland volunteers. It is a shame that a great event can be ruined by people who supposedly put speedway first.

Speedway in Queensland is going ahead in leaps and bounds and I for one am very happy with our organization and would like to thank all of my committee of management and people who take time out of their busy lives to assist not only at race meetings but also during the week, answering queries, assisting with paperwork, technical questions and calming heated situations. My special thanks go to Pam and Allan.

Comments: The title issues will be addressed in Titles.
Name change is Speedway Sedans Queensland

WASCF

Since the last National Conference the season for the southern half of WA has been run and won with the tracks in the north of our state now beginning their seasons.

This season saw Western Australia host two National Titles those being the Junior Sedan Title at Esperance in January and the Modified Title held at Easter in Albany. Both events were a great success with a lot of competitors from the Eastern States for both titles, which I believe shows the strength of our National Body.

The presentation of the cars at both the Junior Sedan and Modified Sedan titles was fantastic and a credit to the competitors and their teams.

We have now completed our five state titles for the year with the first title held in late January for Super Sedans at Manjimup. Kodee Brown won his third WA Title and would go on to win his first National Title later in the season. The field for the Super Sedan Title was a lot smaller than we normally see and the division has struggled for numbers this season in Western Australia.

The Production Sedan title was held at Bunbury in late March with the entire first night being washed out. The title was run in its entirety on the second day and was won by Glen Hoskins who finally tasted success after many years of trying to win the event.

Street Stocks had as usual a big field for their State Title at Narrogin with Jamie Oldfield winning the WA Title for the second time in his career.

Our Junior Sedan State Title was held in Carnarvon in the North West of our state with a field of over fifty cars contesting the event which was won by Drew Ogle.

Modified Sedans had their State Title at Ellenbrook last weekend which was held the weekend after the National Title in Albany. Needless to say we saw a big contingent of Eastern States drivers stay for the event. Unfortunately rain on the second night meant the A Main had to be held Sunday morning with Kye Blight winning his second State Title in the class.

With two National Titles being run in the same season, it has been a little taxing on our officials, particularly with so many titles held in close succession.

WA currently has well in excess of 600 licenced competitors with our association with that number set to steadily increase.

With over 25 clubs affiliated with our state body across the large state of Western Australia, our sport looks to have a promising future in the West.

I would like to thank the WASCF Executive for continuing to support me in my role as the SSA Board Member for WA.

Comments: None

Motion to accept the reports
MOVED NSW 2nd QSCA CARRIED

7. *Acceptance of Minutes of the Previous SSA Inc Board Meeting*

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October 2013 Telephone Minutes
November 2013 Telephone Minutes
January 2014 Telephone Minutes

To accept the previous minutes
MOVED NTSCI 2nd TSCF CARRIED

8. *Business Arising From Previous Meeting Minutes*

Sept Motion 22 regarding production EFI. This is still ongoing.

9. *Financial Report*

Sharee Wilden presents the financial report.

Motion 2

That we increase by 3% the expense of Stationary as per 1/7/14.

As per list provided.

CARRIED

Affiliation is staying as current \$70.00 Clubs and \$400 State.

Everybody thanked Sharee for her time and effort.

Motion to accept the finances as presented.

MOVED NTSCI 2nd VSCF CARRIED

10. Business Arising from Financial Report

None

11. Technical Overview

Technical report presented by Greg Lynd

With no stretch of any ones imagination the Technical side of the SSA has been absolutely full on since the last Board meeting in September.

Throughout that period the Ctac and the Technical Committees have continued to work through an array of technical issues, a number of these items were forecasted and seen as continual work in progress one way or another. On the other hand quite a few items that had raised their heads were simply specifications that individuals would have it read to suit oneself and therefore expected the rest of the relevant division to follow suite and have the desired committee adopt what has been the so called norm over a period of time and not the specification as written.

On another note there has continually been a number of Technical Specification that have needed to be reviewed across a number of Divisions as what is written amongst Specification Manuals overtime for particular models of cars no longer work or fit with the current model of the cars of today, this is something that will need to happen spontaneously as we work to get on top of all specification manuals throughout all the Mono Classes.

As you are all aware the National Technical Conference was held at the end of March with all present with the only apology being South Australia for Saturday and Paul Bennett Ctac Chairman for Production Sedans where simply the major agenda items and discussion points were tabled and itemised, input sought and where the appropriate distribution of relevant Ctac items were dispatched. With the Ctac Chairpersons now a part of the National Tech meetings I must thank you all for adopting this path of action as it certainly show's that this was an inevitable path too of taken, as it most certainly streamlined a number of processes and made for a number of collective discussions as a number of items discussed may of in fact affected more than one division.

From the Tech meeting the individual Ctac Committees do each have a number of items to deal with and to date a significant amount are well underway with quite a few already completed, approved and released in minimal time which is pleasing to say the least and places an emphasis on that the systems implemented are falling into place. I must lead you to the fact that not one Clarification or recommendation came out of the National Technical Meeting to be put forward today.

A fair amount of discussion was held in relation to the standardisation of Specification Manuals across all Mono Divisions. This has been ignited now and is well underway, with Ctac Chairpersons aware that in some cases a particular specification may inadvertently affect another class or align to a particular discussion point. Therefore movement between Ctacs is now on the agenda going forward, as to what is written currently and to get to a point of standardisation a lot of work will be required rather quickly.

Also, in standardising the generic items or basically the SSA Standardised section in the front of the books now need to be the same as a number of them have become slightly different overtime. This can be done as a simple download as another book or cleaned up and included as part of current specification manuals.

Ideally the date for all specification manuals to go live would be the 1st July 2014, in saying that a number of the books are well underway but would require a combined effort in a reasonably short amount of time to finalise them all, something that I think can happen.

Training, education and support are a must and needs to be activated at the earliest opportunity to all state and club scrutineers across the association. It is evident that this is something that has not been

happening for a period of time throughout a number of states and should be seen as a major fundamental in aligning all Technical personnel. A package will need to be constructed as one format or one formula that will be delivered as one colour across all states.

I do realise that the Technical Handbooks have been suggested on more than one occasion throughout Technical updates or overviews for some time now. The draft of the handbook will be presented to the September Board meeting for approval and will cover scrutineering items and points of interest across all divisions, engine sealing procedures, code of conducts, fuel testing procedures and other items contrary for a scrutineer to reference.

It is requested that more information be provided into TEQ Torque on what is actually being done and the reasoning behind it, to possibly showcase a number of the items currently being worked on by the Technical and Ctac Committees.

Communication is still a major concern of all the committees! The messages, the specifications and any sought after info is still not filtering through to our members, competitors and officials throughout the organisation and it continues to be evident at many race meetings etc. throughout the country. It is a must and a request of the Committees involved with Technical that the updated database be utilised at every opportunity to ensure that the correspondence reaches all involved.

I must thank all who have worked ever so hard in this last period and continue to provide their time for the benefit of the Technical portfolio. It is terrific to see a positive workable outlook in the majority of all involved. There must come a time when those who choose to work against our systems stop fighting it and start to work with it or is it time they moved on, I guess time will tell!

Comments: Discussions on changing terminology clarification and recommendations.

Suggestion that the Tech and CTAC meet to finalise the books.

Motion 1

That the CEO Greg Lynd and Geoff Green Technical Board Member arrange a workshop to finalise Technical Specification Manuals to be online by 1 July 2014. The full costs of workshop to be covered by SSA.

MOVED WASCF 2nd NTSCI CARRIED

Motion to accept report

MOVED VSCF 2nd QSCA CARRIED

VSCF

Rear Wheel drive 1.6 juniors.

As the current Junior cars are getting harder to get hold of these days, it has been suggested that 1.6 rear wheel drive cars be allowed into Junior class.

This needs to be forwarded to the CTAC

12. Stewards Overview

Well the season is almost at an end for 2014 and it has been a busy year with tending to the day to day stewarding issues that arise and with the help of the stewarding panel I believe that we have solved most issues.

I have attended 2 National titles as the steward, the Juniors in Esperance and just last week the Modified Sedans in Albany WA both of these titles were well attended and the display by drivers was outstanding.

The Modified title at Albany was one of the best Modified Sedan Titles I have been to, the racing was clean and fast and I never saw the drivers rep for the whole weekend. (A first for me).

We did have a few problems at scrutineering mainly about shock mounts and also cars with too much metal removed from B Pillars all were told to fix before racing but I feel we need to address the shock mount issue before next season.

I have caught up on most of the officials training this season and still going a couple online ones at present. The online training is something I would like to adopt in the future as this will save a lot of time and expense for officials and would make it easier to gain more new people into our sport.

In closing I would like to thank everyone that has helped me this season with titles, training and the sport in general and I would like to thank the board member and chief for their ongoing support and trust.

I am looking forward to next season with excitement.

Motion to accept the Stewards report from Allan Jennings
MOVED SA 2nd TSCF CARRIED

Geoff commended Allan on his work at the 2 titles in WA.

VSCF

Issue regarding Misconduct

The incident was read out to the room.

Currently anything that happens outside of a race meeting needs to be penalised by Speedway Australia and we need to be able to have the ability to penalise via the Rule book.

This will be discussed at the next Stewards meeting and also with Speedway Australia.

Drug testing is an issue with under 18's. Needs to be discussed with the Drug company.

Rod to discuss with the Stewards team to find a suitable date for the next meeting.

13. National Titles

Michele Harris to present the Title report

We have just completed the running of all five of our national titles. To the promoters and clubs thank you for hosting these successful events. To the Australian Title winners: Kodee Brown Super Sedans, Mark Carlin Modifieds, Tim Atkin Production Sedans, Robbie Faux (back to back) Street Stock, Michael Learoyd Junior Sedan, congratulations.

To the competitors of these titles the bar has been lifted once again. The presentation and conduct of your cars and crews was very professional and the racing was very competitive.

Numbers of nominations for these titles were:

Super Sedan	51
Modified	46
Productions	50
Street Stocks	65
Junior Sedans	74

These titles would not have been successful without the title teams. Thank you to all for giving up your time for these events.

Thank you to Bec Jones and Andrew Young for their great work on the online nominations. With a few teething issues at the beginning it turned out to be so much more efficient and time saving. With all information having to be entered before the nomination can be sent through, we do not have to chase incomplete forms. Nomination fees not paid into the bank account within three days received a reminder and if after that they are still not paid then it is not classed as a nomination. We received the money into the bank within days instead of waiting for the states to pass it on after nominations had closed. We also had instant access to the nominations and were able to update the host venue with numbers and names for their promotion etc daily if required.

On a negative point we are still collecting defective and non compliant race apparel at our titles. Competitors need to be more diligent when it comes to their personal safety.

We ran two National Titles this year at the same time on different sides of Australia. This will not be done again. It is too much work. Thank you to Paul Gannon and Pam Franz for stepping into the media position at the last minute, a job well done.

Some states still don't understand what is involved with the title team. The SSA will supply a team of officials to a title. Some of these people maybe from the state that hosts the events and some maybe from interstate depending on the title and or the numbers expected. States and clubs are still required to supply their normal officials that they would at state and or club events to assist.

We have also attempted to send the CTAC chairpersons to the titles this year which has been productive as specification issues that have arisen from the title have later been rectified by the CTAC committees. Out of eight street stock CTAC committee members all except two were present at the Title.

I would encourage more officials to apply for the next year's title official teams I will be once again placing the new expression of interest forms on the internet for the next round of titles soon. If you know of any officials that maybe suitable please encourage them to apply as new blood is needed.

I was pleased to read a Junior Sedan competitor assisted with scrutineering at the super sedan title. He was checking belt dates and window net compliance. More young competitors should be encouraged to assist as these competitors are our future in all aspects of the sport.

To accept the report

MOVED VSCF 2nd NSW CARRIED

Comments: Title secretaries need to be eliminated.

MOTION 6

The SSA delete the position of Title Secretary from our Title Teams.

MOVED NT 2nd WA CARRIED

The Title officials job description is shown to the room.

MOTION 7

That Australian Title positions namely "go to person, title manager, chief steward, chief technical" and position description as submitted be accepted and implemented.

MOVED TSCF 2nd QSCA CARRIED

MOTION 8

That this body send all officials a letter of thanks and recognition after officiating at National Titles.

MOVED WASCf 2nd QSCA CARRIED

Michele is working on Calcutta information and will bring to the next meeting.

MOTION 9

That SSA National Titles will no longer have rest/lay days.

MOVED VSCF 2nd QSCA CARRIED TSCF and SA Against

MOTION 10

That SSA supply to Andy Young two complimentary Junior logbooks, decals and infringement cards for the 2014/2015 season in appreciation for his website services.

MOVED VSCF 2nd NT CARRIED

Officials that are picked for a title and are unable to attend, need to communicate with the office as early as possible as flights etc will have already been booked and replacements need to be sought.

Date for Dubbo – John will speak to Lachlan and try and get a definitive answer.

Date for Super Sedan Title Latrobe 29th, 30th and 31st January 2015.

NSW – Nomination Fees – already resolved

WA - Title contracts – Do they need to be upgraded, do they need to be witnessed. The system is not broken and communication with any issues can be rectified and negotiable.

Time frames - of 18 months knowing where the titles going is one of the best things that has happened as everyone knows where and what they are doing.

Prize money – Are titles outpriced - the cost has been locked in for a rotation.

Letters of complaint from Production Title were discussed. Jim asked that they be taken on board heading into future titles.

MOTION 11

The SSA have cards printed for all National Title Officials including State, Club etc and position.

MOVED VSCF 2nd NTSCI CARRIED

Title books have been revamped and will be printed shortly.

14. Media Report

It has been another very busy year, with the culmination being last weekend, with two National Titles on the one weekend, which certainly stretched resources to the limit.

The Live Audio continues to be the market leader, and there is a request weekly from fans for live audio of a meeting somewhere in the Country. Our differentiation to other audio broadcasts is the interaction with the people at home, with the Chat room, monitored by three moderators to ensure everyone remains responsible.

Although no records were broken this year as far as the listening audience goes, numbers remain strong, with well in excess of 300 different computers switched on to each broadcast at any one time. Not for the first time, in major events, fans are hiring out halls or small pubs, and are hooking the live audio into sound systems to enjoy a night out.

We had three live audio failures this year, two at Gympie and one at Mildura. The failures were not with our audio or the venue, but the Internet connection itself. With a round of the NSSS, I was unable to get a connection until around 7.30pm, with the National Production Sedan Title suffering a similar fate. The event at Mildura for NSSS was even worse, with no Internet coverage at all, with made posting results let alone audio, impossible.

Due to having two National Titles on the one weekend, we had to get a second Live Audio Channel, with Darren Shaddock set up for us. On the website, we now have Channel 1 and Channel 2.

The website itself, has been a source of information for many years now, and is maintained daily, with an average of 2.75 stories per day, along with many other updates that people may not necessarily see, with profile updates, leaderboard updates etc. The double header Australian Title weekend created a new record for the website with 4072 different IP Addresses (users) logging in on 26 April 2014. The record was only set the week before on the Easter Weekend, when 3438 accessed the website on Sunday, 20 April 2014. The previous record was 2900 two years ago.

Since the website was refreshed in October 2011, we have had 155,477 different users access the site. On average they look at 3.14 pages per time, at an average of 3.13 minutes per view. An amazing 1,798,938 pages have been viewed in this time!

In relation to where people view the site from, Australia makes up 97.51%, with United States, Not Set, New Zealand, Singapore, United Kingdom, Indonesia, India, Mongolia and Canada making up the top ten in that order. For those wondering, the website has been viewed from 138 different Countries with Kosovo ranked last with 1 view!

This information shows how popular our website is, and the need to keep it up to date, informative and easy to access, and also more importantly that we as Speedway Sedans Australia, have a good brand. The website obviously doesn't look after itself and takes hours of work daily to keep it up to date. My obsession in keeping it current may be seen as an unhealthy with late nights most weekends in Summer to ensure it is current with all overnight results. Last weekend, with two National Titles, and two major State Titles on, I didn't go to bed until 3.02am on Saturday morning, and 2.59am Sunday morning. The end outcome is when everyone wakes up the next morning, the information is current and complete.

I generally have a good rapport with the print media, with several questions fielded during the season, and increasingly in recent times, mainstream print media from regional areas (Mildura and Dubbo) wanting information.

Facebook continues to be a source for fans to communicate with us in a very timely fashion and gives them access to post questions and get access to us more readily. This is also monitored daily, with controversial comments removed if I think they are unwarranted. We do have a few keyboard cowboys which are on a list of people not to be allowed further access.

Live Streaming is something which has burst onto the scene last week, and is something for the board to consider going forward. I have watched the second night, which anyone can do at anytime, and the quality of the vision is excellent. This did affect our audio numbers, but obviously people would rather see than hear any event.

Finally, I would like to thank the SSA for the opportunity to be in charge of the Media, it has been another big year. I would also like to thank Pam Franz and Jarred Ash who stepped up big time, with little notice at Gympie last weekend and did a great job, which had its only challenges with the internet connection, along with all of the regular contributors around Australia who provide information.

Motion to accept the media report
Moved TSCF 2nd WASCF CARRIED

Bill has organized the magazines to feature the 4 Cylinders on the back of our adverts.

Suggestion that we require a slogan/branding to emphasise our brand

Live video streaming was utilized at Murray Bridge for the Super Sedan Title, and was received well.

A proposal was put forward by Ash Media and discussed.

MOTION 12

That SSA take Ash Media's offer for attendance at all National Titles for 2014/2015 season.
MOVED VSCF 2nd NTSCI CARRIED

15. *Speedway Australia Report*

Bill gives an overview on the last Speedway Australia Board meeting.

Discussion on rationalization.

VSCF

One day Licences.

We recently wrote to Speedway Australia asking for States to be advised as to who has One day licences for racing, so the States are aware of who has a Licence, if a track rings to ask the question. Unfortunately Speedway Australia doesn't think we need to know that information. So we would like to know how other States can issue infringement cards, if they don't know who has one day licences. – This is being looked into

MOTION 13

That we do not allow passengers in National Titles as of this season.

MOVED WASCF 2nd NTSCI CARRIED QSCA, SA and VSCF against NSW abstained from voting

Wendy Turner, Shane Collins and Anton Nortkus attend at 10.30am on Sunday
Shane presents the report

One day licence issues will be investigated.

Junior sedans running after 11pm this needs to be adhered to.

Social Media Policy is on our website and any evidence can be forwarded to Speedway Australia to be dealt with accordingly. They are going to work more on license infringement policy.

MOTION 14

That SSA formulate a social media (misconduct) policy that allows SSA to infringe drivers for derogatory and insulting comments on any social media pages, outlets etc.

MOVED VSCF 2nd NTSCI CARRIED

Speedway Australia were commended on their report and there informative feedback.

Letter from SA answers

1. Will the SSA support the decision to change dates and schedule to later in the racing series, and thoughts on this? Yes
2. What are thoughts on how NSSS can attract a better car count at events. Address the Nomination fee, incentives for non contracted drivers. Involve the SSA state branches more.
3. Are we in a position to support NSSS with personnel at ground level?
Yes We need to have a SSA go to person that can coordinate
4. If the TV is exempt will we still support?
Yes
5. Financially support the new look and direction
Yes
6. Thoughts on the series and any suggestion.
Revamp of the format etc

16. **General Business**

VSCF

Equalisation:

Recently at our Committee meeting we discussed and moved a motion to abolish equalization from all SSA Technical, Steward & Board Meetings.

Also in the same Motion was that SSA covers the room cost and morning & afternoon teas at these meetings.

Motion 3

That SSA pay excluding airfares all costs for Technical, Stewards and conferences.

Moved WASCF 2nd VSCF LOST

Motion 4

That SSA pay all function room hire, morning and afternoon teas at all Board meetings, stewards, technical and CTAC.

Moved VSCF 2nd WASCF CARRIED

Motion 5

That the SSA finance executives investigate and present alternatives available for approval with the overall goal being the removal of equalisation. This presentation should be presented by September 14 AGM Board meeting for discussion and approval.

MOVED TSCF 2nd WASCF CARRIED WASCF Against

A NSW class wants to use our Junior book as per letter from NSW.

The motion can only be accepted with the understanding that it moves towards rationalisation.

MOTION 15

That Speedway NSW be given permission to use the SSA Junior Spec Book and make amendments to conform to NSW Government regulations. To be reprinted for NSW use only.

MOVED NSW 2nd SA CARRIED

WASCF

1. Board , Technical and Steward meeting costs to states - Done
2. National training officer - Work in progress with Geoff and Greg. State Technical Representatives need to communicate more with the scrutineers on the ground.

Transponder operators – States need to look into utilising the operators they have to train new people. New people need to be found.

Greg goes through the list that came out of the working day last year.

The rollcage drawing and explanation from Technical was put to the Board for acceptance. Discussion that some barwork was missing and needs to be added before accepted. Send back to Technical.

Fuel testing procedure. Revisit and update.

MOTION 16

That the Technical committee come back to this body by the September conference with a criteria for fuel testing in all classes.

MOVED WASCF 2nd VSCF CARRIED TSCF not present

Looking at purchasing Polo shirts for our representatives.

MOTION 17

That States that do not have a working with children's government card all of their officials shall be required to have a police/state government clearance.

MOVED WASCF 2nd QLD CARRIED TSCF not present

MOTION 18

All SSA Officials must have a working with children's/or police check prior to being issued with officials card.

MOVED NTSCI 2nd VSCF CARRIED TSCF not present

A letter is read out from Bill Miller informing the organisation that he is taking a break from Speedway Australia, Speedway Sedans Australia and Speedway South Australia.

Support and thanks was given from the room.

Discussion on a replacement Board Member for Speedway Australia.

The Board do not want Greg to take too much on, and the Board need to step up.

MOTION 19

That Greg Lynd be appointed to the Speedway Australia Board.

MOVED NSW 2nd SA CARRIED TSCF not present

Comment from WA - Junior racing must not be racing after 11pm as per the rule book.

SA - There was a Super Sedan perpetual trophy supplied by the Blunden family and it has been requested that further information on its whereabouts is supplied. Bill to look into.

17. ***Date and Venue of Next Meeting***

September Adelaide

18. ***Close of Meeting 3.15pm***