

9th Meeting of the FVAA Board of Management

Final Minutes

Face to Face Meeting, Sydney, Saturday 3rd November, 2007

Commenced 4.55pm AEDT, closed 9.10pm AEDT

Present:

- Scott Wythe – President, David Frith – VIC, Ben Rebbeck – SA, Pip Welch – TAS, Ian Chivas – NSW, Tom Cameron – Qld

Apologies:

- Paul Corcoran – NTD, Derek Burns – WA

Item 1 – Introductions and Action Item Review

- SW welcomed the Directors.
- See Action Item table below for details of review of previous Action Items.

Item 2 – Acceptance of Previous Minutes

- The draft minutes of the previous meeting held on 28th August, 2007 were passed as a true and accurate record of the meeting (PC/DF).

Item 3 – Finance Report

- SW noted that the finance report would be held over until next meeting while access to account information was finalised.

Item 4 – Cylinder Heads

- IC distributed photographs of the IS375.2 heads which are of identical casting to the current 1600 heads.
- TC noted that flow bench testing of the previously considered 375H heads showed minimal variation on the inlet side but some variation on the outlet side. These heads used a different casting to the current heads.
- It was agreed that given the urgency of the situation and the identical nature of the IS heads that these would be a good option to adopt immediately.
- DF noted that Mick Reinhart was supplying the IS heads currently and TC confirmed that Mick in Queensland is happy to get a supply in also. IC stated that NSW were also investigating supply options which may require a bulk shipment.
- IC proposed the motion to change the wording of the CAMS technical Regulations to allow the IS heads to be used. DF seconded and all agreed. **Refer to Action Items 14 and 15.**

Item 5 – Fuel Tender

- DF noted that three tenders had been received. **Refer to Action Item 16.**
- DF asked whether BoM members thought that \$2.50/L was an acceptable price to pay. All agreed that this was reasonable.

Item 6 – 2008 National Series

- IC stated that the 2008 series will include three rounds as per 2007 and the Bathurst round.
- IC suggested that Bathurst could be included in the National Series points and that one round may be dropped. This was to be decided and communicated to members.
- Negotiations were underway with a potential sponsor for TV coverage for all three rounds and Bathurst. This was expected to be confirmed in December.
- IC explained that the category management fee for each round apart from Bathurst, was approximately \$11,000. At \$350 per entry, 32 entries for each round would be needed to cover this fee. Given the high number of entries for the 2007 series the BoM considered the risk to be low that these numbers would not be achieved for any of the three rounds.
- DF proposed that any profits made from National Series rounds be split 50:50 between the States and the FVAA with the FVAA portion being set aside specifically for the promotion of the National Series.
- IC stated that he would like to see greater assistance from the State Associations hosting a round with administration. This was agreed.
- After discussion it was agreed that the proposed National Series rounds for 2008, subject to the finalisation of State Calendar meetings, would be: Mallala – May 17-18, Queensland Raceway – June 14-15, Oran Park – August 30-31.
- The BoM was supportive of running a National Series round in Tasmania however as IC noted the costs were still a significant obstacle. It was agreed that a round would be considered for 2009.
- DF proposed the motion that the FVAA would underwrite each of the three State National Series rounds to a maximum value of \$3,000, with any profits made split 50:50 between the hosting State Association and an FVAA promotional fund. TC seconded and all agreed.

Item 7 – Tyres

- IC provided an update of the recent testing of the latest set of American Racer tyres. He noted that the crowning issue was now sorted and tyres were no longer deflating. The testing showed a lot of promise. Initial wear had been minimal but the tyres were now showing some wear. The tyres were being run at the Oran Park Meeting this weekend on Matthew Pearce's car to provide a better indication of wear. Greg Hepburn was co-ordinating this testing. **Refer to Action Items 17, 18 and 19.**

Item 8 – Technical Issues

- SW indicated that PC was approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way through the write up of the revised CAMS Regulations.
- IC noted that the FVANSW Technical Committee had raised a concern with the welded front suspension points on Ben Porter's car. They were concerned that the welding may reduce the strength of the metal at the mounting point and could result in failure. The understanding of the BoM was that this was not allowed under the current rules. SW subsequently discussed this with the car engineer PC who agreed to remove the weld, drill out the mounting point and fix the suspension arm with a fastener.

- Crankshafts – IC proposed the motion that the Brazilian crank be included in the listing of non-genuine parts in the current rules update. Despite this being previously ruled out by the NTC and the BoM, after further discussion it was agreed that given that it was in current use and readily available new that it should be allowed. TC seconded and all agreed. Motion passed.
- Rockers – IC proposed the motion that no changes be made to the current specifications of rockers but that lift be specified as previously agreed in the proposed rules update. The NTC and BoM had previously agreed to revert to standard rockers for ease of checking maximum lift but after further discussion generally agreed that this would require changes for all competitors and Greg Hepburn had agreed to make up a device to be distributed to each STD to measure lift. PW seconded, BR and DF agreed, TC disagreed. Motion passed.
- IC noted that the clutch pressure plate weight previously discussed was incorrect after further measurement and should be 3.3kg. This was agreed.
- IC proposed that Clause 2.7vii(c) relating to electronic components be removed. DF seconded, all agreed. Motion passed.

Item 9 – NTD and President Nominations

- PC had indicated that he would be standing down at the end of his term as NTD at the end of the year.
- IC proposed the motion that the term of the NTD be extended from the present one year to two years to bring it into line with the President and to maintain stability. PW seconded and all agreed. **Refer to Action Items 20 and 21.**
- IC nominated SW to be formally appointed in the role of President for the next two year term. DF seconded, all agreed.

Item 10 – Other business

- BR asked why there were different minimum weights specified for 1200 and 1600 cars. IC stated that it was due to the heavier componentry that was specified for 1600 cars
- BR asked why do older cars not have to run with side impact protection such as kevlar? DF noted that this requirement only applied to cars log booked after 2003 as per CAMS regulations.

Action Item List

Action Item #	Action Item	Actionee	Raised	Due
5	Hand over of FVAA finances to be completed.	SW	3 rd Jul	Completed
8	Provide a briefing on the advantages and disadvantages of both AASA and CAMS and the implications for FVee. In progress.	DF	28 th Aug	Next Meeting
9	Determine current capitation fees for consideration at next meeting. It was agreed that the current capitation fee of \$25/member would remain for 2007. SW to determine number of current members of each State Association and send out invoices accordingly with a note that the fee would be reviewed.	SW	28 th Aug	30 th Nov
12	Seek legal opinion as to the FVAAs obligations under the existing tyre agreement with AR. Two opinions to be sought if possible. In progress.	DF/DB	28 th Aug	31 st Oct
14	Put the rewording of the CAMS Regulations to allow IS heads to CAMS within a week	SW	3 rd Nov	Completed
15	All Directors to continue to search for lower priced cylinder head supply options and communicate these with the BoM.	All	3 rd Nov	On-going
16	Prepare a summary of the fuel tenders received and a recommendation and distribute this to BoM members for consideration.	DF	3 rd Nov	30 th Nov
17	Organise a website posting providing a summary of the current status with tyres	SW	3 rd Nov	30 th Nov
18	Confirm future tyre testing program with PC and order additional tyres if required	SW	3 rd Nov	30 th Nov
19	Request a drop in price to \$600 per set for the current stockpile of tyres from AR. AR have indicated that \$730 per set including freight is the lowest price they can offer.	SW	3 rd Nov	Completed
20	Publish a Call for Nominations for NTD on the website with a close date of 30th November	SW	3 rd Nov	Completed
21	Modify the Standing Orders to include a two year term for the NTD	SW	3 rd Nov	30 th Nov