

10th Meeting of the FVAA Board of Management

Final Minutes

Teleconference, Wednesday 20th February, 2008

Commenced 6.10pm WADT, closed 8.30pm WADT

Present:

- Scott Wythe – President, Mark Mitchell, David Frith (guest) – VIC, Ben Rebbeck – SA, Pip Welch – TAS, Ian Chivas – NSW, Tom Cameron – Qld, Greg Hepburn – NTD, Derek Burns – WA

Apologies:

- None

Item 1 – Introductions and Action Item Review

- SW welcomed the Directors.
- SW welcomed MM and GH to the BoM and thanked DF for his contribution as a previous BoM member.
- 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 3rd November, 2007 were passed as a true and accurate record of the meeting (IC/PW).

Item 3 – Finance Report

- SW noted that the finance report would be held over until next meeting while on-line access to account information was finalised. SW indicated that after capitation fee payments and payment of current invoices the FVAA would have approximately \$20-25k in the bank.

Item 4 – Tyres

- SW noted his recent conversation with Fred Cooper from AT&RS in which Fred stated that it was his opinion that the 5 year contract term only applied from the time when AT&RS and the FVAA agreed on a suitable tyre and that this term had not yet commenced.
- DF stated that he thought this as unlikely to be the case.
- IC stated that the only contract that he had seen was dated 2004 and that this was not mentioned. He also stated that there was no reference to sole supply in the contract.
- IC stated that if the contract was terminated the FVAA would need to retender and that several other suppliers had expressed their interest if this was to go ahead. Dunlop may also need to be advised and an interim arrangement entered into.

Refer to updated Action Item 12.

Item 5 – Fuel

- SW noted that DF had circulated the draft CAMS submission.
- IC noted that WA competitors at Bathurst were not aware of the control fuel discussions that had been taking place. DB replied that some members rarely attended State General Meetings but would look into why this had not been passed on.
- All were OK with draft submission
- PW asked if additives could be run with pump fuel.
- PW also noted Tasmanian competitors concern with running unleaded fuel and its affect on valves and valve seats.
- DF/DB replied that they had been running unleaded fuel for several years with no detrimental effects and could pass on expert contacts for PW to discuss this further with. **See Action Item 23.**
- Regarding additives TC noted that the CAMS regulations only specified a few additives that could be used.
- Motion was put by IC, seconded MM that the FVAA request from CAMS that pump fuel be allowed with no additives. NSW, Vic, SA, WA – agreed. Tas, Qld – disagreed and would prefer additives as currently allowed. Motion passed.
- It was agreed that an opinion would be sought from CAMS as to whether pump fuel would be allowed with no additives. **Refer to Action Item 24.**

Item 6 – Rule Changes

- SW noted that the remaining rule changes would be submitted to CAMS in early March.
- GH advised that he was currently doing a final proof read and would email the proposed changes to BoM members prior to submission to CAMS.

Item 7 – Bathurst Wash Up

- IC noted that it was generally agreed that FV had provided a good display.
- IC had met with the meeting organiser, James O'Brian and the Shannons Nationals Director, Rob Kirkpatrick on the Sunday morning at the track and both were happy with the category and invited FV back again next year.
- IC noted that they were looking to run next year as a round of the Shannon's Nationals.
- TV coverage on Channel 7 would go to air on 22nd March at 2.30pm.

Item 8 – Marketing

- IC discussed the need for more professionalism within the category and the need to find sponsorship. This was difficult for BoM members who had little time and a limited range of contacts.
- IC noted the problem with Shantui who had not provided the promised \$8k payment for television coverage of the Oran Park round last year. While he was still expecting payment as they resolved internal issues IC had covered the payment himself but this was ultimately an FVAA issue. This was reluctantly agreed by the Board members.
- IC stated that Rob from the Shannon's Nationals was interested in helping us find sponsors and in providing TV exposure statistics.

- IC proposed that the FVAA engage a brokerage company to assist with finding a sponsor(s).
- DF/MM were in the process of writing documents that could be used to seek sponsorship.
- BR asked how much are we seeking?
- IC stated that \$40k was needed to cover TV for the National Series and that anything extra would be beneficial.
- MM stated that he has some contacts who could review proposal documents.
- TC noted that Tim Hamilton could assist with promotional work if required.
- All agreed to proceed and discuss further as proposal moved forward.

Item 9 – NTC Update

- GH stated that he would like to organise a NTC teleconference next month if time allowed and that he was busy with the rule write up and sealing card system implementation at present.
- GH noted that sealer lists were still required from Qld, Vic and WA.
- TC noted that the FVAQ only had two sealers at present, both in Brisbane. DB noted that WA had five sealers and that these would be ratified by GH when he conducted on-site training. **Refer Action Item 25.**
- PW noted that Tas were chasing more sealers and asked what the criteria were. They are trying to get sealers who are not actively involved in racing.
- GH stated that he would be working on a sealer accreditation and finalise details in the next couple of months. **Refer to Action Item 26.**

Item 10 – Sealing Cards

- GH stated that he would be posting the system outline on the website in the next couple of days.
- DB asked which number would be used to seal engines?
- GH replied that a unique number would be stamped on each engine corresponding to the seal number on the engine at the time. A set of punches would be needed for each sealer.
- DB asked what if the engine already had a number?
- GH replied that the new stamp would be in a unique place as specified which will be easy to see when the engine is in the car and which is not numbered at present.
- PW asked if a new number would be needed if an engine was stripped down and resealed.
- GH stated no and that the original number stamped initially for the sealing card would be unique to the case for life.
- GH advised that sealing cards had been sent out. They had not yet been seen in SA, Qld, and Tas. SW would resend Tas cards. SA and Qld to advise if received. **Refer to Action Item 27.**

Item 11 – National Series Proposal

- SW discussed a proposal to include the National Series rounds as a CAMS recognised Series. The cost would be \$2k to the FVAA but the benefits would include: the ability to promote the series, the ability to run a pointscore and

- appoint an official National Series Champion, the ability to control aspects of the series such as tyres and fuel.
- The proposal was seconded by IC and agreed by all (TC absent).
 - SW/IC to draft Series Regulations and distribute for comment. **Refer to Action Item 28.**

Item 12 – AMSF Program/Rising Star Proposal

- SW explained proposal to buy a place on CAMS AMSF Driver Development Program for January 2009 and offer it as a prize for a Rising Star or similar for the 2008 National Series. This would be able to be used for marketing and to attract young up and coming drivers into the category. It would also link FV more firmly into the CAMS structure as the entry level open wheel category. The cost would be \$2,990 and CAMS would hold this for next year.
- DB asked whether the FVAA could afford it. SW replied that the FVAA has \$20-25k currently
- DF asked what the annual expenses of the FVAA were. SW replied that \$8-10k was approximately average barring one off items.
- PW expressed concern that the FVAA would spend 20% of its capital but would support the initiative as a one off.
- A motion was put to buy a place in the Jan 2009 AMSF program for FV and review this before committing to future years (IC/MM). All agreed (TC absent). **Refer to Action Item 29.**

Item 13 – FVAA Logo

- SW noted that a member had asked if the Board would consider updating the logo.
- PW noted that this had been looked at four years ago, with each State to have a different colour of the same logo.
- DF stated that he would find this information and send it around to BoM members.
- SW proposed that once considered, Directors should vote by email on whether to change to the new logo with States having different colour versions. **Refer to Action Item 30.**
- PW agreed to cover any costs that would be involved in digital artwork.

Item 14 – Splitting of FVAA Treasurer and Secretarial Duties

- SW proposed that the Secretarial role be split to another BoM member volunteer due to high workloads. This would assist with more prompt publishing of minutes. No volunteers were received.

Item 15 – Other business

- BR noted that he could send through the V8 Ute National Series Regulations to assist with the drafting of FV National Series Regulations.
- GH requested approval for proposed 2008 members of the NTC. All agreed (TC absent).
- GH noted that communication was still a significant issue for the BoM and NTC with lack of email response common. He noted that NSW have a designated point

of communication who emails all members information quickly. All states keep member records and could do this also. This was agreed as a good suggestion for State Associations to improve their communication. Both BoM Directors and NTC STDs are the key points of communication and need to ensure information is disseminated effectively.

- PW asked what is happening in the NT with a person there trying to get the category up and running and that they need support. BR stated that he had forwarded a SA membership form. SW stated that initially the NT should go through SA as does CAMS at present. IC stated that he had had regular communication with the person and that they were trying to set up as cheaply as possible to attract drivers. He stated that perhaps the Nationals could be held there in a couple of years time. DB noted that he was going to the NT shortly and would try to catch up with him. PW stated that it was important that the Board provide support where needed. All agreed.

Action Item List

Action Item #	Action Item	Actionee	Raised	Due
8	Provide a briefing on the advantages and disadvantages of both AASA and CAMS and the implications for FVee. No further 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	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	Completed
16	Prepare a summary of the fuel tenders received and a recommendation and distribute this to BoM members for consideration.	DF	3 rd Nov	Completed
17	Organise a website posting providing a summary of the current status with tyres.	SW	3 rd Nov	Completed
18	Confirm future tyre testing program with PC and order additional tyres if required. New compound tyre is being sent. Existing set require final test but interim results suggest will last only 350km and not work in heavy rain.	SW	3 rd Nov	Completed
21	Modify the Standing Orders to include a two year term for the NTD	SW	3 rd Nov	Completed
22	Investigate whether Skype can be used for future telecons to save money. If so advise BoM members.	SW	20/2/08	Next Meeting
23	Provide Pip Welch with expert contacts to	DF/DB	20/2/08	31/3/08

	discuss the effects of running unleaded fuel			
24	Seek opinion from CAMS as to whether pump fuel could be specified as additive free.	SW/GH	20/2/08	31/3/08
25	Provide current list of Sealers to NTD	TC/MM/DB	20/2/08	30/4/08
26	Implement Sealer Accreditation System	GH	20/2/08	31/5/08
27	SA/Qld/Tas to confirm receipt of sealing cards to NTD	BR/TC/PW	20/2/08	ASAP
28	Draft National Series Regulations and submit to CAMS after BoM review	SW/IC	20/2/08	30/4/08
29	Apply for a position on the Jan 2009 CAMS AMSF program	SW	20/2/08	ASAP
30	Directors to email SW with vote on whether to change to new logo	Directors	20/2/08	31/3/08